

**VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2024 MINUTES**

Mayor Sean Barnes called to order the Village of Alexandria Regular Council Meeting of December 2, 2024, at 7:02.p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Jeff Baer, Andrew Bottar-Dillen, Cari Meng, Mike Miller, Kelly Reed
Council Members Absent: Herb Lower

Village Representation: Present - Mayor Sean Barnes, Solicitor David Ball, Fiscal Officer Carol Gissinger, Village Zoning Inspector- Jacob Brooks, Police Chief- Dan Bunting,
Not Present: Village Administrator-Vacant

Citizens Attending: Bruce Lane

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Regular Council Meeting 11-19-2024

The minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of 11-19-2024 were read and amended to correct omission of Mike Miller's vote on Resolution No. R2024-20 (draft page 2) and changing the words Regular Council Meeting to Public Safety Committee regarding attendance by Jim Jasper (draft page 3). Cari Meng made a motion, seconded by Jeff Baer to approve the minutes of 11-19-2024 Regular Council meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously and the Chair declared the motion carried.

Minutes from Special Council Meeting 11-22-2024

Andrew Bottar-Dillen made a motion, seconded by Kelly Reed, to approve the 11-19-2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously and the Chair declared the motion carried.

Public Hearings/Communications-

None

Legislation-

3rd Reading (Final Reading)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21 New Zoning Resolution

Question/Discussion –

- Does this Zoning Resolution has a more formal name other than New Zoning Resolution?. Example, Zoning Resolution 2024.
- Can this be changed on the printed and website copies? Sean can make the change to the printed copy and information will be given to Jeannette Gunn for the website.

Mike Miller made a motion, seconded by Andrew Bottar-Dillen, to pass **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21** as amended. All voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF A SOLICITOR AND PROSECUTOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mike Miller made a motion; seconded by Jeff Baer , to suspend the readings on **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22** All voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion to suspend the readings on **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22** carried.

Discussion: Some dates need changed from 2024 to 2025 and in the case of Section 4, to January 2026. David Ball will make those changes.

Andrew Bottar-Dillen made a motion, seconded by Cari Meng to pass **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22**
All voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion carried.

Village Officer Reports

Administrator's Report - vacant

No Administrator's report due to vacancy but Mayor Barnes did add that 6 candidates applied through Indeed for this position.

Fiscal Officer's Report- Carol Gissenger

Two reports were distributed

- the 2025 Revenue Estimate as of 9/30/2024 . The October report is not yet ready.
- the Draft 2025 Appropriations Report includes appropriations for the Police Department and a raise for the Village Water Clerk.

Solicitor's Report – David Ball

David has been working on the Income Tax draft and the Sale of Surplus Items resolutions and should have them ready the next meeting. David and Dan Bunting had previously had a discussion on the changes to the Parking Resolution and the Through Truck regulations. This also included a U-Turn resolution ordinance.

Mayor's Report- Sean Barnes

- Water usage dropped by 50% since repairs were completed in September and October.
- The Village was granted an extension into January 2025 on the Ohio EPA Inspection for the remaining three items. The Village will continue to work with the EPA Inspector.
- JAG Group is in the education and PR campaign planning process.

Zoning Inspector Report

The Main Street corner space previously occupied by Maynards has been approved for occupancy. Martha's Bath and Body will temporarily move into that space until their space is cleaned and ready for occupancy. Water will be turned on for that space only. The owner knows that all other permits are still required.

Police Department

- Officer hours are down. The Auxiliary Officers are not putting in that much time, which means citations are down,
- There is one candidate for Reserve Officer.
- Through Trucks issues are being addressed. Chief Bunting has talked to businesses and has given suggestions for rerouting as of 12/4/2024.
- Chief Bunting is working with David Ball on the Through Truck Ordinance changes, if any.

Committee Reports-

Finance Committee- Mike Miller

A long meeting was held on December 1, 2024. The results are all included in the Finance Officer's Status and Appropriations Report as presented by the Fiscal Officer at this meeting..

Public Safety- Cari Meng

Public Safety minutes were approved in backlog.

Discussions at the last meeting included the U-Turn Ordinance, Through Trucks, Officer hours.

There will be no meeting on 12/31/2024. That has been rescheduled for Tuesday January 7th at 5:30 p.m.

Service-Jeff Baer

Next meeting is December 17th at 5:30. They will need a Pin setup for the door before then.

Planning Commission

The December 11, 2024 meeting will be a MORPC workshop presented by Jonathon Miller. Anyone can attend this workshop.

Old Business

The resolution to sell property will be presented at the next meeting.

Questions/Discussion:

- Do we need to make a motion or vote on putting a reserve on competitive bids? No, not required to make a motion. Dave does not think that we can put a reserve on a competitive bid.
- Can we liquidate before the end of the year? We can't do anything until a resolution is passed.

New Business-

Chief Bunting brought up the issue of Electronic Ticketing. The Department of Public Safety has a grant that has already been approved for the subscription with the Baldwin Group. We already have all the equipment except for the paper needed for the machines. The request is to take \$200 from Mayor's Court and the rest from the Police Department Budget.

The cost for American Legal Publishing, if we switch to an online book, instead of paper copies would save the Village money. (1 paper copy of the Village Office would be \$525.00 and the online copy would be \$295.00.) This would be a line-item change to the budget. The contract with the Baldwin Group is already covered by Mayor's Court.

Questions/Discussion:

- Can we use the ticket income to pay for Electronic Ticketing Expenses?

Citizen Comments Bruce Lane, St. Alban's Township Representative

Someone told the Township Trustees that the Mayor had shut down the roads in Alexandria for through truck traffic. Clarification was made that the No Through Trucks regulations apply to truck traffic on Granville Street and North Liberty Street as passed by the Alexandria Village Council. This applies to large trucks such as dump trucks and large trucks just passing through (not making deliveries within the village). There is signage on those streets.

Questions/Discussion:

What are recommendations for alternative routes? Moots Run via Northridge to Hardscrabble.

How will this affect Township Trucks, especially since the Township building is within the Village? It is unlikely that the officers would be stopping the Township trucks but a more permanent solution would be desirable.

Can we amend the Ordinance to exempt township vehicles? Dave did not find any instances of any other entities that have any kind of exemptions for this type of Ordinance. He will investigate and bring to the next Council Meeting to see if we can add language to exclude township trucks. .

Bruce will take this information back to the Township Trustees.

Meeting Announcements

Planning Commission Meeting December 11, 2024 at 5:30pm

Safety Committee Meeting January 7, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Public Service Meeting December 19 2024 at 5:30pm

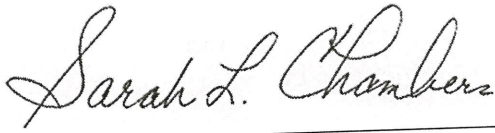
Regular Council Meeting December 17, 2024 at 7pm.

Adjournment

Andrew Bottar-Dillen made a motion, seconded by Mike Miller to adjourn the council meeting.
All voted in favor and the Chair declared the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Chambers
Village Secretary

12/17/2024

Date

Minutes Certified by:



Sean Barnes
Chairperson, Mayor

12/17/2024

Date