

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2018

The June 27, 2018 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:

Ron DeIaco
Kathleen Raines
Hector Vazquez

Steve Hill
Stephen Kaufman

Sherryann Oels
Vanessa Taggart

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor
Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
Jeffrey Ott, Engineer

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer presented a Wounded Warrior Parking Sign to be placed in the Borough Hall lot to Council. There was an event in Macungie that she was unable to attend that presented a vehicle built by Ford to a wounded warrior. Lower Macungie Township is waiting on the final design for a warehouse and a lot for 650 trucks is being proposed.

MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2018 – Kathleen Raines made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2018, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 27, 2018 – A bill paying a former officer for firearms instruction was questioned as it was not in the budget and over \$200. This officer had previously said he would qualify the officers as needed. Steve Hill made a motion to pay the bills of June 27, 2018, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – None

Small Water & Sewer Grant – Borough Engineer, Jeffrey Ott, informed Council that three bids were received for the Sanitary Sewer Clean and Televisive Rehabilitation Project. After review, Mr. Ott recommended that Borough Council award the bid to Standard Pipe Services, LLC for the amount of \$292,600. The priority area will be repairs to Walnut Street prior to Public Works paving in August. Once the TV work is completed, repair work to other areas will begin and will be cut off at \$300,000. We have another grant in and should hear from the State in July. Steve Hill made a motion to award the contract to Standard Pipe Services, LLC in the amount of \$292,600 contingent upon a reference check, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Fireworks – Vanessa Taggart mentioned that someone was setting off fireworks on Racite Rd. last night. Chief Palmer said the problem this year is that they became legal this year but people need to remember that they cannot be closer than 150 ft. from a structure. Kathleen Raines mentioned that veterans with PTSD do not like the fireworks and many pets are afraid of them. Chief Palmer will have his guys watch more closely this year.

Resolution No. 2018-11 – Kathleen Raines made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-11, a Resolution appointing Eric Derr to the Alburtis Civil Service Commission. The motion was 2nd by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed.

Community Events – The Chief informed Council that the Luau and National Night Out will be held soon and there is not much in the Community Events. He met with Sharon and they would like to include this in the budget each year. They are going to set up a meeting with the pool and the officer that helps with these events so that there is no lack of communication this year. They are good events that are enjoyed by Borough residents. This year, Chief Palmer is asking that \$1,000 be used from Borough funds to help pay for the events. Steve Hill made a motion to allow \$1,000 to be used for the two events, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Church Pavement and Pavers – Justin Reichert gave Sharon a verbal quote for \$3,300 to make the repairs at the Church. The repairs need to be made per the insurance company. Sherryann Oels made a motion to have the repairs done, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Stephen Kaufman asked Sharon to obtain something in writing.

Borough of Macungie Paving – Correspondence was received from the Borough of Macungie stating that they would be outsourcing their paving projects. They are not selling the paving machine and Sharon will contact them and see if we can borrow the paver

Berks County Comprehensive Plan – A link was sent to Council members to review the draft Berks County Comprehensive Plan. No comments were made.

Fire Company Training – The Fire Department receives training reimbursements from the Borough each year. Training is now provided by Lower Macungie Township Fire Department so the Alburtis Fire Department is asking if the funds can be applied to the training area that is being created behind the station. Hector Vazquez made a motion to allow the funds to be used for the training area, Sherryann Oels 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was called at 7:50 for a Personnel Matter and ended at 8:18.

A motion to adjourn at 7:50 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.