

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2022

The December 28, 2022, 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

Chad Atkins

Steve Hill

Mehmet Birttek

John Aleszczyk

Stephen Nemeth

Hector Moss

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner

Steve Werley

Ashlynn Rivera

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2022 – Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – DECEMBER 28, 2022 – Chad Atkins made a motion to pay the bills of December 28, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

FISCAL CONSULTANT’S REPORT – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Fiscal Consultant’s Report, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS – The Macungie Ambulance Corps monthly report was reviewed. There were seven calls in the Borough in November.

ADMINISTRATION

2023 Budget – Hector Moss made a motion to adopt the 2023 Budget, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. There are no increases for residents in 2023.

Ordinance No. 576 – Chad Atkins made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 576, an Ordinance establishing the real estate tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2023 at 3.83 mills (3.75 mills for general Borough purposes and 0.08 mills for fire purposes) which is the same as the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022; confirming a 2% discount on Real Estate Taxes paid within two months of the date of the tax notice and a 10% penalty for failure to pay such taxes within four months after the date of the tax notice; and confirming with no change in rates for 2023 the Per Capita Tax, Earned Income Tax, Local Services Tax, Realty Transfer Tax, Water Rentals and Fees, Sanitary Sewer Rentals and Fees and the Fees for collecting municipal waste and recyclable materials. The motion was 2nd by Mehmet Birttek and a unanimous vote followed.

Ordinance No. 577 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 577, an Ordinance revising the compensation or compensation ranges for certain positions of employment or appointment by the Borough, effective January 1, 2023, including certain administration employees, maintenance employees, the chief of police, and professionals; making the position of chief of police a salaried position working a minimum of forty (40) hours per week; clarifying the effect of salaried status; and confirming the existing fidelity bond requirements for certain Borough employees. The motion was 2nd by Mehmet Birttek and a unanimous vote followed.

Motion to Establish hourly rates for members of the Maintenance Department – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to establish the hourly pay rates for the Maintenance Department at:

Donnie Derr - \$33.94

Russell Kressley - \$29.92

Gary Hartman - \$25.74

Joseph Kelly - \$22.79

The motion was 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2022-10 – Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-10, a Resolution reducing contributions by police officers to the Borough of Alburtis Police Pension Plan for the year 2023 to 4% of compensation. The motion was 2nd by Stephen Nemeth and a unanimous vote followed.

AACC Pool Signage – Hector Moss attended the last AACC meeting and is helping with raising sponsorship money. The Upper Ballfield and the AACC Ballfield both have advertising signs on the fences. The AACC informed him that the pool is not allowed to. Dave Knerr suggested that maybe it was a zoning issue. Borough Council has not issue with signs as long as they do not cause a sight issue. Dave Knerr suggested Council look to amend the Ordinance to allow for signs in recreation areas.

Upper Milford Township – Information was received from Upper Milford Township regarding zoning changes. Borough Council has no comment at this time.

Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. – Correspondence was received from Barry Isett and Associates, Inc. thanks the Borough for the opportunity to be of service. They provide our property code maintenance and alternate zoning for the Borough, and they do a very good job.

Council President – Council President, Ron DeIaco, thanked Council for the job well done in the Borough during 2022. He looks forward to continuing this relationship in 2023.

A motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. was made by Chad Atkins, 2nd by Mehmet Birtek and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.