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Borough of Alburtis
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024

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The April 10th, 2024, 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 live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco Steve Hill Mehmet Birtek Chad Atkins
Hector Moss John Aleszczyk Ashlynn Rivera

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr- Solicitor, Stephen Nemeth-Borough Manager, Kathleen Palmer- Mayor, Tony Alsleben- Police Chief, Mike Preston- Engineer, East Penn Press

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner, Steve Werley, Mike Gerhart, Susan Manvizadeh, Steve Werley

Visitors on Zoom: Tom, Brooke, Kathy,

PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Mayor Report.

POLICE REPORT- Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Police Report, Chad Atkins 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera-yay	Birtek- yay
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Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 27th, 2024– Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 10th, 2024, Hector Moss 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera-yay	Birtek- yay
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT April 10th, 2024 –Steve Hill made a motion to pay the bills of April 10th, 2024, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera-yay	Birtek- yay
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TREASURER’S REPORT – John Aleszczyk mentioned there's a lot of items that are over a hundred percent. We're over in contracted services and we just must watch it. I mean, you have a budget for a reason. Steve Hill made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Birtek- yay
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ENGINEER’S REPORT –Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-1.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-nay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Birtek- yay
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The Yard Waste Facility- Stephen Nemeth mentioned that he was continuing talks with other municipalities on partnerships. Also, received a fence quote for a fence if that was the direction that was wished. John Aleszczyk mentioned that he would like a sign that stated for residential use only, if not a resident wants them prosecuted. Believes we need to bring the waste dumpsters back. Ron DeIaco agrees. Kathy Palmer mentioned that My worry is how are you securing it? I don't care that there's cameras down there. It's the way they pull in when they pull in at night. These people know how to hide a license, but you're right someplace to dump their stuff, and we haven't provided, and we can't complain when we're paying a lot more than what we want to. John Aleszczyk mentioned that it's a service that needs to be continued. Hector Moss mentioned that you could get to all the barricades as much as possible but can't crack down on that. As far as the number of residents are raising an issue as far as not having the service. Please remember, we're a borough of over 2,600 residents. and if my math is correct. Not even a quarter have expressed disdain that they are gone. So, to satisfy a few handful of residents to incur the additional expenses to me does not make sense. And again. We're in a very financially limited basis this year. Now I'm not opposed to looking into the fall when the leaves are an issue but also Steve is still waiting for feedback, so we need to continue to explore the options, that's my opinion. Ashlynn Rivera mentioned that she doesn't believe they should be there for the year. John Aleszczyk mentioned that he believes that many were commercial that were dumping there prior. Ron DeIaco mentioned that he believes that we should table until the next meeting to see if we get any answers from other municipalities. Mehmet Birtek: I, I, as a council member, use that a lot, and I use that every other week. As Hector stated, we are in a not in a financial situation where we can afford anything new. On top of that, we're not. We're not controlling. It's going to be the same thing again. We're going to have people outside the borough come in unless we find a solution that only our residents can throw in. I'm against it. This is why I'm against it. John Aleszczyk made the motion to bring the yard waste dumpsters back. Motion was 2nd by Steve Hill. A roll call vote followed; motion failed 3-4.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-nay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- nay	Rivera-nay	Birtek- nay
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Maple Court tree follow-up and quotes- Hector Moss asked how did we determine that it belongs to us? Stephen Nemeth mentioned that went on the Lehigh County assessment page of the account and determined to buy footage, and it was clearly marked. Steve Hill mentioned You've got to look into what this is back there those barrels and everything. Stephen Nemeth mentioned that he sent our codes inspector to look into it already. Stephen Nemeth mentioned that he has two quotes here now, and that he is expecting another one by the end of the week. Ron DeIaco mentioned lets table until next meeting after more quotes come in.

Pay Application No. 2- Construction Masters Services, LLC

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve Resolution No 2024-5, motion was 2nd by Hector Moss. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 7-0:

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay		Birtek- yay
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Automated Red-Light Enforcement (ARLE) transportation Enhancements Grant Program- Stephen Nemeth: This is a grant to apply for speed enforcement signs like the electric radar ones that everybody's been talking about. So, I'm asking for approval to apply for this one. There's no match in this one. Mehmet Birtek asked, "where will we put these? If we get them?" Stephen Nemeth mentioned whatever locations we think are needed. Steve Hill made a motion to approve to apply for ARLE grant, motion was 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 7-0:

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Rivera-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay
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LMFD First Quarter Stats- just informational, no comments were made.

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LMFD centennial book- Stephen Nemeth mentioned that we this is a request from Lower Macungie Fire Department for donations towards their centennial book. Ron DeIaco asked if there was a date of when they needed a response, Stephen Nemeth mentioned that he can look into that date and report it at the next meeting. Ron DeIaco mentioned to table this item until next meeting.

LVPC- Macungie zoning map- just informational, no comments were made.

Additional Comments: Mike mentioned that from a previous town hall meeting, it was discussed placing mailboxes on one side of the road were discussed, that is, up to the Post Office whether it's on one side or the other. I don't know if the Borough sees that trying to include, the mailboxes into the grant funding and make that conversion at that time. They don't have a schedule, for when they're going to be replacing the mailboxes yet. I think that's part of the reason while they are still in the state that they're in. Hector Moss mentioned it's a perfect opportunity to set this parameter in place and those boxes are minimal compared to what it costs to pay to fix your own sidewalk so. Plus, it makes sense you know it. It keeps the box off the street and off the side. Dave Knerr Mentioned as far as being Ada compliant. No, no, as far as being the kind of mailbox that you want to insist that people use. Well, I think it's going to be tough, because it depends on the area. So, unless you go street by street. So, for example. Franklin Street the curve, the sidewalk, or narrow there's just so many areas, the only plan to make things. If you're going to say, well, here, you've got to use this unknown, and we either have to say or you have to say, any neighborhood, and that's why we need, you know. But you're saying. But we don't want to say everybody's got to go, because there's some places that aren't appropriate 6 inches to the other areas of foot. So, if it's more than 18 inches. Dave mentioned that if anybody has any further recommendations for the ordinance send them to Stephen Nemeth and we will put together the ordinance.

Ron DeIaco mentioned that we will be going into an executive session for personnel, he then asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. was made by Hector Moss, 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth
Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.

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