

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

The January 11, 2023, meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President Ron DeIaco at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco

Chad Atkins

Steve Hill

Hector Moss

John Aleszczyk

Ashlynn Rivera

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Stephen Nemeth, Manager

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner

Steve Werley

Phil Armstrong, County Executive

Thomas's 22 Ultra

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer reviewed the Police Report, mentioned as you can see they are there is an increase in the trucks. Hector Moss mentioned that he likes how the trucks are separated from the regular traffic stops.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment was made.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE ARMSTRONG- County decided with all the upcoming programs and projects it was best to create a community liaison position for the county, where that person is the point of contact when there is a question or problem throughout the county, the community liaison is Yorman De La Rosa. County Solicitor is currently putting out a bond for companies to bid, currently about 10 companies have started to bid for this years capital project. Armstrong, also mentioned that he has become aware of the bridge, met with LMT and they assured him that they will submit the proposal to Penn Dot to fix the Spring Creek road bridge. There is a process with Penn Dot when they receive the proposals and they will determine which bridges are the priority. John Aleszczyk mentioned that the bridge that truly concerns most of the residents is the Church St bridge. Kathy Palmer, mentions her main concern, after seeing all the issues in Ohio with derailments, how is the Church St bridge not ok for cars but safe for tractor trailers?- Gary DeRoner mentioned that he has noticed since the Church St bridge has been closed Franklin St has become a drag strip. Ron thanked Phil for getting the Lockridge Park project on the bond list. Phil Armstrong mentioned he is bringing a resolution for a tax rebate for volunteer firefighters. Phil Armstrong also is bringing in a mapping company to make a large scale map of county that has a clear zoning layout for the county.

MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2023, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – MARCH 8, 2023 – Chad Atkins made a motion to pay the bills of March 8, 2023, John Aleszczyk 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Steve Hill made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – John Aleszczyk asked what is the hold up, on the Franklin St project, Ron DeIaco mentioned currently we are still waiting on Penn Dot to address the issue with the drive way, John requested that we need to get something started on this project. John asked what the hold up with the bicentennial village project, Ron mentioned that this project is also being held up on the Penn Dot end, that the project must meet ADA codes, that the project itself will need to still be presented to council for approval. John questioned the Chestnut Circle in regard to total costs of the project and current balance of the project. John requested that we

compare with the January 27th engineering bill. Hector Moss requested to look at the full invoice of the project. Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Resignation- Stephen Nemeth resignation from park and rec committee- motion was made to accept by Steve Hill, Hector Moss 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

Ordinance 579: AN ORDINANCE SUBSTANTIALLY AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES (RELATING TO PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION) TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ESTABLISH CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONAL PROVISIONS; AND GRANTING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TWO WEEKS OF ANNUAL VACATION TIME AFTER NINETY (90) DAYS AS BOROUGH MANAGER. - Chad Atkins made a motion to adopt ordinance 579, Steve Hill 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2023-14 APPOINTING NEW MEMBERS TO PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – Chad Atkins made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-14, The motion was 2nd by Steve Hill, and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2023-15– A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING, EMPOWERING, AND DIRECTING THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO APPOINT A LIAISON BETWEEN IT AND BERKHEIMER, THE DULY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF LOCAL TAXES FOR THE DISTRICT, FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SHARING CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION WITH THE DISTRICT FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES. Chad Atkins made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15, The motion was 2nd by Hector Moss, and a unanimous vote followed. .

2022 Audit Report- No comment on report. John Aleszczyk made a motion to accept the Auditor's Report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed.

Maintenance-

(a) request to purchase electric hoist for basket system- maintenance wanted to get one to replace original one that they originally bought. Chad wanted to know if they bought one that broke, did they take it back for refund. Stephen Nemeth, mentioned he would look into the process that they took with the original. John Aleszczyk made motion to purchase the hoist, and amended the motion to purchase the hoist at the cost up to 3500 or bring new one back for vote. Chad Atkins 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

(b) roadwork plans revisited from 2-22-23- list of road work needed to be done by maintenance was handed out. Council discussed chestnut st and 5th street road were the best course of action. Steve Hill mentioned that the price involved, would it require needing an engineer and have to go out to bid. Steve Hill mentioned if you hit a certain number you have to bid it out. Ron Delaco wants to approve what maintenance wants to do. Hector Moss made motion to approve maintenance request 1 and 2, while obtaining necessary bids or quotes required.

(c) borough hall floor replace revisited 2-8-23- Hector Moss asked who would install, Stephen Nemeth mentioned that our own maintenance group would install. Steve Hill mentioned that he would like table this item until September. The rest of the council agreed.

Election correspondence- update on ballot – correspondence was handed out in regards to original seat held by Stephen Nemeth, seat wont be available on the May ballot but will be place on the November ballot for both parties to run a candidate for the seat. Dave Knerr clarified that a candidate can be written in still or be selected for the November ballot by party committee to be on ballot.

Lower Macungie Township- information on proposed amendment to the LMT Codified Ordinances.

No comment was made.

Update from meeting with Rep. Mackenzie- Stephen Nemeth mentioned that Ron DeIaco and himself met with Ryan Mackenzie on last Thursday to discuss the issues facing Alburdis. Stephen mentioned that they highlighted the tractor trailer issues and bridge issues that we are having. Stephen mentioned that Ryan Mackenzie said they are seeing the tractor trailer issue everywhere, including Lynn Township where they have two bridges that are damaged due to heavy use. Stephen mentioned about the Church st bridge and how it is a safety issue, to point he took maps to outline what our citizens have to do when a train is stopped for a period of time. Ron DeIaco mentioned that he was glad that Stephen was able to set meeting up and handled the meeting very well when we were at Mackenzie's office on behalf of the borough.

Liquid Fuels- payment received of 66,457.29, no comment was made

Executive session with no vote to be taken after executive session.

A motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. was made by Steve Hill, 2nd by Stephen Nemeth and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.