

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022

The November 30, 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
John Aleszczyk

Chad Atkins
Stephen Nemeth

Steve Hill
Hector Moss

Mehmet Birttek

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor
Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner Steve Werley Nan Perna Howard Savacool

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STATEMENT – Ron DeIaco congratulated the American Soccer team and added that we live in the best county in the world as the Iran Team is facing retribution for losing.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Residents Nan Perna and Howard Savacool were present to talk about the Bicentennial Village Project. They asked if anyone proofs the newsletter because Pat Browne's article said the sidewalks were replaced in the Bicentennial Development. They were told that we do not edit articles sent in by the state representatives and that the work is scheduled for next year. The Engineer is working with Penn Dot to have the design approved. Even though it is not Penn Dot roads, the grant is connected to them. The residents also questioned the Church Street bridge. Mehmet is also concerned with the Township not repairing this bridge. A group of residents from his neighborhood are planning to go to the next Township meeting to discuss it. Steve Hill stated that while they are there, they should check on the Sauerkraut extension as well. Mayor Palmer said she has been to many of the meetings, but the only one to listen was Ron Beitler, Jr. and he is no longer on the LMT Board.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2022 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – NOVEMBER 30, 2022 – Chad Atkins made a motion to pay the bills of November 30, 2022, Mehmet Birttek 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.

ADMINISTRATION

Civil Service Commission – Chief Alsleben has completed the background checks on the candidates on the Eligibility List and Civil Service met this evening to certify the list. In accordance with Council's recent request, the Alburtis Civil Service Commission has certified to Council the names of Ethan John Hugg and Amanda M. Segarra for appointment to the position of Patrol Officer. Mehmet Birttek made a motion to appoint Ethan John Hugg to the position of Patrol Officer, conditioned upon him passing physical and psychological medical examinations to be conducted by Healthworks and Psychology Associates of Bethlehem, respectively, and subject to a one-year probationary period in accordance with the Civil Service Rules and Regulations; and to thank the Civil Service Commission for their assistance and service in this process. The motion was seconded by Stephen Nemeth and approved by a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2022-8 – Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-8, a Resolution appointing the Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2023, Mehmet Birtek 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Dave Knerr – 2023 Engagement Letter – Hector Moss made a motion to accept the new rates outlined in Dave Knerr's letter, Mehmet Birtek 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Sanctuary at Haafsville – 2023 Contract – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to accept and sign the 2023 Animal Control Contract with the Sanctuary at Haafsville, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Linde Corporation – Recommendation to Pay – Based on the recommendation of the Engineer, Steve Hill made a motion to pay Linde Corporation \$67,177.80, Stephen Nemeth 2nd, John Aleszczyk was opposed and the balance were ayes.

UBMax Utility Billing – The owner of our current utility billing system has retired and has sold the company to GWorks. We will still work with the same staff UBMax had. Chad Atkins made a motion to sign the contract with GWorks, Mehmet Birtek 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Maintenance – Request for Sewer Shed on W. Penn Avenue – This will be tabled as no quotes were obtained. John questioned the markings for the speed humps at this location. He would rather not have four of them. Ron asked Sharon to relay this to Maintenance and, if they are within their original cost estimate, they can proceed. Mayor Palmer also expressed a concern regarding the railroad crossing on W. Penn Avenue. There have been several cars stuck on the tracks. She believes gates should be installed at this location. Sharon will check on this.

A motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. was made by Stephen Nemeth, 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.