# VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sean Barnes at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Council Members Present:** 

Jeff Baer

Herb Lower

Mike Miller

Sarah Chambers

Lyle Simpson (8:20pm)

**Council Members Absent:** 

Cari Meng

**Village Representation Present:** 

Mayor Sean Barnes

Fiscal Officer Carol Gissinger

Zoning Inspector Jacob Brooks

Solicitor David Ball

Administrator Kendra Borror

**Village Representation Absent:** 

Police Chief Dan Bunting

Citizens Present: Mitch Peterson, Shannon Stubbs-Griffith & Hannah Nye

### **Approval of Council Minutes**

Councilman Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Chambers, to approve the 9-2-2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declares motion carried.

# PUBLIC HEARINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Proposed merger statements as required per ORC 709.45C.

Councilman Miller is in favor of the merger to preserve our current way of life.

Councilman Baer is pro merger it is the correct step to preserve community from impending growth.

Councilwoman Chambers pro merger for several reasons, one being to prevent other areas that will be able to annex thus to save the township and village.

Councilman Lower is against the merger due to increase in taxes for the township residents.

Mayor Barnes in pro merger based on how the commission considered, investigated and addressed the most pressing concerns of the community. Putting community first.

Councilwoman Meng statement is available on the website to view regarding her merger vote.

Councilman Simpson is against the merger due to it seems like the people don't really want it at this time.

• Arbor Day Proclamation read by Mayor Barnes proclaiming Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as Arbor Day for the Village of Alexandria.

#### VILLAGE COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Fiscal Committee**

- Spreadsheet for financials August 2025 Exhibit A
- Museum to deposit their own cash donations in the bank moving forward.

## **Public Safety Committee**

- Mayor Barnes discussed police department website being merged with official village website.
- ODOT was out changing signs and added some new signs.
- Police vehicles if any are stripped down yet to sell on Gov Deals?

  Mike Miller would like to have ready to list on Gov Deals by first of the year.
- Discussion of time sheets for hourly employees.

#### **Service Committee**

- Maintenance worker still needed, Kendra Borror reported that Paul Music has declined the offer of
  employment for Maintenance Tech. She has interviewed additional and will be making a decision by end of
  week.
- Leaf clean up hopefully late November
- 208 EPA review initial submission received comments have been addressed and ready to be submitted back to EPA.
- Water delinquent account shut offs beginning Sept 25<sup>th</sup>
- Granville will be water testing on wells to begin soon likely Nov and Dec.

### **Planning Commission**

- RFP was accepted
- Captain Scott House has been accepted by Planning Commission to submit ideas to Kurtz Bro. for renovation and future use.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gas Aggregate lowered from \$0.823 to \$0.756 effective Oct 2025 through May 2026

Village Entry Signs mounting has all labor and materials except concrete donated. Hopefully to be set by Sept 20, 2025.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The village would like to hold a Christmas Tree lighting again this year, December 5th & 6<sup>th</sup> is the targeted dates along with the breakfast & Santa Parade that St Albans Township Fire Dept organizes... Kendra will reach out to them. Hopefully to get enough volunteers to set up hot chocolate stand, crafts for kids, caroling and so on.

#### Citizen Comments (3-minute time limit)

Hannah Nye gave a statement regarding concerns on the handling of the reported alleged criminal acts of former police officer Heath Steele.

## **Meeting Announcements**

Planning Commission Meeting: Sept 24, 2025, at 5:30pm

Regular Council Meeting Oct 7, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Planning Commission Meeting: Oct 8, 2025, at 5:30pm.

Safety Committee Meeting Oct 21, 2025, at 7pm. Public Service Meeting Oct 21, 2025, at 7pm Regular Council Meeting Oct 21, 2025, at 7pm.

Planning Commission Meeting: Oct 22, 2025, at 5:30pm

Movie in the park – Lorax at 7:30pm September 20th

## Adjournment

There was no more business to come from Council.

