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Borough of Alburdis
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024

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The January 2, 2024, meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Mayor, Kathleen Palmer at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburdis, PA. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

Ronald Delaco Steve Hill Hector Moss Chad Atkins Mehmet Birtek Ashlynn Rivera

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

David Knerr, Solicitor Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner Steve Werley John Aleszczyk Mike Gerhart

Mayor Palmer administered the Oath of Office to Ron Delaco, Chad Atkins, Mehmet Birtek, and Ashlynn Rivera to begin their four-year terms.

Resolution No. 2024-1 – Steve Hill made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Ron Delaco for President of Borough Council. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Hector Moss. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote followed:

Delaco- Delaco	Hill- Delaco	Moss- Abstain	Atkins- Delaco	Birtek- Moss	Rivera- Delaco
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Motion passes with a 4-1-1 vote in favor of Ron Delaco.

Chad Atkins made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Steve Hill for Vice-President of Borough Council. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote followed:

Delaco- Hill	Hill- Hill	Moss- Hill	Atkins- Hill	Birtek- Hill	Rivera- Hill
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Motion passes with a 6-0 vote in favor of Steve Hill.

Chad Atkins made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Hector Moss for 2nd Vice President of Borough Council. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote followed:

Delaco- Moss	Hill- Moss	Moss- Moss	Atkins- Moss	Birtek- Moss	Rivera- Moss
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Motion passes with a 6-0 vote in favor of Hector Moss.

Steve Hill made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Steve Mehl as the Chair of the Vacancy Board. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote followed:

Delaco- Mehl	Hill- Mehl	Moss- Mehl	Atkins- Mehl	Birtek- Mehl	Rivera- Mehl
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Motion passes with a 6-0 vote in favor of Steve Mehl.

Chad Atkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-1, as amended, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Mayor Palmer turned the meeting over to Council President, Ron Delaco.

Resolution 2024-2 – Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-2, a Resolution appointing the following:

Borough Manager	Stephen Nemeth
Borough Treasurer	Tracy Malinowski
Borough Solicitor	David Knerr
Borough Engineer	Ott Consulting, Inc.
Fiscal Consultant	Matthew Mumma
Zoning Officer	Stephen Nemeth
Assistant Zoning Officer	Barry Isett and Associates
Construction Code Inspector and Enforcement Official	Barry Isett and Associates
Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Official	Barry Isett and Associates

The motion was 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Designation of Committee chairs – Ron mentioned that he would like to wait until we have a full council and would like to switch up the committee assignments. Mehmet Birtek mentioned that he believes that he is in the sewer and wishes that he was more active within the department. Ron asked Steve Nemeth to send out the current committee assignments to everyone so that they can look over them and see if there were ones they would like to be on. Dave Knerr mentioned that committees are advisory committees only. cannot have four members of council or more because it would be seen as a meeting of council. The committee chairs are appointed at the pleasure of the president of the council.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Kathy Palmer mentioned that with the committees, she would like to see each committee chair present a report each month in the agenda. Mehmet mentioned that he likes that idea, that it would give a 2nd eye from our team on a project to ensure that we have a good responsibility of each project.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE COUNCIL VACANCY – Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this request was to do what we normally do with the vacancy. Ron asked Dave Knerr what the process is. Dave Knerr mentioned that it's up to council whether they want to advertise the vacancy or appoint somebody that is in the audience this evening.

Hector Moss made the motion to nominate John Aleszczyk to fill the council vacancy, motion was 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Mehmet Birtek made the motion to adopt resolution 2024-3 appointing John Aleszczyk to the two-year term council seat, motion was 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera-yay
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Kathy Palmer then administered the oath of office to John Aleszczyk, swearing him in to serve the two-year term.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Gary DeRoner mentioned that he noticed on the last agenda only the maintenance staff salaries were listed. Why isn't anybody else's? Dave Knerr mentioned that in the ordinance everyone else's salaries are listed, maintenance is the only department that has a range, so a motion is required to establish the rate per maintenance employee.

Steve Werley mentioned wasn't here for a while, but mentioned that what happened, happened, we need somebody from within the borough to watch every project; need to be on them more. Believes Ott is in it more for themselves, thinks that we need to be on them more; either have Steve, Donnie or Highway committee watching the road projects. Understands that the longer we delay a project the prices go up, that's how things go; have to learn from the past.

Non-Agenda Item- John Aleszczyk asked who is responsible for enforcing the fines for clearing the sidewalks, Dave Knerr mentioned that would be the police.

Ron mentioned that we would be going into an executive session for personnel, with no vote to be held.

A motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. was made by Ashlynn Rivera 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:


Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.

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