

Borough of Alburtis
Meeting Minutes
March 26th, 2025

The March 26th, 2025, meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, PA. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

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

Council member in attendance via zoom:

John Aleszczyk

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Stephen Nemeth- Manager, Kathleen Palmer- Mayor, East Penn Press

Associates of Alburtis in attendance via zoom:

David Knerr- Solicitor, Tony Alsleben- Police Chief

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner, Mike Gerhart, Ray Ricketts, Amy Kovalski, Ed Kovalski

Visitors in attendance via zoom:

Tom, Brooke, Miguel Rivera

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 12th, 2025

Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 12th, 2025, Hector Moss 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Rivera- yay	Atkins- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT – March 26th, 2025

Steve Hill asked if the Integra bill is the beginning of the IT upgrade project. Steve Nemeth confirmed.

Chad Atkins made a motion to pay the bills of March 26th, Hector Moss 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed, motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Rivera- yay	Atkins- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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MAYOR'S REPORT

No Mayor Report.

FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve the Fiscal Consultant's Report of February, Hector Moss 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Rivera- yay	Atkins- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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New Business

ORDINANCE 595

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 41 OF THE ALBURTIS CODIFIED ORDINANCES (RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL) TO MAKE CERTAIN STATE PARKING RESTRICTIONS UNDER 75 PA. CONS. STAT. §3353(a), (b) AND § 3354(d)(2), (3) ALSO LOCAL ALBURTIS VIOLATIONS, SO THAT THEY MAY BE COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES § 41-1204 (RELATING TO TICKETS IN LIEU OF CITATIONS FOR PROMPT PAYMENT), AND ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF TICKETS FOR PROMPT PAYMENT OF HANDICAPPED PARKING VIOLATIONS AT FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) WHEN PAID WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS.

Hector Moss made the motion to approve Ordinance 595, motion 2nd by Chad Atkins and a roll call vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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2025 borough: road projects mill and overlay

Steve Nemeth mentioned that I provided the 2 roads that we're hoping to do this year. One is 5th Street, and at the cost and breakdown of the costs. Then the other one would be 3rd and on that intersection. So, we did a L-TAP PennDOT audit a few weeks ago and LVPC. To get an idea about the future school zone over there. Currently, there is no school zone. So, the observations that they recommended were to widen, or crosswalks and stuff. So, we're in the process of seeing that on the page there. One thing that they recommended was expanding. The crosswalks change the diameter of them and we're in the process of like a pre audit with the State and LVPC To provide all these engineers for this project to then submit for grants and stuff to upgrade it to an actual school zone. Okay, do you know how wide the crosswalks are now 5 feet? They recommend 6. So, this will be part of that whole project. Ron DeIaco asked if there was any discussion on special lighting for the school zone. Steve Nemeth mentioned that it'll come after we get the actual report from LVPC. I'll provide that once I get it. But then that will go to the State for submission. Steve Hill mentioned if it's okay with everybody else, I would like to see a quote to get paid from Franklin Street, at least up to Ron's house. We all pay taxes. We all have a paved road to our house because he lives at You should have the same thing, everybody else. John Mentioned Yeah. But, Ron, I don't think that it was meant to be a full-time road, because then you're going to have traffic. You need gutters. You got trains, I agree with up to Ron's house and I thought we were talking about going to the bottom of Chestnut Street also. Steve Nemeth Originally that was But I talked to Donnie. He would like to really fix up for in front of school before we completely lose that intersection. John mentioned that I would like to add, I'd like to the bottom of that. Because while you're milling, that isn't going to be that much from, I think, Main Street to second. Ron DeIaco mentioned so we're talking about 5th Street, Walnut Street and Chestnut Street section and next month you'll get. You'll bring in information. Okay, all right. Do we have a ballpark on chat? Steve Nemeth, I think when I had that budget also, that was about, I want to say, 17,000. Hector Moss Chestnut st does need to get done, because that is getting bad. There. The water is going under the road.

