

## **Borough of Alburtis**

Meeting Minutes

February 25th, 2026

The February 25th, 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 live streamed on Zoom.

### **Attendance:**

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

Associates: Stephen Nemeth- Borough Manager, Dave Knerr-Solicitor, Tony Alsleben- Police Chief (zoom)

Visitors: Victor Lauer, Linda Lauer, Gary DeRoner(zoom), Zoom user (zoom), Jessica (zoom), Nick(zoom), Cheryl's iPhone(zoom)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Victor Lauer mentioned that he met with Stephen Nemeth this afternoon about the Lockridge fitness trail concept, he liked the idea and would be sending it in for a grant. Stephen Nemeth mentioned that he was in contact with the county about the project since this would need to be applied for by them, we have a meeting next Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the concept.

Victor also wanted to know what the borough was planning for their 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Ron DeIaco mentioned that the Historical Society will be meeting tomorrow night here at 7pm to discuss revamping the historical society and one of the discussions will be the 250<sup>th</sup>.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No mayor report.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 11th, 2026**

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mehmet Birtek 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

### **Resolution 2026-4- A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ARRO CONSULTING, INC. AS BOROUGH ENGINEER FOLLOWING THE ACQUISITION OF OTT CONSULTING, INC-**

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that Ott Consulting was acquired by ARRO Consulting, and that they will be continuing their services to the borough just under a new name. Stephen mentioned for compliance reasons a resolution was needed prior to paying any of their new bills. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4. Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

### **BILLS FOR PAYMENT –**

John Aleszczyk asked about the Integra one bill, why it was so expensive. Tony Alsleben mentioned that he was displeased with bill as well, it was to install all six computers and get all the programs on to them. John reiterated that we really need to watch the spending. Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve the bills for payment, Michael Gerhart 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed, motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

### **FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve the Fiscal Consultant's Report of January, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Police Report of January, Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

### **New Business**

#### **Request to Advertise Maintenance position**

Ron DeIaco mentioned that this is to advertise an upcoming vacancy. Michael Gerhart mentioned how he believes that for this type of position you should want to give them enough time to train. John mentioned that he doesn't think it is

necessary to overlap due to be an unbudgeted item and we have 3 other maintenance people to provide guidance. We have to watch all expenses. Stephen Nemeth mentioned that the process to hire these types of positions takes a while, figure you lose a month when it comes to approvals, and physicals. This is more so to at least start the process as to see if we can get an applicant pool. It would get advertise the free route for now and if we need to go the paid advertising route. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve advertising the maintenance position, Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

#### **Request to Apply for 2026 LV Greenways Grant**

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this would be for a grant to apply for the dog waste stations. Labor can be a qualified match for this grant. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve the LV Greenways Grant Application, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

#### **Request to Apply for T-Mobile Hometown Grant**

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this would be for a grant to apply for rehabbing Raines Park Ballfield, there is no match on this grant application. It's the final opportunity to apply towards this grant so it's worth the try. Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application, Michael Gerhart 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

#### **Request to purchase electric heaters for Lockridge Historical Church**

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this is a request to purchase three electric heaters to phase out the oil heat at the church. Recently there was a pipe that broke on the main floor of the church and therefore no longer has a heating source for the building. Mehmet mentioned that he would prefer not to because oil is cheaper than electricity currently. Michael mentioned that he would suggest looking at what the cost would be for mini splits in the building. Michael Gerhart made the motion to table the request until September/ October, Mehmet Birtek 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 7-0 vote.

John Aleszczyk mentioned reaching out to LCTI to see if this would potentially be a project that they would be interested in taking on, as well as turning it into ADA accessible, as well as to see if there are any grants out there for this type of project.

#### **Redevelopment Authority of Lehigh County Annual Report**

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this is information.

#### **G402 Incident Command System Overview for Executives & Senior Officials**

Stephen Nemeth mentioned for those that still need to take the NIMS courses this class could be taken instead of the two required classes and it is a free course. Stephen mentioned that he highly recommends the course.

#### **Traffic Counting on Municipally Owned Roads**

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this is informational as well. It's just a letter telling us that the PennDOT will be conducting traffic studies on certain borough roads during the year.

#### **Adjournment**

Mehmet Birtek made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Ashlynn Rivera seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

*Stephen Nemeth*

Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.