



Borough of Alburtis  
Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2024



The March 13, 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                      Hector Moss                      Chad Atkin                      John Aleszczyk                      Ashlynn Rivera

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

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

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner, Steve Werley, Mike Gerhart, John Kozak, Marissa Kozak, Margaret Young

Visitors by zoom: Brooke, Tom.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Gary DeRoner asked what happened to the old 903, Steve Nemeth stated that it was sold for 3,100 on Municibid.

Margaret Young stated that she is from the Macungie Halloween Parade committee; For the past two years I've tried to reach out to people along as counsel and on the committee. Unfortunately, yeah, we are 3 miles apart, and the past 2 years we've been on similar dates. I'm just hoping our towns can work together. We're 3 miles apart. I know there are so many weekends in October. Both committees put in a lot of work for what they do. I know this October coming up, it will be an issue again that will arise public forums. And I just I'm hoping to work together on how we can resolve that. So, I just wanted to come in person and bring up the matter to see how we can go forward is hoping that both committees can work together on a solution when it comes to the Halloween parade since both communities are very close and will be utilizing same participants. Kathy Palmer mentioned that the Alburtis Halloween parade is held by the AACC which is a separate organization. Ron asked Margaret to leave contact info with Borough Manager.

MAYOR’S REPORT- no mayor report.

POLICE REPORT- Chief Alsleben mentioned that just an update on our new radios that grant the \$230,000. Grant that we get what we have. We have now ordered the equipment, now that the county has settled on what they're going to do for their new infrastructure. Now place together for the radio so hopefully within, you know, 3 to 4 months we'll have the equipment and start. put it in so. and the county hasn't started the new system when they say we're starting this be in the sense and appropriation of public safety.

John Asked if we heard back about the LSA grant for the police car, Steve mentioned that he spoke to State Rep Josh Siegel’s office, it was mentioned that it is currently being looked at in appropriations.

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to accept the police report, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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MEETING MINUTES OF February 28th, 2024

Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 28th, 2024, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT – March 13th, 2024

Hector Moss made a motion to pay the bills of March 13th, 2024, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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TREASURER’S REPORT – No comment on the report

Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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ENGINEER’S REPORT – John asked how much more engineering will be incurred on the chestnut street stormwater project? Mike Preston mentioned that the contractor still must come back and address the punch list. John asked how the mistakes happened when we had an observer on site? Mike Preston stated it’s the contractor’s obligation to set the lines, grades, and locations, not the observer. The observer is there to observe what materials are placed on site.

Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report, Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> and a non-unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 4-1.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-nay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS – Ron mentioned report stated 374 calls for Macungie Ambulance in February, with 7 being in the borough. No further comment was made on the Ambulance report.

Chad Atkins made motion to accept the Ambulance Report, Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

<u>DeIaco- yay</u>	<u>Moss- yay</u>	<u>Aleszczyk-yay</u>	<u>Atkins- yay</u>	<u>Rivera- yay</u>
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ADMINISTRATION

Recommendation of Pay Application 1 to Construction Master Services LLC- This is a request to pay for construction master services first bill. It was already submitted to DCED for reimbursement.

Chad Atkins made the motion to pay Construction Masters Services LLC, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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Request to apply for Firehouse subs public safety grant- Stephen Nemeth mentioned this public safety grant. Well, it's probably like small equipment projects. think you need to stuff like that that normally used by the department it's a non-matching grant. It's pretty much more like a donation. ends of April but reopens quarterly.

Hector Moss made the motion to apply for firehouse subs public safety grant, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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Request to place old water/ sewer truck out for bid- Stephen Nemeth mentioned, he wishes to place the old water/ sewer truck on the Municibid website like the police cruiser.

Chad Atkins made the motion to place truck out for bid motion 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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Recycling and shredding event November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 12pm- Stephen Nemeth mentioned that we will be holding the electronic recycling and shredding event on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am- 12 pm at the Alburis Fire Company, this way the fire company can run a fundraiser that coincides with the event. I have been in talks with Senator Colemans office, they may cover the fees for the entire event.

Draft of Fireworks Ordinance- Hector Moss made the motion to approve the Fireworks Draft Ordinance, motion 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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Alburis Planning commission Resignation- Hector Moss made the motion to accept the resignation, motion 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 5-0.

DeIaco- yay	Moss- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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Stephen Nemeth mentioned that we will need to fill this seat, Steve Werley volunteered to join the planning commission. Stephen Nemeth mentioned that we also have an opening on the civil service commission to fill as an alternate, Gary DeRoner volunteered to fill this seat. Resolutions will be provided at the next meeting.

Notice of receptance of 2024 Liquid Fuels- payment received of 67,680.97, no comment was made.

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Kozak mentioned that the sidewalks that are being put in or just a tripping hazard the way they're with the grass. They're 3 inches below the curve, the top of the curve, and they're supposed to be pinched up in one foot area 3 inches. Now we all know that. What's going to happen to that dirt? It's going to settle, and it's going to leave at least the one inch or more per showing which is going to be a tripper, and especially for me and my wife We're going to fall. We fall already without that. That's the reason we put the new sidewalk in 10 years ago and made sure there was no tripper there. I don't understand why they're doing that. We can't find another sidewalk in an area like that. All the other sidewalks, the curves up here, the sidewalks level, and the grass is in there. That's fine, but not 3 inches down.

Mike Preston mentioned that it goes back to trying to retro fit an existing subdivision. immediate clients and so really, what happened is we? We worked on the design back from the center line, the road down to 2% and then coming up through the aprons as it travels through the neighborhood. Now there would be areas where, as the sidewalks traveling through because we have to tie into existing properties at the curve could have one or 2 options. One is having the entire curving depressed through the entire development. That was something that was considered kind of was not in favor of that. And I think that it also, you're saying without a curve, just all handicapped. all, all the press curve like similar to what we have your driveway. Yes, yes, so that'll be one option, but that would be that doesn't distinguish tends not to distinguish travel lanes from pedestrian. and that was not in favor of that option either. and that option was actually in favor of exactly what you're saying, but to a more exaggerated extent, whereby the current rise is a full review. But so, if you're if you're traveling from your front, your front door, and you're coming out your sidewalk. You're coming over the side of these 2 uses at

the back of the curve. That will be about 6 inches. And that's okay with that. And there are systems. The borough was not okay, because they felt that was more and that's the end point is, if it's the direction of the pedestrian travel

So, in order to maintain the apron slopes and the 2% driveway. The curve does rise a bit, comes back down where your neighbor is it will be a bit higher. Then the front face of the sidewalk. and that's where that's the purpose of the graph trip to blend that in the thing is first of all what? Why did they shrink the road down instead of making it bigger, because it was. It was a little scary there many a times, with cars parked on both sides, with 2 cars trying to get across each other, you would think it would be better to make it wider.

A motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. was made by Hector Moss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

*Stephen Nemeth*  
Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.

**APPROVED**