Hector Moss made the motion to approved road projects on yearly maintenance, motion 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a roll call vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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Yard Waste Facility

Ashlynn Rivera So I am willing to change my vote if we can enclose the area with a gate. Somebody's there monitoring that its residents only use it. And I think that we should just be. We shouldn't have them there all year round. Just you know, the busy times, spring, fall. Ron Delaco mentioned that it is basically closed over winter. Ashlynn Rivera, yes. Ron Delaco, okay. The only thing that I would like to have. Do. We have discussions John Aleszczyk Could you expand upon how you're going to man it? Kathy Palmer could potentially secure with padlocks. They would come in here, they would get a key, and they would pay a \$20 permit. John Aleszczyk, they talked about manning it. How are you going to man it? But then Kathy came up with the alternative of having a key. But with the key, I don't know. I'm torn between that. How much was the cost for a fence. Again, it was like 18,190 correct Steve Nemeth mentioned We had gotten a quote last year for about 7,000 So I asked the company to provide the most updated one. He has not responded back to me yet. David Knerr: So, Steve, are we talking? Would you be having this be picked up by a mascara? Steve Nemeth Eventually. Yes, you'll be getting picked up by Mascara again. David Knerr mentioned but I mean since that's not part of their contract. Yeah, we may need to either bid that out again, or I don't know You'd be having to make a change order. But I think that's a significant change of order, but you know you can't just make you know small change orders is one thing. This may be more significant. We'll have to look at the issue as to whether you need to bid this out because of it being a significant change from what the contract is. It may be okay to have a change order that you don't need to bid out. We'll have to look at that issue. But I'm just saying that's an issue. If you're planning to have it, be picked up by Mascara. Hector Moss mentioned that the cost is going to go across the board because there's nothing to get a permit. It should only go to the people that want a permit. Yeah. But 90% of the world don't use it. It's not going to justify the entire cost. Yeah, so exactly. So, if you look at the option that was presented in the bid package last year right for this option. If we would have taken it for approximately 12 months. It was estimated around \$50,000, and it was just an estimation. Yeah, and that's just the fee that we must pay monthly not including the overweight. So, our garbage bill, already per quarter per household went up anywhere from 25 to \$30. Ron Delaco There won't be a vote to do it today. It'll be to move forward with the information. Once we have all the information, we can make an informed decision as to whether we bring it back. When I provided those numbers last year, it was taken from examples of other pretty much taken examples of how much they're charging staff there. Everybody's hands to help in the summer. If we decide to hire grass, cutting kids, or whatever we hired as we've had in the past that could be part of their job to monitor. Steve Nemeth Upper Macungie is looking into a card reading system. I've been having discussions with them about us, joining their facility. They're in the process between of how to get to that. So, we might still have a long way out to get in that partnership. But in the meantime, we could look at all options still. Ron Delaco mentioned I would entertain a motion to move forward with looking at all the costs and issues surrounding the yard waste facility with the dumpsters. Hector Moss mentioned I'll make a motion to continue doing more research, but I would really like to see what the bottom number would be so that every single house will be okay. We can't vote without it without an informed decision. Okay, I'm saying that's my main concern is, I want to look at some sort of number people would be expecting, like an increase of whatever it is. That's going to be the determining factor. Steve Hill mentioned We should be able to get all these costs together quickly, you know. Then the biggest one's going to be who's going to take those may not have to. bidding. Okay, I guess my opinion, we're putting too much of a burden on the homeowners. We should be able to get this with the second meeting in April, we should be able to take a vote David Knerr: Okay. But now keep it in mind. Once you decide what you're going to do, we're going to have to then do an ordinance to put it into effect. David Knerr: So, you really don't want to go much beyond April, so that will, you know, because it'll be May until we can get it passed.

Hector Moss made the motion to do more research on the yard waste facility with full breakdown of the fees, motion 2nd by Steve Hill and a roll call vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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Recommendation to award borough sanitary smoke testing project

John Aleszczyk asked, "How much was Budget? How much is the budget for this? Is this? Going over the grant? The question was, how much is left, how much is left, how much is left in the grant, and we'll just go over how much is in the grant, because you have from the engineer. You have this entech company, and you have this other company doing the

smoke test. So, the total cost. How much is this Steve Nemeth mentioned After this portion there's going to be about a hundred 60,000 left in the engineering. Engineering can be used as a match for the grant. Also

Hector Moss made the motion to award borough sanitary smoke testing project to USG for \$37, 875.00 on yearly maintenance, motion 2nd by Steve Hill and a roll call vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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Park and recreation damaged slide replacement

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this item was no longer needed to be discussed since it would be covered by insurance.

Adjournment

Chad Atkins made the motion to adjourn. Hector Moss seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth
Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.