

VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sean Barnes at 7:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present:

Jeff Baer
Cari Meng
Lyle Simpson

Herb Lower
Mike Miller

Council Members Absent:

Sarah Chambers

Village Representation Present:

Mayor Sean Barnes
Fiscal Officer Carol Gissinger

Solicitor David Ball
Zoning Inspector Jacob Brooks

Village Representation Absent:

Administrator Kendra Borrer

Police Chief Dan Bunting

Citizens Present:

Michael B. Wedekind

Approval of Council Minutes

Councilman Baer made a motion; seconded by Councilwoman Meng, to approve the 07-15-2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: All Present Yes, 1 Absent. Chair declares motion carried.

Councilman Baer made a motion; seconded by Councilman Miller, to approve the 07-28-2025 Special Council Meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: All Present Yes, 1 Absent. Chair declares motion carried.

LEGISLATION

3rd and Final Reading for

ORDINANCE NO 2025-07 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD CERTAIN SECTIONS AND CHAPTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA, OHIO ZONING CODE MORE FULLY DETAILED IN THE DOCUMENT BELOW.

Councilman Miller made a motion; seconded by Councilman Baer, to pass ORDINANCE NO 2025-07. Roll Call Vote: All Yes, 1 Absent. Chair declares motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS IN THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA, OHIO, AND DECLARE AS AN EMERGENCY

Council decided not to declare an emergency and instead to give this legislation 3 readings per established. First reading for Ordinance No 2025-08 Special Events Policy & Permits.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION POLICY FOR THE POSTING OF BANNERS IN THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA, OHIO, AND DECLARE AS AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Miller made a motion; seconded by Councilman Lower, to suspend the readings ORDINANCE NO 2025-09 declaring an emergency. Roll Call Vote: All Yes, 1 Absent. Chair declares motion carried.

Councilman Lower made a motion; seconded by Councilman Miller, to pass ORDINANCE NO 2025-09. Roll Call Vote: All Yes, 1 Absent. Chair declares motion carried.

VILLAGE OFFICE REPORTS

Administrator's Report

- T3 lawn service has started mowing for the Village - all OK so far
- Paving completed for the summer, chip-seal has been applied
- Jeanette put out July newsletter
- 4 delinquent water accounts; requests to shut off water for account over \$3500 and institute late fees.
- Jeanette, Jacob and Kendra met re: sidewalks and tree planting
- Laura Vanscoy is soon to come into a large sum of money that will pay off her balance to the Village.
- Met with Granville reps to forge collegial relationships
- Sinkhole on N. Liberty Street; more information needed
- Beggars' night will be Thursday, October 30
- Suggested an ordinance to be an USV/UV friendly Village

Fiscal Officer's Report

- Audit wrapping up shortly

Solicitor's Report

- Vanscoy developments
- Legislation work
- August 20 is the date for Judge deliberations on Jersey Twp lawsuit; decision expected mid-September

Mayor's Report

- Captain Scott House - met with J. Bennet and he is open and interested in doing whatever we'd like to do with the house. His comments were that they are either going to work with the Village or burn it down. It would be good to form a committee to decide the direction for this.
- Presented MUCLC facility master plan to County Commissioners and clarified that the plan was created at the behest of the EPA re: 208 plan
- Met with county administrator (David Edelblute) at a pre-meeting last week; was impressed with the approach and the way it addresses development as it comes.
- Met with New Albany Company and the upcoming comprehensive plan.
- 37 Study with ODOT is available; you can find it on ODOT website. We are expected to get a light at Northridge/Main and possible a roundabout at the triangle with Granville St. and 37
- Financing for Robinson building: Sean and Carol met with the bank re: financing. We cannot fund a loan re: revenue backing. Will need to discuss revenue streams going forward
- Sign installation has been sited, and landscape plan will run through Planning Commission
- RFP from MORPC - many interested parties to do our comprehensive plan
- Because of the flooding on N. Liberty, started conversations with residents and thus created a working group with the County and Engineers and LCSW to collaborate on stormwater management in the Village.

Zoning Inspector Report

- No new permits from the County for the Village
- No new permit requests or violations in July
- Van at the triangle was moved before Fun Days re: prior violation notice
- Majority of efforts were with the Zoning Board re: rezoning 26 S. Liberty to R3
- Helping with other matters: sinkhole, sidewalks, etc.

Police Department

- Not present, was noted as "out of state", no report provided

Planning Commission Report

- Continuing sign placement matters
- Did a walk to see where the Village should plant trees for arbor day; short flowering trees of priority, targeting “tree lawns” between 37 and Happy Dog, Blackstar, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Several questions from Herb Lower regarding old business.

We are having trouble finding someone to fill the maintenance role; we should consider making this a full time job in order to get candidates.

NEW BUSINESS

Herb Lower mentioned we used to tape record meetings. He would like to reinstate that.

Verdantas has been assisting us with grant writing. They came to us to split the sidewalk grant proposal. Deadline to submit the grant application is August 19. Verdantas’s services will cost \$2150.

MOTION

Councilman Baer made a motion; seconded by Councilman Miller to pay Verdantas \$2150 for grant application writing. Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent. Chair declares motion carries.

Councilwoman Meng: Our current electric aggregation agreement is set to expire in December, so I’d like to ask whether the Village/County plans to negotiate a new contract on behalf of residents or if we’ll be encouraging individuals to explore options on the “Energy Choice Ohio” marketplace.

Citizen Comments (3-minute time limit)

None

Meeting Announcements

Planning Commission Meeting August 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Safety Committee Meeting August 19, 2025 at 7pm.

Public Service Meeting August 19, 2025 at 7pm

Regular Council Meeting August 19, 2025 at 7pm.

Planning Commission Meeting August 27, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Adjournment

There was no more business to come from Council.

Councilman Baer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Miller to adjourn the council meeting. All voted in favor, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted, (August 19, 2025)



Kendra Borrer, Administrator

Certified



Sean Barnes, Mayor/Chairperson

Date

8/19/2025

Approved: 8/19/2025