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Borough of Alburdis
Meeting Minutes
June 12th, 2024

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The June 12th, 2024, 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, Alburdis, PA. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance via in person:

Ron DeIaco Steve Hill Ashlynn Rivera Mehmet Birtek John Aleszczyk

Council members in attendance via zoom: Hector Moss

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr- Solicitor Stephen Nemeth-Manager

Associates of Alburdis in attendance by zoom:

Tony Alsleben- Chief of Police East Penn Press

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner, Steve Werley, Mike Gerhart, Ray Ricketts, Peggy Buss

Visitors by zoom: Aunt Jane

PUBLIC COMMENT – Peggy Buss mentioned that the Bicentennial village project turned out very nice, and she wanted to thank everyone.

MAYOR’S REPORT- no mayor report.

POLICE REPORT- Mehmet Birtek asked if there was a reason for the EMS Assist numbers to be higher than previous months.

MEETING MINUTES OF May 29th, 2024

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 29th, 2024, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT – June 12th, 2024

Steve Hill questioned if the john deere repairs are for one or multiple mowers. Stephen Nemeth mentioned that it was for multiple.

Mehmet Birtek questioned, we buy the gas from Exxon here, that's a local business. Do we get a special deal. Stephen Nemeth said we use Exxon business cards to go there. We can look at maybe going to a lot of others. Mehmet Birtek mentioned I don't know how it will impact it if we can buy somewhere else at 30 cents cheaper than a gallon. I mean, if it's worth the travel to Costco, I know it is much cheaper obviously, but that's too far away, but still looking at our options.

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to pay the bills of June 12th, 2024, Steve Hill 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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TREASURER’S REPORT –

John Aleszczyk questioned highway reserve on the financials, I thought, we were putting that money towards the project. Stephen Nemeth mentioned We don't have to use it yet because we were able to get the reimbursement before even having to draw from there.

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Steve Hill made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Mehmet Birtek 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS –

Ron mentioned report stated 366 calls for Macungie Ambulance in February, with 12 being in the borough. No further comment was made on the Ambulance report.

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the Ambulance Report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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ADMINISTRATION

AACC letter to council requesting police presence, road closure, and garbage assistance-

John Aleszczyk made the motion to approve the AACC requests for police presence, road closures and garbage assistance. Mehmet Birtek seconded the motion, while Ashlynn Rivera and Hector Moss abstained due to affiliation with the AACC. Motion passes 4-0-2.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-abstain	Aleszczyk-yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- abstain
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Recommendation of Pay Application 3 to Construction Master Services LLC-

Stephen Nemeth mentioned this is a request to pay for construction master services first bill. It was already submitted to DCED for reimbursement. John Aleszczyk what is the holdup with the mailboxes, the signs. It's all on the Punch list, that's less. I understand that. But it's been a month, and then once they get the punch list late, anything cross reference. You pay all this money, and then they don't finish it. Stephen Nemeth mentioned that's what the retainer is for. This invoice is for the work that they've already done. Mailboxes existing mailboxes would be back in once that were damaged. We're put yeah back in. And that's it.

Steve Hill made the motion to pay Construction Masters Services LLC, motion 2nd by Mehmet Birtek and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Peggy Buss questioned mailboxes. I was talking with my neighbor Freddie, who has a mailbox out, and everybody has a bunch of different designs. He heard that they were going to put mailboxes in. Every house is going to have a mailbox, whether you want it or not and that you and that they, and that so, if you if, like I get my new post office. I'm here since 78. I'm not going to change mine because I want to support the postal service. I was told that that they were going to put mailboxes all the way, so that the Post Office wants them to be all consistent. Stephen Nemeth mentioned it's just going to be the ones that we're already existing. They're being replaced. If you already have a po box, no changes will happen.

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Notice of State Police Fines Payment–

Stephen Nemeth just wanted to inform everyone that we will be receiving 402.64 in police fines. No additional comment was made.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Unknown resident: That's why I'm here looking for an update. Because I talked to Steve about it today. I guess my point of contention is according to the notes from April 24th I believe Kathy Palmer just pretty much says it's not a big deal, because it affects less than a quarter of our residents. It is a very big deal. 1st of all, a point I'd like to make the dumpsters are a dumb idea. Since day one I've lived here 21 years. What is an elderly person supposed to do to get a garbage can up there to dump. What is a disabled person supposed to do? Why does every single municipality, borough, and township around us have a site to dump in. Macungie Borough has nowhere they have a deal with Emmaus. You go there, get a permit for a make. Why can we not figure anything out in half a year. Ron Delaco mentioned They have some land. We don't have land. We don't have a spot for it. That's 1 answer. I understand there is your other point about the disability person that still doesn't suffer problem. They still must get there. Unknown resident mentioned, but at a yard waste dump site they can get out of their vehicle pop the back, hatch open and dump it right on the ground. They don't have to walk up steps. An elderly person with dumpsters must get it chest high. I'm 6 foot 2, 220 pounds, and sometimes a full garbage can to get that thing chest high. That Dumpster is 8 inches from that platform. It's not easy. So, what is a 75-year-old widower supposed to do when he cuts his grass and goes to the company. What I'm saying is, every single municipal. Not only do they do curbside pickup, which that's never been a thing here that's fine. But how do they figure out how to have a site or work out a permit system with another borough that does we do not. I can fill a 6 foot by 12-foot trailer 4 times, and that's just cutting my hillside down for one season. What I'm asking is half a year, almost half a year later we figured out nothing. Steve and I had a nice conversation today. Pleasant conversation, but at the end of the day he has no answers, which is fine. I understand that. But how is it that Macungie has a permit system with Emmaus?

Steve Hill mentioned Okay, we said the last meeting. Okay, that although everybody spoke up and spoke their mind, and the mayor certainly has reason to do that and can do that. I mean, 1st amendment rights are here. Okay. However, we, as the council said, told Stephen to look into it further, to get some information, and he wouldn't be able to get it in time for this meeting, but he will have it for us at the next meeting. At the next meeting we will be able to make that decision. There was motion was made to just bring them back. That was voted down, bring people voted for it or voted against it. That's a dead issue. Tell this one of the 4. Bring it back. One of the 4 suggested this, looking into the additional expense to secure it but what's going to be the security? That's what we're going to explore at the next meeting along with the security. Unknown resident I've lived here 21 years. Those dumpsters have always been there. So, for 2 decades that I've been here. People have always been dumping stuff made. Their main issue is outsiders, like my issue is, if we bring the dumpsters back me myself, I can fill up one of those dumpsters halfway.

A motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. was made by Mehmet Birttek, 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth
Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.

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