

Borough of Alburdis
Meeting Minutes
April 29th, 2026

The April 29th, 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, Alburdis, PA. The meeting was also live-streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco, Michael Gerhart, Ashlynn Rivera, Chad Atkins, John Aleszczyk, Mehmet Birtek (Zoom)

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Stephen Nemeth- Manager, Hector Moss- Mayor, David Knerr- Solicitor, Tony Alsleben- Police Chief (zoom), East Penn Press (zoom), Chris Greb- Macungie Ambulance

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner, Kathy Palmer, Nan Perna, Mike Aldinger, Pat Kollar, Joel Kollar, Jim Smith, Melissa Smith, Rachel Cuevas, Ray Ricketts

Visitors in attendance via zoom:

Tom, Brooke, Will Mest, Rita Mest, Kyle, Brenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Aldinger mentioned that he doesn't live in town, but he takes care of the town by removing scrap metal for residents at no cost. Mentioned that he had a run-in this past weekend at the gas station with two homeless people who live above the tavern. Mentioned that he will get the state police to take care of the issue if the borough doesn't. Tony mentioned that Mike is welcome to come to the office and they can discuss everything.

Rachel Cuevas mentioned that she is running for the 187th congressional seat. She is trying to meet everyone within this district.

Nan Perna- mentioned that sidewalks were redone in front of her house because they began to flake, believes that there are additional ones that need to be looked at and is leery on if the work is going to hold up. The original work held up about 6 months after the work was completed, the flaking began during the first winter. Steve Nemeth and Ron mentioned that they would be down Thursday to look at the sidewalks.

Kathy Palmer- mentioned that the dumpsters behind the tavern have been seeing an increase in usage. Had a situation of people dumping at the dumpster over the past weekend, and that person should no better not have used the dumpster. Believe that if the cleanliness of the property doesn't get addressed, she will reach out to the board of health about it.

Kathy Kollar mentioned that she believes we all need to bond together to address those living in the tavern before someone gets hurt.

Pat Kollar- Asked what is being done about the property and those inside it.

Dave Knerr explained the steps that the borough is currently taking and what is allowed by law for us to take.

Ron DeIaco mentioned that the best thing I can say is that if you're made to feel Scared. If you are made and you are threatened, please file a complaint, because that's on the criminal side, and our police department can do something right now.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 8th, 2026

John Aleszczyk made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 8th, 2026. Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – April 29th, 2026

Chad Atkins made a motion to pay the bills of April 29th,2026. Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed; the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Hector Moss mentioned that I've been here almost 30 years, and hearing about the current situation is incredibly frustrating. People are not feeling safe, and that is deeply concerning. It's a clear example of how limited our legislative system can be, and I truly wish we could do more. This has been an ongoing issue, and we are doing the best we can to ensure everyone's safety.

As mentioned earlier, if you feel threatened, if you feel violated, or if a law is being broken, please report it. We have a dedicated police force, but they can only do their job effectively when incidents are formally documented. I'm very sorry for what you experienced. Please meet with the Chief and file a formal complaint. These steps are necessary, even though bureaucracy can be frustrating. Much of this situation is new to us as well.

We haven't seen anything like this in many years. The last similar issue I recall involved a deteriorating property on Second Street, which the borough ultimately addressed. At the end of the day, everyone should feel safe coming home, walking the streets, sitting on their porch or in their backyard, or simply looking out their window. That is the kind of community we want to maintain.

I'm asking for everyone's help: if you see something, please take the time to file an official report with the police—whether it involves these two individuals or anyone else. Filling those reports is essential so our police department can do its job.

FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Fiscal Consultant's Report of April, Michael Gerhart 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

New Business

Macungie Ambulance Annual Report

Chris Greb presented his annual report to the council, which included call response data, financial breakdown, community outreach projects, and the Marissa L. Frye Memorial Emergency Training Responder Training Fund.

Liquid Fuels Audit

Michael Gerhart made the motion to the Liquid Fuels audit, motion 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Adjournment

Chad Atkins made the motion to adjourn. Ashlynn Rivera seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Council then proceeded into an executive session for personnel.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.