

Borough of Alburtis
Meeting Minutes
May 13th, 2026

The May 13th, 2026, 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 streamed on Zoom.

Attendance:

Council: Ron DeIaco, Steve Hill, Michael Gerhart, Ashlynn Rivera(zoom), John Aleszczyk, Mehmet Birtek, Chad Atkins

Associates: Stephen Nemeth- Borough Manager, Hector Moss- Mayor (zoom), Dave Knerr-Solicitor, Tony Alsleben-Police Chief (zoom), East Penn Press (zoom)

Visitors: Kathy Palmer, Gary DeRoner, Rachel Cuevas, Heather G(zoom), Rob(zoom),

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron DeIaco- mentioned that everyone should go vote in the upcoming election. Also mentioned that he has been informed that he runs a loose meeting, he stated that he believes that if you come to a council meeting, you deserve to be heard.

Rachel Cuevas- mentioned that she is running for State Rep., mentioned that she was very impressed with the last meeting. The way you handled the last meeting should be mimicked throughout the area.

MEETING MINUTES of April 29th, 2026:

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes of April 29th, 2026. Michael Gerhart seconded the motion, and it passed, 7-0.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Mehmet Birtek questioned what exactly ABE Labs is testing for. Stephen Nemeth mentioned that they test our water for items like PFAs and other DEP-mandated tests. Test results get posted yearly in our CCR report. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to pay the bills, and Chad Atkins seconded the motion and approved unanimously, 7-0.

Reports:

Mayor's REPORT:

No Mayor reports.

POLICE REPORT:

Steve Hill asked about what makes up the increase in traffic stops. Tony mentioned that having the full complement of officers now, we can dedicate more to traffic. Stop signs and speeding are the two top citations in the category. John mentioned that if there was one thing a person running for state office could do, it would be getting radar for municipalities. Since Pa is the only state without radar. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the April Police Report. Chad Atkins seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Michael Gerhart made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's Report, and Mehmet Birtek seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the April Engineer's report, Michael Gerhart 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed 7-0.

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS

Ron DeIaco mentioned in the report stated 403 calls for Macungie Ambulance in April, with 3 being in the borough. Michael Gerhart made a motion to accept the April Ambulance report, Mehmet Birtek 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed 7-0.

New Business:

Request to Hire Mark Rothrock as a full-time maintenance employee.

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to hire Mark Rothrock at the Maintenance C rate of 23.41. With the start date of June 15th. which was seconded by Steve Hill. The motion passed, 6-1.

Request to Apply for DCED Multimodal Grant for Ridgeview Paving Project

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that he would like to apply for this grant again since we weren't awarded last year. This would be to pave the Ridgeview development. Steve Hill recommends adding 10% to the project cost of the project to cover the rise in costs since last year's submission. Michael Gerhart made a motion to apply for DCED Multimodal and PennDOT Multimodal grants. Mehmet Birtek seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-0.

Request to Apply for Chamber Foundation Beautification Grant

Steve Nemeth mentioned that he would like to apply for this grant for the dog waste stations. Steve Hill made a motion to apply for the Chamber Grant, which was seconded by Mehmet Birtek. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Public Officials Tour of Kline's Island

Informational.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. was made by Mehmet Birtek, 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed.

Upon adjournment, entered into an executive session for potential legal matters.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth

Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.