

Borough of Alburdis
Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2025

The November 12th, 2025, meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President Ron Delaco at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburdis, PA. The meeting was also streamed on Zoom.

Attendance:

Council: Ron Delaco, Steve Hill, Hector Moss, Ashlynn Rivera, Chad Atkins, John Aleszczyk, Mehmet Birtek

Associates: Stephen Nemeth- Borough Manager, Kathy Palmer- Mayor, Dave Knerr-Solicitor, East Penn Press (zoom)

Visitors: Mike Gerhart, Gary DeRoner, Amanda Frankenfield, Kathy Senk, Al Senk, Jesse Lichtenwelner, James Cronin, Kathy Cronin, Carol Hughes, Craig Hughes, Ted Miller, Tom (zoom), John Bertoni

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several residents from the Hills at Lockridge West Development were in attendance to present a presentation about the micromobility modes of transportation and the issues they are having with e-bikes in their development. Kathy Cronin and her husband John opted to speak for the group, mentioned in great detail about the constant hazards and issues that they are experiencing with e-bikes. Council ultimately concluded that the best approach to this issue is to educate the users of e-bikes and the parents of the e-bikes. It was suggested that perhaps the police department and school district team up to teach a bike safety course to educate the best practices of e-bikes.

Amanda Frankenfield and her husband were also in attendance to ask for clarification as to why her handicap space was denied at the last meeting. She explained multiple times that she has 3 vehicles and often has to rotate them for a spot in the street to make sure her daughter doesn't have a distance to walk at night. Council explained that they see she has a driveway and a garage and think those are closer distances to her house rather than the spot that she was requesting and in the Ridgeview development parking is hard to come by. It was also mentioned that we have it on the agenda that a new ordinance was already being crafted to give regulations to these requests.

MEETING MINUTES of October 29th, 2025:

Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 29th, 2025, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

Delaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to pay the bills, Hector Moss 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

Delaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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Reports:

Mayor's REPORT:

No mayor's report.

POLICE REPORT:

Tony Alsleben mentioned that the new police vehicle came in. John Aleszczyk mentioned that vehicle wasn't approved. It was mentioned that during the 2025 budgeting process to place the order since it takes about 8-11 months to get the vehicle road ready, there was a consensus to move forward with placing an order, but no official motion was made. Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the October Police Report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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TREASURERS REPORT:

Hector Moss made a motion to accept the October Treasurer's report, Mehmet Birtek 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk-aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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ENGINEERS REPORT:

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to accept the September Engineer's report, Chad Atkins 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek- aye	Rivera- aye
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MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS

Ron DeIaco mentioned in the report stated 431 calls for Macungie Ambulance in September, with 12 being in the borough. Hector Moss made a motion to accept the September Ambulance report, Chad Atkins 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek- aye	Rivera- aye
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New Business:

Resolution No. 2025-10-A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING STEVE MEHL AND STEPHEN NEMETH TO THE ALBURTIS PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mehmet Birtek asked that when vacancies take place on this committees do they get advertised, Steve Nemeth mentioned that they get posted on our website and social media pages until filled. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-10. Mehmet Birtek 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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Request to submit LSA grant on behalf of the LMFD- Alburtis station.

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this is a request that we submit an LSA Statewide application on behalf of the Lower Macungie Fire Department. Only municipalities and municipal authorities are allowed to apply for the LSA Statewide grant, when we met with DCED and Coleman's office, it was mentioned this would be the best grant opportunity to apply for towards construction of a new station. Hector Moss made a motion to approve that the borough submit an LSA grant on behalf of the LMFD. Mehmet Birtek 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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Resolution No. 2025-11- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS AND THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE REQUESTED STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT.

Hector Moss made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-11, Mehmet Birtek 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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Request for a pedestrian bridge on Church and Scenic View Dr. connecting to Lockridge Park

Hector Moss mentioned that he has been approached by many residents requesting a pedestrian bridge heading east on church street towards scenic view drive. He mentioned that he was thinking along the lines of what Tipton has going connecting their park. Ron DeIaco requested additional information as in costs that would go into this type of project. No further action was taken on this matter other than tabling.

Request to purchase a radar sign

Ashlynn Rivera mentioned that she requested that this be placed back on the agenda after a previous explanation of the department funds. John Aleszczyk mentioned that he didn't believe that we had adequate funds to cover this for the year as the fiscal consultant's report from previous meeting claimed that we were over budget in police department. Tony mentioned that we were not over budget and that we were in fact under budget. Ashlynn mentioned that according to treasurers report we are under budget and think it should be purchased since the one we have currently doesn't work. Ashlynn Rivera made the motion to purchase the radar sign, Mehmet Birtek 2nd the motion, and a roll call vote followed. Motion did not pass 2-5.

DeIaco- nay	Hill- nay	Moss- nay	Atkins- nay	Aleszczyk- nay	Birtek- aye	Rivera- aye
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Request to advertise 2026 meeting schedule

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to advertise the 2026 meeting schedule. Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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Review Handicap Parking Ordinance

Dave Knerr read through the projected ordinance, asked for comments from council. No comments were made. Steve Hill made a motion to approve Dave Knerr advertising the proposed ordinance. Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- aye	Hill- aye	Moss- aye	Atkins- aye	Aleszczyk- aye	Birtek-aye	Rivera- aye
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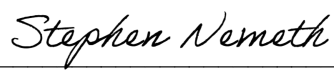
Reminder: Bareroot Tree Planting event at Raines Park, Saturday, November 15th, starting at 9 am

Steve Nemeth mentioned that this is just a reminder that we will be hosting a tree planting event at Raines Park on Saturday November 15th at 9am, the Emmaus Rotary Club and Bartlett Tree Services will be volunteering to help with the event.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. was made by Hector Moss, 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:


Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.