

**Borough of Alburtis**  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14th, 2025

The May 14th, 2025, 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.

Council members in attendance via in person:

Ron DeIaco, Steve Hill, Hector Moss, Chad Atkins, Ashlynn Rivera, John Aleszczyk

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Kathleen Palmer- Mayor, Stephen Nemeth-Manager, Dave Knerr- Solicitor

Associates of Alburtis Via Zoom:

Tony Alsleben- Police Chief, East Penn Press

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner, Mike Gerhart, Steve Werley, Ray Ricketts, Jason Stefano

Visitors in attendance via zoom: Brooke, Tom, Rlt, Carl

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**Alburtis Baseball/ Softball- Alex Lozowsky**

I live in Macungie. All my kids started in Alburtis. when I moved here. I've been out here like 20 years, and my kids started in Alburtis, and they redistricted us, and they wind up moving us to Shoemaker, which my kids are really upset with. I mean, this is a great school district community, the whole deal, and so on and so forth. But My kids came through. My daughter started here when I'm going back, almost, you know. 20, almost 20 years ago Alburtis had softball. So, for a long time Alburtis didn't have anything. So, we came over with my kids. We've been here. I've been in the organization now for almost 10 years. I would think so when there was no baseball. I was one of the 1st ones here back with my teams, and they've stayed here. I no longer have any children. I'm not affiliated with any kids that are playing on the field. All I'm doing for the love of the game. Make sure these kids have a place to, you know. Learn how to be a good teammate, learn what we must be to be a good winner. You must learn how to lose and vice versa, just way, just the way it goes. So, over the years when we 1st came here, I was up in the upper field, and I and I didn't realize till later that it was a part. It was the borough. So, the AACC used to have a strike in the middle field and went up and going back as far as the 1st time we were there I went out and bought my own just because I needed it when I couldn't come back, I had a long commute, so since I've been here. Everything that we've asked of the borough to come along, and you know things have been done. We just got the fences all finished. That was a safety hazard. You know they're always taken care of. We had the extra net, but there were some people that were complaining to I'm sure you guys and to us. But yes, and you know, it is there. You know that that's fair enough. I think we had. What do we have? 10, almost 10 teams, 1011 teams come the full and spring. That's awesome. I mean, the big dogs. Stay, you know, everyone goes there because you must go there, but, you know, keep. Keeping the kids in the community where they live is where they're going to play baseball, where the where? The Alburtis across their chest. So, what I'm asking tonight is that the borough maybe could consider fixing that upper field a little bit in a sense, where over the years since I've been here. I mean, we've got dirty deliveries that were in the back. That's awesome. We that's what we wanted, and never really came out to fix the field. We're putting loads of field. Mix also with the mound. These kids are also high school age up to 19 years old that they could play, and over the years the mound has sunk. Okay, not Major League, you know we're not. Major League is here, but a lot of the townships do have it for these kids. We're almost at a flat level. We do have a good base. And I'm

