

**Borough of Alburtis**  
Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2021

The December 8, 2021, 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. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

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| Ron DeIaco      | Steve Hill     | Vanessa Taggart | John Aleszczyk |
| Kathleen Raines | Hector Vazquez | Chad Atkins     |                |

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

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| Dave Knerr, Solicitor  | Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager |
| Kathleen Palmer, Mayor |                                 |

Visitors in attendance:

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| Steve Werley    | Gary DeRoner |
| Stephen Nemeth  | Tom Moss     |
| Howard Savacool |              |

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Police Report, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2021 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 22, 2021, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – DECEMBER 8, 2021 – Kathleen Raines made a motion to pay the bills of December 8, 2021, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Aleszczyk was opposed to check #22360 payable to Ott Consulting, and the balance were ayes.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Hector Vazquez made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Steve Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMIN. REPORT – NOVEMBER – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Admin Report, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – NOVEMBER – Steve Hill made a motion to accept the Maintenance Report, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE REPORT – The monthly report was reviewed. There were 9 calls in the Borough in November. Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the Macungie Ambulance Report, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Steve Hill made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report, Hector Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

## ADMINISTRATION

Hills at Lockridge – Request for Security Release – A letter was received from Jaindl Companies regarding the Security Release. Lot 85 is out of any Borough Right of Ways and Easements and is on private property. This should not hold up the Security Release. Mr. Jaindl does plan to maintain the property in the spring. Steve Hill made a motion to release the security contingent on the punch list created by Ott Consulting be complete, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

2022 Budget – Hector Vazquez made a motion to adopt the 2022 Budget, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> a a unanimous vote followed. There will be no tax increase and the sewer rates will be reduced by \$20 per quarter.

Ordinance No. 568 – Kathleen Raines made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 568, an Ordinance approving and implementing a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Alburdis and Alburdis Police Officers' Association for the years 2022-2024. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Atkins, John Aleszczyk was opposed and the balance were ayes.

Sewer Pump Station Basket System Bids – Based on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Ott Consulting, Inc., Hector Vazquez made a motion to award the project to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. Water & Wastewater in the amount of \$27,553.00 with no Alternates. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed.

Bicentennial Villate Grant Summary and Cost Estimate – The cost estimate to replace the curbs and sidewalks and repair roadways in Bicentennial Village is \$1,452,254.00 and we have received grant funds in the amount of \$1,392,127.00. Hector Vazquez made a motion to advertise, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – After speaking with Dave Knerr, Borough Engineer, Jeff Ott, will reach out to the contractor one more time to see when he will complete the punch list items that need to be done per Penn Dot and our engineer. If need be, we will use funds we are holding to complete the project.

Park and Recreation – Council was provided with several pictures of play sets for the upper ball field. Kathleen Raines likes the one that costs \$8,299 and Vanessa likes the one that is a bit larger for \$15,157. John suggested that we, first, agree to eliminate the volleyball court and second, have an actual plan. Kathleen Raines will have Donnie Derr measure the area so we can finally go through with a plan. Hector asked why is everyone in a rush when the majority of residents have not been told and there will be additional costs involved like preparing the area. Kathleen Raines said the maintenance department will handle the labor end of it. They converted the tennis court to a hockey court. She is tired of stress meeting after meeting when she is only trying to get something done. John would prefer it be a commercial playset and suggested that Park and Recreation discuss this at their next meeting and come back to Council. We can ask the Rotary to assist and maybe have something in place by March or April. Vanessa made a motion to place a playground piece of apparatus at the ball field. Currently looking at the area containing the volleyball court then look at what fits. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2021-9 – Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-9, a Resolution appointing Christopher S. Basile as the Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2022. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed.

MRM Trust – The Borough received an Audit Refund in the amount of \$2,237.00.

The Wire Guys – Security System – Sharon signed the contract for the upgrade to the security system. It was more than previously quoted, but now includes the hard drives as well. The cost for annual maintenance is \$1,200. Council has chosen not to have the annual maintenance agreement.

State Police Fines – The Borough received \$457.84 in State Police Fines.

Holiday Festival – Summary – The Holiday Festival went very well once again. The Borough received a proclamation from Pat Browne’s office which was read aloud to Council by Ron Delaco.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was called at 7:39 for Personnel and ended at 8:18.

A motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. was made by Vanessa Taggart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen Raines and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.