VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024

Mayor Sean Barnes, called the meeting of Village of Alexandria to order at **7:00** pm on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Bottar-Dillen, Lower, Meng, Miller, and Reed were present. Morgan was absent. Sean Barnes, Mayor Carol Gissinger, Fiscal Officer, Greg Sturgill Village Administrator, David Ball, Village Solicitor were present.

Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting 2-20-2024

The minutes were tabled from the 2-20-2024 council meeting, to verify some police stats.

Table the minutes from 2-6-2024 council meeting. Council agreed to table the minutes. **Bottar-Dillen** made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on 2-6-2024, seconded by **Miller,** all present voted in favor, Chair declares motion carried.

Public Hearings/Communications

None

Legislation

RESOLUTION NO. R2024-01 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA MAYOR TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE VILLAGE OF GRANVILLE, OHIO, THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, OHIO, AND THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA, OHIO FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Miller made a motion, seconded by **Bottar-Dillen** to suspend the readings on RESOLUTION NO. R2024-01, all present voted in favor, Chair declares motion carried,

Bottar-Dillen yes, Lower yes, Meng yes, Miller yes, Morgan Absent, Reed yes

Voted in Favor
Voted Against 0

Bottar-Dillen made a motion, seconded by **Miller** to pass RESOLUTION NO. R2024-01, all present voted in favor, Chair declares motion carried.

Bottar-Dillen yes, Lower yes, Meng yes, Miller yes, Morgan Absent, Reed yes

Voted in Favor 5
Voted Against 0

Reports

Administrator's Report-
See Attachment 2-20-2024 #1

Installed a security system in the Village Offices- Its monitored, the monthly fee is paid annually.

In October of 2024- An EPA report is due. The village needs to report on every house in the village of what kind of plumbing piping they have.

EPA Matrix is past due- Greg is working on it.

Fiscal Officer's Report-
2023 Year End finishing up, reports should be filed by 2/26 or 2/27/2024.
Will have a draft of 2024 Permanent appropriations at the next council meeting(3-6-204) Will use Option #4 that Chief Bunting provided at the finance committee meeting on 2-8-2024, in the draft for now.

Zoning Inspector-
1. Emailed log 2-20-2024
2. Variance for Barrels being used as a fence
3. Planning Commission will meet tomorrow.
4. Sunshine Laws- has special language to go into executive session that must be followed, SWLWS District went into executive session without the wording and was sued for $125,000, by an employee for being terminated.

Solicitor Report-
Working on water/sewer
Looking into using ARFA funds for the water tower project.

Mayors Report-

1. JAG – Planning working on boundaries.
2. JAG 208 Planning
3. EPA Deadline was February 1, its now sometime in March, looking promising.
4. Water study is due to be completed by 11/2024.
5. Intel is expected to use between 7.5 to 10 million gallons of water per day.
6. Looking into purchasing the old village building back. Looking into grants. But the median household income in Ohio is $65,000, median income in Alexandria is $95,000, so grants will be hard to get.
7. 10 mill levy is expiring 12-31-2024 roughly $34,000. So do we do a Police Levy or Income Tax for the Village. Did a poll from the residents attending to increase income tax rate from 1% to 2%- 2 yes on putting levy on ballot 2 vote no in the room. St. Alban's Twp has a Fire levy on the ballot for 10.5 mil expected to generate 1.423 million for maintenance and staff.
8. Senator Tim Shaffer sent letters to Council Members about applying for "Free Money" on projects for Ohio Communities, A. Bottar-Dillen would like the Mayor to look into paving projects for streets in Alexandria, Granville St, College, Church, Printer Alley, drive to the park- All street would be one large project.
9. St. Alban's Twp Maintenance Building-Trustee said to go in to look at the building.
10. Suggestion to move the Council meetings to the Library, so the police can use Council Chambers as their office. Favor of moving council meeting to Library. Nothing was decided, yet.

Police Department
New record for speed was set 54 mph in a 25 mph zone. Coming from Granville into town.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee-Mayor Barnes
Mayor Barnes read an email from Jean Morgan that she was retiring immediately from council and finance committee, she has moved to Hilliard to be closed to her grandchildren.

Council has 30 days to appoint someone to council, if not the Mayor will appoint someone.

Public Safety-Cari Meng

Need to get the gutters cleaned out, and the streets cleaned.

Maintenance Worker? Gravel on side of road on RT. 37 need to call ODOT #5 District.

Signs with 2" or more snow, if we show ODOT an Ordinance they will replace the "No Parking Signs.

35 mph sign on W. Main near the library can't see it.

Post notices-If the Village is a Charter Village can post notices on the Website, if not
Need to post in 5 places within the Village.

1. Hawks Nest
2. Library
3. Post Office
4. Ragamuffins
5. Village Office

North side of Church St, Parking Spots

Public Service-Herb Lower
Good Nothing

Planning Commission- Mayor Barnes

1st Meeting Organizational on 2-14-2024

Meeting tomorrow 2-21-2024
20 days once the Village receives a variance Give 10 day notice before a hearing.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

1. Propose live streaming for council meetings. Johnstown/Granville use YouTube

2. Residents- A. Bottar-Dillen did a poll from residents of Granville St.
   Paving Granville St.- Police Presence.
   Residents in favor of increased Police presence, Granville St. has heavy commercial traffic, speed major factor.
   Scot Maples- Forgo Paving: Police are needed on Granville
   Sharon Mount- Keep Police Patrolling, but also patch holes
   Squeak- 5 people in the group were surveyed on Granville St. He said he didn't get Surveyed, the reason all the banging in the area is because of the water work in the area, The road is sinking.
3. Mike Miller- All roads need addressed. Granville St. is the most travelled.

Citizen Comments

Squeak- LED Lights were install at the Park.

Louie Miller- Asked where is the New Village Truck? In Duane Larason's garage for the winter.

Brent Johnston- Mayor and Council, if someone doesn't live in town, voters need to file a complaint. Council living is living outside of town. Officers are for safety.

Stephanie- Police patrol presence 15 mile over speed limit is good to keep town safe.

Mike Miller- Maybe good idea to bring scales into the Village.

Stan Robinson- 2nd meeting of Planning Commission is tomorrow.
15 miles over speed limit is not a speed trap

Squeak- LED lights at the Park, coming soon. (Ball Diamond)

Pam Johnston- made comment that at the January 16th meeting, she was being recorded, without being notified.
Concerned Citizen Group- Village is not following rules, we have council member not living in town.
Stan Robinson- made a comment that public meetings are allowed to be recorded with being announced, as did Village Solicitor David Ball.

Meeting Announcements

Safety Committee Meeting 6pm, March 7, 2024.
Council Meeting 7pm March 5, 2024

Miller made a motion; seconded by **Bottar-Dillen** to adjourn the council meeting. All present voted in favor. Chair declared motion **carried.** Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Sean, Mayor

Carol Gissinger, Clerk of Council

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Administrator's Report
February 20, 2024

1. Twenty-six customers have used the new online payment system as opposed to forty-six who have written checks so far this month. People are still contacting me having trouble activating their online account, but it is usually because we don't have their email address in the system. This is a prerequisite. Last February the ratio was forty-five CC payments vs 132 check payments (at the end of the month). We'll have a better idea how things are going in a few months when people get accustomed to the process.

2. A security system has been installed here at 4 W Main St. The alarm is currently off but will be enabled in the very near future. Anyone having key access to the building will need a four-digit pin to disable and enable the alarm. Those of you here tonight should talk to me after about setting up your access.