asking if we can. If you guys could consider working in by, putting a regulation out and adding topsoil field, mix for the field. I spend a lot of time fighting with my wife. What are you doing? I speak. You know what it comes down to. I had a kid that I chased around. About 6 years ago, in my anniversary, at 3 o'clock in the morning, I went to work. Came home. That kid today was one of the one of the 100 soldiers in the world, one of 30, that from America that was a paratroop that jumped to Normandy for the anniversary of France. So that's something that with this kid. And that's what it's all about. Okay, I do that thing for that. And there's been so many other stories. But I'm asking, you know, as a, as a coach, and even as a as a resident. If you consider really looking into this. Steve Hill mentioned that I have talked to Alex before, and I talked to Gary Hartman. He thinks he knows how to redo the mound. We have a great base there, but it does have to be raised, and you can see because of the, you know, just the erosion over the years, you know. So that's what I don't understand. I mean, I'm okay with this. I just don't know. How do you do that? You just dump some more dirt on top. Well, I know some people that with baseball that we can get it in, so we'd have to do a field measurement and try to divide up how much topsoil. Alex mentioned the field mix we want to put down. As for the base of the mound. It must be raised with some clay. Okay, not saying that the top mix does go on, but it helps from the mound from deteriorating. Keep down because it's a mixture of keep saying topsoil. Excuse me, it's a field mix, there's a different mix of dirt, sand, clay stuff that really won't take off as it would if you just put it, it won't deteriorate as fast. So, if you can look, I mean, listen! Over the years we've had, you know, you could look at even on the outside dugouts. Those poles were once buried. Okay, that's not a problem. I mean, we came in the borough, and they covered that to keep that from going in. That was good. That was a band aid. It helped. But I'm saying as a coach to these kids, you know. I think they could deserve it. I've never asked it. I don't know the last time, if Kathy Palmer, I must tell you something. I was asked to speak at their opening ceremonies this year. 1st time it was done. beautiful ceremony! And the program that these coaches have collectively done with these youth is absolutely something that this borough should be very, very proud of. They are not just coaches, they are mentors. They are keeping these kids on the straight and arrow. They're keeping them busy. They're teaching them what it's like to be a teammate. And I think we need to keep in good condition. I think safety for all of them, I think, is something this pro really should do. Ron Delaco asked, "Do you any idea how many truckloads you're looking at. Alex mentioned, "We would have to really mix that out, you know." Figure it out. It comes down to a dimension. I mean, there's that to do the entire field, and the other option is to put grass. But I'm not asking for grass. I'm not, but I don't know what would be cheaper. I really don't but it's something that's you know. Anything would be great. We can. I can figure it out once we get down there, because, you know, like I said. It goes from the mound, from the plate to the mound, and we would have to take it from there. Yeah, one of the biggest things before you put all the dirt. I think the field does need to be crowned, which means, you know. Yes, sir, so should it be. John Mentioned The biggest thing is you must fix the drain. There used to be a drain along the side. There's no more. So, it just runs on the field, and just like right they put it behind them, but they put it behind the dugout in it. Ron asked, "Are you looking to do this at the end of this year? Alex responded, "Well we're going to be over in early June for us." Okay? And so, I mean, it's in August. So, I mean, it's, I'm not rushing anybody if it can't be done immediately. It's beautiful. Listen, we will try our hardest. We really work hard. You guys have given everything we've ever asked. You know, very, I appreciate it very much. But if you guys can consider, Ron Asked Steve Nemeth to have the costs by the next meeting.

#### **MEETING MINUTES of April 30th, 2025**

Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 30th, 2025, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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#### **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Steve Hill made a motion to pay the bills of March 14th, 2025, Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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### **Reports:**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Kathy Palmer mentioned the reason I started the talks with the school district, and it was Council's blessing

We started a year ago. This is, it used to be the Rec. Hall. The Rec Hall has no backup generators, or only any kind of emergency equipment for those types. If you go to the school one, you've got more room 2. You've got the backup generators 3. If it's boiling hot, we can at least keep everybody cool. Those with medical needs, of course, can plug their equipment in. Also, I thought it was very important, as this borough has grown even since I'm major in that we have a safe shelter for our residents.

#### **Borough of Alburdis Shelter Agreement**

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve the Borough shelter agreement, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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#### **POLICE REPORT**

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Hector Moss made a motion to accept the April treasurer's report, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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#### **MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS**

Ron Delaco mentioned in the report stated 401 calls for Macungie Ambulance in April, with 5 being in the borough. Steve Nemeth mentioned that the Macungie Ambulance will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 11am until 1pm at their station.

Hector Moss made a motion to accept the Macungie Ambulance report, Mehmet Birtok 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance No. 596**

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE COMPENSATION OF THE BOROUGH TREASURER.

Steve Hill made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 596, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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**Resolution No. 2025-3:**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRENDA BOWER TO THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH TREASURER AND HIRING HER AS ASSISTANT TREASURER UNTIL SHE TAKES OFFICE.

John Aleszczyk mentioned My only concern about this is 6 weeks, I think, it is too much. But that's my opinion. Steve Nemeth mentioned that it's needed for this type of position, Steve Hill mentioned I have some a bit of an issue, too, with the 6 weeks, but we hired you to be our borough manager. from what I am seeing from, day to day, in their month to month, and week to week is You're recommending 6 weeks. Yes, for this position. Hector Moss made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-3, Chad Atkins 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-1.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-nay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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**Recommendation to Pay Utility Services Group- \$23,250**

A question was asked: what was the result of the smoke test? Steve mentioned that I can share with the council, but not the public. those that were affected will be getting letters. in that letter, is it going to be stated that I think that's what was discussed in our engineers made it on how to proceed, so it might just need the letter might just need to be okayed by Dave prior to being sent. Ron mentioned a letter will go out asking them if they're going to have to fix it, or we'll fix it, but it's got to be done.

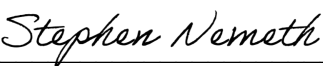
Chad Atkins made the motion to approve payment to Utility Services Group for \$23,250; the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hector Moss. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. was made by Hector Moss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

  
Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.