

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022

The December 14, 2022 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:

Steve Hill	Hector Moss	Ron DeIaco
John Aleszczyk	Mehmet Birtek	Chad Atkins
Stephen Nemeth		

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

David Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
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Visitors in attendance:

Ashlynn Rivera	Gary DeRoner	Steve Werley
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PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – No Report

MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2022 – Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 30, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – DECEMBER 14, 2022 – Hector Moss made a motion to pay the bills of December 14, 2022, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ENGINEER REPORT – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

2023 Budget– Sharon had one adjustment to the Budget in regards to the Fire Department. Back when the merger and separation started, the Fire Department approached Council and asked if when things were settled and they figure out who is paying for different things, would their bottom line dollar amount remain the same. At that time, Council was all in agreement. The Fire Department is asking that the property insurance line item become a reimbursement line item for fire equipment and needs. Council is in agreement to this request and John Aleszczyk made a motion to advertise the budget, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

2023 Meetings– Chad Atkins made a motion to advertise the meeting schedule for next year, Mehmet Birtek 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

W. Penn Avenue Railroad Crossing – There has been a concern of cars driving onto the tracks lately and Sharon was asked to contact Norfolk Southern to see if gates could be placed at the crossing. She was out sick last week, but Mayor Palmer happened upon some railroad workers and they agreed that something should be done with this crossing. Chief Alsleben received a phone call from a Norfolk official in South Carolina and was told that they would be interested in closing the crossing. Borough Council is not in favor of closing this crossing as it will incur too much traffic on Front Street. John Aleszczyk suggested reflective lighting be placed on the road so that people can see the road better. Chad Atkins added that gates will not stop people from doing this since the gates only go down when a train is coming and this is happening when there is no train.

Resolution No. 2022-9 – Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-9, a Resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Alburdis and the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested Covid-19 ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant. The motion was 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed.

Special Events Committee – Hector Moss, Stephen Nemeth and Ashlynn Rivera spoke to Council about a Committee they would like to form. The Halloween Parade was a big success and they would like to build on this with more events throughout the year. The Committee is asking permission to have a Community Day on June 17, 2023 and have the Halloween Parade on October 28th. The goal of the committee would be to hold annual events as well as assist organizations in the Borough with their events. Funding would be created from donations and donations can be specific to an event. Steve Hill made a motion to approve the new Committee, approve a Community Day event on June 17th and the Halloween Parade on October 28th, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Staff – Holiday Get Together – With Covid, last year the staff ordered lunches from a local restaurant instead of having a full get together with all involved in the Borough. Sharon asked what Council would like to do this year and was told to do the same as last year. Hector Moss made a motion to allow the staff to order lunch from a restaurant, Mehmet Birtok 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Holiday Festival – Sharon informed Council that the Holiday Festival was a success again this year. The Lower Macungie Middle School Chorus is interested in participating again next year. Sharon suggested they begin at 4:15 instead of 4:00 because the tree was lit a little too soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was called at 7:25 for Personnel with no action begin taken and ended at 7:35.

A motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. was made by Stephen Nemeth, 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.