

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2018

The August 8, 2018 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:

Steve Hill

Kathleen Raines

Sherryann Oels

Ron DeIaco

Hector Vazquez

Vanessa Taggart

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Visitors in attendance:

Therese Schweyer, Lower Macungie Library

Susan Nenstiel, Lower Macungie Library

Charles Bednar

Gary DeRoner

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer reported that she was invited to the opening of the Bath Borough offices. The building was completed with volunteer work. One volunteer, Nick, told her he would help us with things also. The Mayor also reported that the house on Main Street has been hit by a tractor trailer for the fourth time. It was suggested that a camera be moved to this intersection. She will check with the Chief to see if this can be done. The Mayor was contacted by Matt from Senator Browne's office. He wondered if the Highway Committee or anyone else has put the list together of the roads we would like restricted. There are two roads that belong to Penn Dot and they were sent to both Senator Browne's and Rep. Mackenzie's office the day after they were requested. Ron asked Sharon to resubmit it to them.

MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2018 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 25, 2018, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – AUGUST 8, 2018 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of August 8, 2018, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – Resident, Charles Bednar, was present to address a concern regarding the trees at the Lockridge Historical Church. They are very large and some of the branches are beginning to fall. Borough Council asked Sharon to get three quotes so that this could be taken care of.

Lower Macungie Library – Sue Nunstiel and Therese Schweyer were present to talk to Council about the addition in progress at the Library. They received a grant for \$500,000 and this was matched by the Township. The Library had over 500 kids involved in programs this summer and over 2,000 kids have used the Library so far this summer. With the actual addition being paid for, the Library is responsible for the contents of the building. They are trying to make the inside of the Library more useful and have launched a campaign to raise \$350,000 to update the interior of the Library. \$100,000 has been received so far in pledges and donations. They presented the Borough with a proposal and are asking the Borough to consider supporting the campaign financially. Steve Hill suggested that Council maybe match what we give the Library each year. Ron would like everyone to give this some thought and this will be placed on the next Agenda.

Borough Insurance – Diehl Insurance is working on our new insurance. We have previously used Selective Insurance, however, Cincinnati is offering better coverage for less. Borough Council has no issues switching to Cincinnati.

SW Comprehensive Plan – The Borough of Emmaus has adopted the Comprehensive Plan, but voted not to adopt the Cooperative Agreement. The group met and Emmaus voiced their concerns. They would prefer a staff member represent each municipality instead of an elected official to keep it from getting political and would like the bulk of the Dispute Resolution section removed. Dave Knerr had no problem with the changes, however, he would like to have the last paragraph of the Dispute Resolution section remain. Sharon will take this suggestion back to the group.

Security Service Company – Security Service Company will be meeting Sharon to discuss and upgrade to the services offered. Currently we use a landline for the security alarms. They are proposing to install a radio read and then charge a monthly charge of \$20.00. The radio reads are \$250 per site and the monthly fee would be about \$80-\$100 per month. We currently pay the phone company \$255.00 per month. Hector Vazquez made a motion to proceed with the change, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

PA Office of the Budget – Correspondence was received from the Office of the Budget asking that two individuals be given the authority to validate information. Steve Hill made a motion to authorize Sharon Trexler and Tracy Malinowski to validate information for the Office of the Budget, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Lehigh County Authority – The estimated bills paid to LCA exceeded the actual charges, we have a credit and there will be no final bill due for 2017.

Lower Macungie Township Correspondence – Correspondence was received from Lower Macungie Township in reference to transportation impact fees. The Borough has no comments.

Sewer – We had an issue at the sewer station during the storm. This was due to the entire system being backed up during the recent storms.

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 was made by Kathleen Raines, 2nd by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.