

**Borough of Alburtis**  
Meeting Minutes  
September 9th, 2026

The September 9th, 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, Alburtis, PA. The meeting was also streamed on Zoom; however, audio was not working properly.

**Attendance:**

Council: Ron DeIaco, Steve Hill, John Aleszczyk, Chad Atkins, Mehmet Birtek(zoom), Michael Gerhart, Ashlynn Rivera

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No Public Comment.

**Macungie Ambulance Special Presentation-**

Chris Greb was in attendance to provide a brief presentation on an emergency situation that took place on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Alburtis Fire Company Social Club.

Each year more than 350,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests occur across the United States. Less than 15% of those patients survive. The American Heart Association, CDC, EMS and Healthcare agencies across the country work every day to improve this statistic. While some gains have been made in recent years with an emphasis on chest compressions and hands-only CPR, the change of survival from cardiac arrest is still incredibly low.

When someone does survive cardiac arrest, it is almost always because of a coordinated effort of bystanders, first responders, EMS, and hospitals. Nobody survives cardiac arrest because of the actions of one person. It is always a team effort.

While inside, Mr. Greenawalt told others that he had really bad indigestion and felt as though he needed to go home. Several minutes later the Alburtis Fire Company Social Club President Scot Smith, found him in his car, unresponsive, without a pulse, and in cardiac arrest. Bystanders Nicole Lichtenwalner, who happens to also be a nurse, and Donald Smith Sr, who happens to also be a firefighter and former chief of the Alburtis Fire Department, advised others to call 911 and began CPR. Firefighters from the Lower Macungie Fire Department, Alburtis station were dispatched along with Macungie Ambulance Corps. The initial arriving firefighters, Firefighter / Paramedic Andrew Miller and Firefighters Randy Trexler and Gary Arndt, arrived and found CPR in progress. They continued CPR, applied for an AED, and delivered two shocks restarting Mr. Greenawalt's heart. Officer Bulger from the Alburtis Police Department also responded to offer assistance as needed. Two ambulances from the Macungie Ambulance Corps arrived shortly thereafter. Paramedics Rachael Diehl and Jake Miller, along with EMTs Christopher Andrews and Yailis Baez continued advanced care. During transport to the hospital, after regaining consciousness briefly, Mr. Greenawalt suffered cardiac arrest again and required another defibrillation shock. Upon arriving at the hospital Mr. Greenawalt's care was transferred over to the staff of Lehigh Valley Health Network where he was further stabilized and cardiac catheterization was completed to alleviate the blockage that caused his cardiac arrest.

Mr. Greenawalt survived his cardiac arrest when most others do not. This was not because of luck, but because of the choreographed efforts of a team of people, from bystanders, first responders, EMS and hospital staff. I am here today to most importantly thank all of those involved in this amazing case of life-saving care. But also, to let you all know that, when emergencies happen, it takes a team to save a life. We urge every person to learn CPR so that, when the time comes, you can be part of a life-saving effort that will, hopefully, have an excellent ending like this story does today.

**MEETING MINUTES of August 26th, 2026:**

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26th, 2026. Ashlynn Rivera seconded the motion, and it passed, 7-0.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve the bills for payment and Chad Atkins seconded the motion, and approved unanimously, 7-0.

**Reports:**

**Mayor's REPORT:**

No Report

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Steve Nemeth provided a detailed report involving a sewer maintenance update. Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to accept August 26<sup>th</sup>- Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Manager's Report, and Mike Gerhart seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report, and Ashlynn Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

John Aleszczyk asked why engineering was spent on the school street flooding, Steve mentioned that he did so to make sure that there was no liability of this issue. Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to accept the August Engineer's report, Steve Hill 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed 7-0.

**MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS**

Ron DeIaco mentioned in the report 409 calls for Macungie Ambulance in August, with 7 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.

**New Business:**

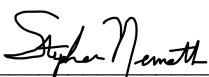
**Request to have code enforcement review utility easement issues.**

Steve Nemeth mentioned that he has begun a review of some of the easement issues, some may have been granted permits in the past so we will need to do an in-house review prior to seeking assistance on these in case it turns into a legal issue.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. was made by Michael Gerhart, 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

  
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Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.