Councilman Baer made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Chamber to adjourn the council meeting. All voted in favor; the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted, (Oct 7, 2025)

Kendra Borror, Administrator

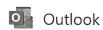
Certified Sean Barnes, Mayor/Chairperson Date 16/1/2625

Approved: 10/7/2025

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## Fw: from Hannah Nye

From Village Administrator Alexandria <voa.manager@outlook.com>

Date Wed 9/17/2025 9:11 AM

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Good evening council & community members, my name is Hannah Nye, & I want to thank you in advance for the opportunity to address some concerns with a very serious matter that has been going on for some time within the police department, specifically surrounding the events and resignation submission of officer Heath steele. Please forgive me in advance, I am not one for public speaking and a four month old daughter is my current audience ,but this experience has been not only long lasting, with little resolution but impacting and traumatic. Everything I address has already been brought to the attention of the chief of police, the cases and investigations are of public record & have also been provided. Last July in Franklin county, I witnessed officer Steele almost strike a pedestrian with his vehicle, become so angry he stopped his vehicle, got out and assaulted him & fled the scene. I will spare many details, but in addition to leaving the scene, refusing to report it, I was also threatened with law enforcement. Officer steele was issued a warrant at the end of October and beginning of November arrested & charged with assault in a case vs the state of Ohio. At this time he was a part time employee of Alexandria and an auxiliary in Roseville. Officer Steele didn't report his charges to either department following the arrest, in fact it wouldn't be until April, when I found out he was arrested and reached out to the village police department to ask what the status was of officer steele, at this time he was still active and on no restrictions, desk duty or suspension & hadn't reported it, I also asked them to look into his medical marijuana use, while medical marijuana with a card is legal, for a law enforcement officer & with a firearm it is a felony offense. This is easily verified with his purchase history connected to his card, I didn't receive any calls back, I reached out several times. In July when officer Steele plead guilty to the assault in exchange for an amended charge, of criminal mischief, I again, reached out, this time getting ahold of the administration who was very unaware & under the impression a criminal conviction would be grounds for termination, but would ask the chief to follow up, I never received one. Less than a week before pleading quilty, officer Steele was in a single car accident, flipping his car three times, was arrested and charged with an OVI, by state highway patrol in licking county, his license was immediately suspended, This alone would make him unable to perform his duties, which were still listed as active not on any administrative leave or suspension, when I learned of this, I also informed the village. To this day I have never received a call back from the chief or any other officer despite my many inquiries to public information & records requests. Officer

Steele did reach out to me several times after my inquiries to say the chief contacted him and said I reached out and what I had relayed, as you can imagine, this was a major concern for me & ultimately put myself and family in a very hostile situation. I have had to obtain a protection order, there are many details I am excluding for the sake of time & how hard this is for me to stand here today and be forced to advocate for a situation that should have been handled much differently. Unlike Alexandria, Roseville investigated rapidly and verified the criminal conviction and immediately terminated officer Steele, also noting the reason for termination, this is crucial. This was all reflected in days following the report on the Ohio attorney generals page. In September a Facebook post was made by the village of Alexandria police department stating facts about that months police activity & while not as tactful or how I would normally compose myself I did bring light to the situation briefly, and without directly naming the officer, as I hadn't been able to get any return on communication or requests, the chief responded "this officer is no longer with us", I questioned whether they terminated in lieu of a resignation or when as I hadn't seen it or anything about the situation noted in any of the council minutes in months, there was no report of a suspension or adjustment to duty, and no mention of the resignation. I have since been told that later that evening at council it was brought up he had submitted his resignation to be approved. Still the duration of that week and part of the following the Ohio attorney generals page had him listed here, active and part time, as of this week, it's updated to read resignation- under investigation but states a date prior to when the village was notified by the police chief of the resignation ,by weeks. It is truly concerning the lack of attention and accountability held to an officer who is specifically trained to handle these situations and not only acted in complete abandon of their oath but many times attempted to cover up his criminal actions. My request is multi faceted, one, I would ask the council to visit their hiring policies and procedures, officer Steele came to Alexandria following a resignation from Buckeye Lake, I can't speak to his application and what he disclosed as I have not received the Alexandria records I've requested, I can say the public records I received from another dept. it was falsified. In any case a call alone to his previous chief, would have made it clear that officer steele had been allowed to resign in lieu of a tampering with evidence charge and third party investigation. They would have also received the public record of the progress of investigation. I can provide any and all information to verify this, If I can summarize, officer Steele at a traffic stop, collected drug paraphernalia straws and foils, bagged it as evidence, and let the suspect go with a traffic citation only, didn't process the evidence, & it was later discovered in his jacket, when it was discovered by someone else, he was confronted and he took it and threw it in the dumpster behind the police dept. where it would later be collected by his chief & officers for the investigation. Heath was allowed to resign in lieu of charges. This brings me to the my second request that Heaths resignation wouldn't approved but instead listed as termination along with the reason, so that other departments would have this information readily available, if they too, have a minimal application process. My third request would be that someone from the police department would open an investigation for the reports I have made & yet still never received any communication. I hope that these issues addressed not only can be handled in a much more timely manner but I hope the errors will be corrected. This is an opportunity for improvement to a great and growing community. I appreciate your time & understanding. Thank you