

Borough of Alburdis
Meeting Minutes
January 28th, 2026

The January 28th, 2026, meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President Ron DeIaco at 7:05 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburdis, PA. The meeting was also live-streamed on Zoom.

Attendance:

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

Associates: Hector Moss-Mayor, Stephen Nemeth- Borough Manager, Dave Knerr-Solicitor

Visitors: Ryan Trexler-LMFD, Hayden Rinde-Chamber, Chloe Krempasky-Chamber, Kathy Palmer, Victor Lauer, Linda Lauer, Carl Rotenberger, Tom (zoom), Zoom user (zoom), FBM (zoom), Nick(zoom), Cheryl's iPhone(zoom)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Palmer made comments thanking the maintenance crew for everything they did during the storm and wishing people could be nicer to them. Claims the comments that she has seen on Facebook have been outright nasty. Victor Lauer mentioned that he wanted to bring two items to the council's attention. 1) wanted to make sure we were staying up to date on current House and Senate bills that mentioned data centers, and what is needed for them. 2.) On going issue with animals defecating in public and the owners not cleaning up after them, he often sees this happening in the neighborhood. His wish is that the police department would be more mindful of this and cite those that are not abiding by the law. Hector Moss mentioned that he has directed the police department to say that it is his expectation that every ordinance is being enforced to the fullest. John Aleszczyk mentioned that perhaps we look at getting signs with the bag dispensers attached. Steve Hill mentioned if something is seen report it right away.

East Penn Chamber of Commerce- Hayden Rinde and Chloe Krempasky

Hayden mentioned that her and Chloe are going around to the municipalities served by the East Penn Chamber just to introduce themselves to everyone and let them know they are here for any support that is needed. Hayden mentioned that the chamber does offer a main street grant which is geared toward beautification projects which could be an opportunity to assist with purchasing signs with dog dispensers. Mentioned the borough has been very successful with this grant in the past. Hayden also mentioned that the Chamber public policy committee is hosting a webinar on data centers on Monday February 2nd. Chloe mentioned that this year's East Penn Restaurant week will take place on the week of February 22nd and are excited to have Drizzle be a part of the restaurant week and it looks like Slice and Spice and Inn at Maple Grove will be taking part in this event as well this year. Hayden mentioned the chamber is thankful for its partnership with the borough, the tree lighting has been successful, and we are looking forward to our third year partnering on this event. We enjoy having Steve Nemeth on the East Penn Chamber committee and he also serves as the public policy liaison for the committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No formal report, I just wanted to also thank the maintenance crew for their work. I wanted to let everyone know that 904, the new vehicle, is currently at the shop due to transmission issues. We will update as we get more info.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 14th, 2026

John Aleszczyk made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 14th, 2026. Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT –

Michael Gerhart made a motion to approve the bills for payment, Chad Atkins 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed, motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Fiscal Consultant's Report of December, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

New Business

Lower Macungie Fire Department- Ryan Trexler

Ryan Trexler was in attendance to discuss the 2025 statistics.

Lower Macungie Township Fire Department Volunteer Tax Credit Certificates

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve Fire Department Volunteer Tax Credit Certificates, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

Maintenance Dept. Letter of Retirement/ Resignation

Chad Atkins made a motion to accept with regrets, Steve Hill 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

Request to advertise the maintenance position

John Aleszczyk requested to find out when official last working day of retiring employee will be prior to advertising position. Therefore, tabled until further information is gathered.

Request to purchase PCs for the police department

John Aleszczyk made a motion to approve the purchase of the computers. Ashlyn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

SECTV- Franchise Fees Received- \$16,149.25

Informational- no further comment was made

Adjournment

Ashlynn Rivera made the motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Steve Hill seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth

Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.