

Alba Borough Minutes

June 12, 2023

Monthly Meeting

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

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Lorelei Colton made the motion to approve the minutes with the change of the additional mowing being done at the Alba Borough Cluster boxes instead of the Alba Park, Broc Forbes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the changes.

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

Old Business:

Carol Bastion brought information about a swing that would be beneficial to add to Alba Park. The swing would come from Worthington Direct and can be shipped in as soon as 4 weeks. The commercial grade garbage cans can come from the same source. The quote that was given for the swing and 2 garbage cans was \$2,954.52. Ron Colton made a motion to make the purchase using Act 13 Funds. Danielle May seconded the motion.

Doug's Landscaping can clear the area for the swing and put in a concrete slab. Lorelei Colton made a motion to have Doug complete the work as long as it does not exceed \$500 out of the Act 13 Fund. Danielle May seconded the motion.

Steve Bastion reported that there were a lot of pictures taken on the security camera at Alba Park, but there was no sign of any foul play.

Ron Colton got a quote from Pepper of \$12,649.00 for a similar shed that the council was looking at at the last meeting. Steve Bastion is looking into a 3rd option for a quote.

There was a brief discussion about the wells at Alba Park and at the cluster box location. Both wells are not active, and need flushed out. There was no action at this time.

The hole is fenced off on the new property by the cluster boxes, but still needs attention. There was no further action at this time.

The hole on the corner of Minnequa Main and Windfall still needs attention from the state. There was no action at this time. Mayor Dale Palmer will try to contact the state about the matter.

Dale Palmer went to look at the street poles that the borough was going to get, but Penelec cuts the tops off of the poles after they disconnected their lines. Therefore, the poles are too short. Dale Palmer was going to check to see if he could get a pole from Towanda, but some have heard that you must get a whole load of poles and cannot get just one from them. The pole hole will be dug with a backhoe once we have a pole.

The Canton Township does not have enough money to do Tar and Chip this year.

The cluster boxes will need to be moved out of the garage. Dale Palmer will look into what needs done to complete the process.

Ron Colton gave an update about PennWis's progress. Penelec has replaced the poles needed to be replaced. The lines have been moved to the new poles, but the phone and cable wires still need to be moved to the new poles. PennWisp will be able to run lines very soon. It was also confirmed that PennWisp service can use current landline numbers once homeowners switch to their service.

The barking dog in the community has not been a problem over the past month. There was a discussion about the over abundance of feral cats in the community and how to handle overpopulation. Some members of the council are going to investigate what programs may exist to help.

Dale Palmer brought up the issue of trucks using jake brakes when they come through town. He would like to get some signs that say no jake brakes allowed in the borough. Dale Palmer will contact the commissioner to see what needs to be done to restrict jake brakes in the community.

New Business:

There were a few letters read from UGI, Penelec and Dixon company. They were informing of red tag appliance in the borough, work that has been completed, and advertising for equipment.

There was a permit application for a new garage to be constructed on a property in the borough owned by Marvin Spencer.

The borough received a notification of a real estate assessment and change for the property that was purchased by the Borough.

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

Guest: Caleb Jackson

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

Respectively submitted by,



Tricia Jackson
Alba Borough Secretary/Treasurer