

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2018

The April 25, 2018 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council Vice-President Steve Hill at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

Steve Hill	Sherryann Oels	Kathleen Raines
Stephen Kaufman	Vanessa Taggart	Hector Vazquez

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Kathleen Palmer, Mayor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
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Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner	Ramon Reinbold	Linda Reinbold
Matthew Szuchyt, Sen. Pat Browne		
Kenneth Navitsky, Rep. Ryan Mackenzie		

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2018 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2018, with a correction to attendance, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 25, 2018 – Kathleen Raines made a motion to pay the bills of April 25, 2018, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to accept the Fiscal Consultant's Report, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – Resident, Ramon Reinbold was present to ask Council if the end of Stone Alley would be paved. Sharon informed him that this is on the list for Maintenance.

Tractor Trailers – Representatives from Pat Browne's and Ryan Mackenzie's offices were present to answer questions in regard to a House and Senate bill that would ease restrictions for 102" tractor trailers on four digit SR routes. Stephen Kaufman asked for an overview on where this is in the legislative process and what the affects would be. Ken Navitsky of Ryan Mackenzie's office replied that the House unanimously approved the Bill and the Senate had one opposed. The intent of the bill was to put Pennsylvania in line with the national standards. Matt Szuchyt also mentioned that the Borough would still have jurisdiction over our own roads. Resident and Police Officer Tony Vanim realizes that law and industry have changed, however our roads have not, so why would they change the laws. Mr. Navitsky stated that this is for the entire state, not just here. Regarding needing a traffic study to plead a hardship and keep the restrictions within the Borough, this was removed with an amendment to the bill, so a traffic study will not be needed. Mr. Navitsky added that we should be proactive in addressing Penndot and asked us to send him a list of the roads within the Borough that we believe are a concern. Mr. Vanim added that it is not just the roads within the Borough, but the roads feeding into the Borough like Mountain and Reservoir Hill Roads. Steve Hill asked if Penndot denies our request, is there a chance to appeal. They do not know, but will find out for us. It is not known yet if the penalties will change. Sharon will send Mr. Navitsky the roads within the Borough and they will begin talking with Penndot. Hector Vazquez believes that something should be done at a local level especially with a new warehouse and transfer station being proposed in the Township. Another big issue is that truck drivers do not use a proper GPS and our roads are suffering from this since they are not built to handle this traffic.

Ordinance No. 545 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 545, an Ordinance amending Codified Ordinances Chapter 61 to prohibit smoking on property owned or leased by the Borough; amending Codified Ordinances Chapter 67 to require persons to properly secure receptacles for the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials and clarifying the time for placing materials for collection; and amending Codified Ordinances Chapter 97 to require applicants for peddling licenses to submit criminal history record information reports, to authorize denial of licenses to persons whose reports are unsatisfactory, and to increase the fee for a license. The motion was 2nd by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed.

Borough of Emmaus - Correspondence – Correspondence was received from the Borough of Emmaus regarding a change in Zoning. Borough Council has no comment.

MRM Trust – The Borough received a dividend check in the amount of \$825.05.

Brochure Rack – The counter in the hall is very cluttered and Sharon asked if she could purchase a rack to organize the papers. Borough Council has no problem with this.

Community Yard Sale – The yard sale was a success last year and Sharon asked if the Borough could assist with one on September 8. Hector Vazquez made a motion to have a Community Yard Sale on September 8, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

W. Penn Avenue Railroad Crossing – An email was received from the owner of Cold Nose Lodge regarding help with closing the crossing. Borough Council does not wish to involve themselves with this request. While the crossing was closed for repairs last week, traffic increased and was unsafe.

Crosswalk – Sharon met with the owners of the East Penn Children's Fitness regarding the crosswalk they had requested. Sharon confirmed with Council that the crosswalk can be installed. There are other items that were discussed regarding signs that need to be finalized

Spotted Lanternfly – Sharon participated in a phone conference regarding the spotted lanternfly. With the weather getting warmer, the spotted lanternflies are close to hatching. New York State has been pulling trucks over at weigh stations to check for proper permit required when crossing state lines. They checked 30 trucks and all but four had the proper permits. Maryland and Virginia are looking to do something similar.

Parking – Hector Vazquez asked for an update on the two residences that were dragging mud into the street. Stephen Kaufman spoke with the person in Ridgeview and he will be correcting this by putting stones down. Sharon sent the other resident a certified letter instructing them to correct the problem.

Pat Browne – Matt Szuchyt was present from Sen. Pat Browne's office to offer assistance with any issues the Borough may have. Kathleen Raines questioned the timing of the bridge repair on Spring Creek Rd. The bridge is in bad shape. Mr. Szuchyt said it was on a list but will find out more information and get back to her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was called at 8:00 for a Personnel Matter and ended at 8:10.

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 was made by Kathleen Raines, 2nd by Hector Vazquez and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.