

Alba Borough Minutes

May 11, 2020

Regular Monthly Meeting

The Alba Borough Council held the regular monthly meeting at 6 pm at the Alba Christian Church. The meeting was opened by Vice President Carol Bastion.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Lorelei Colton made the motion to approve the minutes, Steve Bastion seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Broc Forbes made a motion to pay the bills and Steve Bastion seconded the motion. The motion passed and the bills will be paid.

Old Business: Steve and Carol Bastion will go to the bank and request a credit card for the bank account to make payments easier for the secretary.

Lorelei made a motion to appoint Tricia Hojnowski as the Tax Collection Committee delegate to represent the borough.

There was an update given for the census. Alba was reported as above the national, state and county response rate.

There is poor activity happening at the park again. Dirt bike use has been noted to be a problem in the community. There was a debate on whether to open or close the gate. Signs acknowledging what is and is not allowed at the park will be investigated.

Carol Bastion requested permission to start the process of getting gravel and topsoil to re-slope the basketball area appropriately at the park. Broc Forbes made the motion to move forward with getting quotes and Lorelei Seconded the motion.

Steve Bastion proposed some promising speeding signage that the borough will look more into. The signs were 11 to 18 inches, included how fast the vehicle is going, and were solar powered. Steve will look into specific prices and models.

New Business: A report from Selective Insurance was looked over as a summary of what was covered over the past year.

A brief overview of the county restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic was read from Representative Clint Owlett's Capitol Report.

The liquid fuels fund was received after clearing up a past due quarter report from last year. The clearance certificate was received to allow for the fund to be put into the bank account. The funds were received in the highway checking account but will be transferred to the savings account to meet the requirements of an interest-bearing account.

PENNDOT provided a letter to update the borough on their regulations and policy going forward with work during the pandemic.

The borough had no interest in taking part in the keystone requests for financial support.

The USDA Rural Development Loan & Grant Program was placed on file for reference at a later time if needed.

There was a brief discussion about what is and is not allowed around streams according to the PADEP Guidelines for Maintaining Streams in Community.

The office of Open Records provided resources to explain the process for local governments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was a discussion about street sweeping which was decided to not be needed.

The cemetery bank was cleaned up and leveled as a donation to the Alba cemetery. The cemetery has enough funds to cover the lawn care eleven times. A future chicken BBQ was discussed as a possible future fundraiser for the cemetery.

Present were: Tricia Hojnowski (Sec./Treas.), Mayor Dale Palmer, Vice President Carol Bastion, Councilmembers: Danielle May, Broc Forbes, Steve Bastion, Lorelei Colton, Tom Hojnowski

Steve Bastion made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danielle May seconded the motion.

Respectively submitted by,



Tricia Hojnowski

Alba Borough Secretary/Treasurer