

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2019

The November 13, 2019 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:

Ron DeIaco
Stephen Kaufman

Sherryann Oels
Vanessa Taggart

Hector Vazquez

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2019 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 30, 2019, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – NOVEMBER 13, 2019 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of November 13, 2019, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Sherryann Oels 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS – Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the Macungie Ambulance Corps report, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. There were eleven calls in the Borough in October.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – Resident, Gary DeRoner, asked if miniature donkeys were allowed in the Borough. Sharon replied that this would fall under the Ordinance regarding horses and goats and they would have to be a certain distance from homes.

Garbage Contract – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to extend the current contract with J.P. Mascaro for one year, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Vanessa Taggart made a motion to reject all bids received for waste disposal, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Water Certification – Donnie Derr passed the required tests to receive his water certification license. Per the Ordinance, he will receive a \$1,000 bonus.

Snow Removal – Donnie Derr has lined up two contractors to assist with snow removal in the event of a major storm and would like to have the two people who currently mow for the Borough clear sidewalks for us while his crew plows. Hector Vazquez made a motion to use the temporary help to clear sidewalks at the same rate they receive to mow, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

2019 Multimodal Grant – Thanks to Senator Pat Browne and Representative Ryan Mackenzie, the Borough was awarded \$726,125 for curb and sidewalk in Bicentennial Village. Ron thanked Jeff Ott and Sharon for the work.

Park and Rec – Kathleen Raines would like permission to order the bird's nest swing that is being put into next year's budget. She cannot order it this year, but Stephen Kaufman made a motion to purchase the swing next year. The motion was 2nd by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed.

LCA Rates – Mayor Palmer asked if the large rate hikes by Lehigh County Authority will affect the Borough's charges. The Borough's increase was minimal and the rates received for the Borough still fall under what is budgeted.

Meeting – November 25th – Stephen Kaufman reminded Council that the next Budget Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on November 25th and the Council Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. This will give ample time to advertise the Budget.

A motion to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. was made by Vanessa Taggart, 2nd by Hector Vazquez and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.