

Borough of Alburtis
Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2025

The April 9th, 2025, 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. The meeting was also streamed on zoom.

Council members in attendance via in person:

Ron DeIaco, Steve Hill, Chad Atkins, Ashlynn Rivera, Mehmet Birttek, John Aleszczyk

Council members in attendance via zoom:

Hector Moss

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Kathleen Palmer- Mayor, Stephen Nemeth-Manager, East Penn Press

Associates of Alburtis Via Zoom:

Dave Knerr- Solicitor

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner, Mike Gerhart, Carl Rotenberger, Jason Stefano, Chris Greb, Dave Pryor

Visitors in attendance via zoom:

Brooke, Tom, Fire Tablet

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mehmet Birttek mentioned So we just pledge allegiance to the flag. And it says, deliberate injustice, for all our government is not being justice to everyone. We are losing our freedom of rights. And I can talk, attest to a couple of people that I know have been detained just because they spoke their minds. Our 1st amendment rights have been trampled and our government and I'm sorry most of you are born and raised here. I'm an immigrant, and I came here at the age of 19, and you would not understand what it means to live with a country where there's no rule of law. thanks to the Founding Fathers of this country. When I studied them, I found out that this country was built on the best fundamentals ever and today, where we are just writing an Op-ed on a school thing. You get kidnapped on the street from the IRS's ice officers. It's insane and people who speak their minds are getting stopped at the airports. Even their citizens, people who are talking their minds and just condemning a genocide that's happening with our tax dollars. Our tax dollars are used to fulfill a genocide that's done in Middle East. I am a citizen of this country. As a member of this town. I'm upset, and I bring this up here because this is a public comment. I've been very frustrated about it for the last 3 weeks when a friend of mine, who I know from New York, just got kidnapped on the street. That girl she is a Turkish citizen, a Turkish, and she was had a scholarship. She finished her degree in Columbia University, and then she moved on to tufts, and she was on a Fulbright scholarship. All she did was write an Op-ed. and yet, just because she expressed her opinion, she was kidnapped. She's getting kicked out of the country. She's in a jail in Louisiana. This is the state of our country today. I hope that we all wake up to this and understand the rules of law of our country. What our founding fathers left us, and what was going very well for the longest time. But now the tide has changed, and respect for the rule of law is being diminished. and this is my public comment. I apologize if I offended anybody, but I feel strongly about it. And I will speak about this. Everyone, I want to talk about it here as well. Whether you're a Republican, a Democrat, an independent whatever, whether you're white, red, blue, yellow, green, doesn't matter. We are a country of law, and we're not following the law, and our citizens are, as you said, being taken from the street.

Dream of Come True of the Lehigh Valley Bike Ride

Dave Pryor mentioned I have a business of putting on bicycle rides throughout the State of Pennsylvania, the one that I've been putting on the longest I've been putting on since 2014 started in 2009, but a friend of mine is called Monkey Night Fight. It's called that because it's a reference to the Simpsons. We want to give it an unserious name, so people don't take it too seriously, and they have fun on the course, and don't go through. Stop signs or cut off cars and things like that. The idea is to have a good time and come back safe and sound and have a good time afterwards. So hence the ridiculous name to go with that This would be the 1st time that our route has been going through Alberta. So, I want to thank you, Steve, for helping through that process, working with penn.to go through. The idea around this ride, and the rides I put on is, we try and find dirt and gravel roads around, because those are safe and quiet, and kind of fun to ride on bikes, and you have a fun one right here in town called Fort Sumpter. So, what we're I'm not sure how the town fell. We like it the way it is. Don't touch it So what we'll have starting at Velodrome this reason it's 1st time we're going through, moved it to Velodrome versus a mass where it's been the last a lot of years. So, we're going to come up through the Mertztown area and will be coming on a long swamp into Front Street. Main Street Church, and then taking a ride on Fort Sumpter, and then heading back out towards the Hensingersville area that way. It's a charity ride. It is a non-competitive ride, so there is no racing through town. There's no racing through stop signs or anything like that. Everyone follows the rules of the road, and all of that. We also do it as a start at your leisure time, since it's not a race. So, people start anytime between 8 Am. And we're going to push the time back to 11 Am. Because it looks like showers in the morning so that disperses the crowd as well. So, it's not as a big pack of riders coming through town and blocking the roads and all that sort of thing. We like to make sure it disperses everything that goes through there. So, we'll have about 300 riders this year. Again, all the proceeds to it. For this ride been going to the dream come true. Foundation, which is like, make a wish. That's the local version of that. So, we've been supporting them for the last, say, 10 ish or so years. Over the years this ride. It's always been a charity ride. Even before I started working on it. Thanks to Steve for helping me work through the paperwork. Because I came through the last minute, PennDOT said. And, Alburtis, it's like is not part of the lower country township. I thought about all the approvals, and like no, we need this but like in 3 days. And so, we appreciated you jumping through hoops when I contacted you to help with that. So, we're getting that approval. I can send that over to you once I get the signed document contract there.

