

**VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2024**

Mayor Sean Barnes called the meeting of Village of Alexandria to order at 7:06 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Baer, Bottar-Dillen, Lower, Meng, Miller, and Reed were present. Sean Barnes, Mayor Carol Gissinger, Fiscal Officer, David Ball, Village Solicitor were present, Greg Sturgill Village Administrator was absent.

Meeting Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting 3-5-2024

Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on 3-5-2024, seconded by **Meng**, all present voted in favor, Chair declares motion carried.

Baer yes, Bottar-Dillen yes, Lower yes, Meng yes, Miller yes, Reed yes.

Public Hearings/Communications

The Village Solicitor David Ball mentioned public hearings. Per ORC, a hearing is required to have before Appropriations Ordinance can be voted on, Licking County waived all hearing for Appropriations can be passed, there is no need to have a Public Hearing.

Legislation-

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2024 REVENUE BUDGET AND SETTING 2024 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Before the vote or discussion about the 2024 Permanent Appropriations, Councilman Bottar-Dillen, wanted a discussion for Street Paving, pick the highest priority for streets to be paved in 2024. After several minutes of discussion, from the a "Rainy Day fund" to how much the auditors required the Village to have as a "Rainy Day Fund" the auditors don't require to have a such a fund, it's something the Village has decided to do on its own. The Village currently has roughly \$257,960, but at the end of fiscal year 12/31/2024 the balance is estimated at \$236,104. Councilman Bottar-Dillen asked to lower the fund balance to \$200,000.00, the Fiscal Officer feels, lower the balance to \$200,000 would not be in the best interest for the Village, at this time.

Council decided to table the 2024 Street Paving until next meeting.

Miller made a motion, seconded by **Baer**, to suspend the readings on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

Baer yes, Bottar-Dillen Abstain, Lower yes, Meng yes, Miller yes, Reed yes

All in favor? 5-Voted yes, 1-Abstain, Chair declares motion carried.

Miller made a motion, seconded by **Baer**, to pass ORDINANCE NO 2024-02.

Baer yes, Bottar-Dillen Abstain, Lower yes, Meng yes, Miller yes, Reed yes

All in favor? 5-Voted yes, 1-Abstain, Chair declares motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2024 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDRIA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Baer made a motion, seconded by **Meng**, to suspend the readings on ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03.

Baer yes, Bottar-Dillen yes, Lower yes, Meng yes, Miller yes, Reed yes
All in favor, Chair declares motion carried.

Miller made a motion, seconded by **Reed**, to pass ORDINANCE NO 2024-03.
Baer yes, Bottar-Dillen yes, Lower yes, Meng yes, Miller yes, Reed yes
All in favor, Chair declares motion carried.

Reports

Administrator's Report-
Attachment 3-19-2024 #1

Fiscal Officer's Report-
2024 Appropriations passed
Portion of Permissive Tax held by Licking County \$22,129.90, will verify with county that we can use it for street paving.

Zoning Inspector-
1. Emailed log 3-19-2024
2. No Report

Solicitor Report-
Working on the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayors Report-
1. Water/Sewer-JAG meeting still going, hopefully one more meeting.
2. The second estimate for the repair of the water pit, Granville, will cover the cost.
3. Public meeting for rapid permit for sewers cancelled, too many complaints
4. MOPCO might have grant money to buy back the old village building.
5. Need to find zoning inspector.

Police Department
Next Tuesday March 26, 2024, at 6pm, the Mayor will swear in new police officers, Mayor would like to see resumes and background checks

Committee Reports

Finance Committee-Vacant

Mike Miller volunteered to be the Finance Committee Chair
Baer made a motion; seconded by **Meng** to appoint Miller as Finance Committee Chair.

Baer yes, Bottar-Dillen yes, Lower yes, Meng yes, Miller yes, Reed yes

All in favor, Chair declares motion carried.

Public Safety-Cari Meng

Met Thursday March 7, 2024

Judy Newell stopped by as the meeting was going on to report a car driving by very slow past her house looking at her dog.

Next PSC meeting is set for April 2, at 6pm, before the Council Meeting.

Public Service-Herb Lower

When are we going to get the streets swept? Mayor Barnes will call Johnstown,

Planning Commission- Mayor Barnes

Review new zoning book that Stan put together by section, will approve by section, there are 15 Articles.

Next meeting second Wednesday of the Month- April 10, 2024, at 5pm.

Old Business

None

New Business

Do we need to get the building basement inspected? Has dirt floor.

Need to fix the toilet.

Citizen Comments

Louie Miller- Water leak at his place, the ground still needs repaired, Mayor said that TLV should be out to repair.

Squeak- Look at the storm Sewer.

Email to Chip/David BZA appeal-time Frame, if the judgement is final.

Meeting Announcements

Planning Commission Meeting 5pm April 10, 2024.

Safety Committee Meeting 6pm, April 2, 2024.

Council Meeting 7pm April 2, 2024

Miller made a motion, seconded by **Meng**, to adjourn the council meeting. All present voted in favor. Chair declared motion **carried**. Meeting Adjourned at 9.01 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Boran". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Sean, Mayor

Carol Gissinger, Clerk of Council

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Administrator's Report

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1. Fifty-one customers used the new online payment system in February. That's up from 34 in January. People are still contacting me having trouble activating their online account, but it is usually because we don't have their email address in our system. This is a prerequisite.
2. There are currently no customers with leaks.
3. The security system is installed here at 4 W Main St. I'm waiting for one more person to get their code before I activate it. It should be sometime in the next seven days.
4. There have been questions about adding motion detectors and cameras to the security system. Monitoring price would stay the same. The cost for installation is \$110 for each motion detector. To add cameras the cost is \$400 for each camera and \$700 for a monitoring computer with a 2TB hard drive, monitor and remote viewing app. Please let me know how you wish to proceed.