Macungie Ambulance Annual report

Chris Greb mentioned he Likes to always talk about our organization come here twice a year, once to give this annual report, and wants to ask for money, of course. So, we think of organization as like 4 interconnected circles, if you will. The general operations. Emergency operations is kind of what most people think of when you think of the ambulance corps that's going out on emergency non-one calls and taking care of the sick and injured from that standpoint last year we responded to 4,552 calls for service with in very small numbers, because I'm not very open reports, 320, no. 123 of those. And we're in Alburtis. 3% of our call volume. That was a drop overall. If you see the big chart on the front of our thing there, you want to leave some here for you. And it's we're not sure to be completely honest with you. We have. We have an idea we have some ideas. There's a new hospital that has opened in town. So, we know. We know that some people who would have previously called the ambulance go to that hospital teaching a CPR Class, and they said one of the ladies said, my dad just passed out the other day, and I would have called the ambulance, but I took him to the hospital. So, we know that's happening. I put in our monthly report, which is probably in a separate packet, that is during EMS week, which is the 3rd Friday in May. I think? We'll have an open house kind of like we did last year; 11 to one we have Bill's grill there for your eating. That's just our community outreach Guy Bill, who grills Bill's grill and lemonade stand, which is the police chief from the country's wife, and P's who sells give out some ice cream. So, stop by. See our station. I think you were there last year, and you kind of see what our operation is all about. Our community outreach education division. We trained 303 people certified 354 people trained in additional hands only. CPR, so you know, over 600 people. Some level of training, I announced earlier, and I've

announced it again in here that we brought on a gentleman by the name of Bill Sames. He's our community outreach coordinator. Checking ads in the community, helping the fire and police with their 1st aid, gets doing those types of things. So, he's very happy. We're very happy. It's going well. We're part of a group that is called Core. That's what this little document is. Here, there are a bunch of ambulance courses and things. Our goal is to get 50,000 people trained. By the end of this year. We're at 39,000 right now since 2016, so we've got a busy year ahead of us, but I think we'll get it done.

MEETING MINUTES of March 26th, 2025

Mehmet Birtek mentioned that the minutes need to be revised due to not being in attendance at that meeting. Steve Nemeth acknowledged that the change will be made.

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 26th, 2025, Mehmet Birtek 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to pay the bills of April 9th, 2025, Chad Atkins 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0 with 2 abstaining due to their affiliation with the AACC and bill 24954 in Lieu of Umpire Fees.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-Abstain	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- Abstain
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REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report was given.

POLICE REPORT

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the police report, Mehmet Birtek 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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TREASURERS REPORT

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the March treasurer's report, Chad Atkins 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to accept the engineer's report, Mehmet Birtek 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

Delaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS

Ron DeIaco mentioned in the report stated 436 calls for Macungie Ambulance in March, with 0 being in the borough.

Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Macungie Ambulance report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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LMFD Quarter 1 Stats

Ron DeIaco mentioned in the report stated 406 calls for Macungie Ambulance in February, with 8 being in the borough.

Hector Moss made a motion to accept the Macungie Ambulance report, Mehmet Birtek 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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NEW BUSINESS

Request to purchase material to repair 3rd base fence

Steve mentioned this is a request to purchase material to repair the 3rd base fence. You'll see, like some of the cement posts coming out of the ground. all pretty much due to erosion. Yes, the quote that Donnie was able to get from the anchor fence. They would install everything. It's just materials. But by this tomorrow, otherwise it's going to be \$1,600 1st base. I have not looked at that one yet. This was the worst out of the 2. John asked can we do anything about the erosion part? Can we look at putting a drain where the drain was? Steve mentioned Yeah, definitely. John mentioned: Cause. I don't know if you will go up there, but the water just comes down that hill past the drain. There used to be a drain by the dugout. There's no drain there now, because we covered it up, and the water just goes across the field.

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve running a smoke test of the sewer system, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Request to place Pressure Reducing Valve Project out to bid

Chad Atkins made a motion to place Pressure Reducing Valve Project out to bid, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Resolution 2025-2- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS AND THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING AN PA SMALL WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM GRANT

John Aleszczyk made the motion to approve officially bonding Tiffany Smith, the motion was 2nd by Hector Moss. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Final Comment:

Ron mentioned Okay, is there any other business? Steve Hill Asked if would just like to say one thing. Yes. Could we put it on the next meeting's agenda. Steve Nemeth responded: Yeah, I think that was requested. Gary DeRoner mentioned Did you say? Last time Upper Macungie may consider us. Steve mentioned Yes, they believe they might be able to host us, it's just a matter of how much tonnage we would be sending them. I sent Figures over the last couple of years, but how many residents would use it. so, waiting to hear back from them on those numbers. I think it would be the best option because they have. They have people that monitor, and they are looking. And they have space, like ultimately, that's going to be the biggest thing for any type of fencing. And if we are looking into a card reader system, also. where they have, like a lift game or pull-back system. So ultimately, if that option is available, I think that would be the best route to go, so it might be ultimate, all my books made, and determine if I get their info back by next week. Steve Nemeth asked if he could have til the first meeting in May to have all the research due to speaking with the other municipality.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Mehmet Birtek, 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth

Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.