

**Borough of Alburdis**  
Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2020

The January 6, 2020 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Mayor, Kathleen Palmer at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburdis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

Ronald DeIaco	Steve Hill	Hector Vazquez	Vanessa Taggart
Stephen Kaufman	John Aleszczyk	Kathleen Raines	

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

David Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
Kathleen Palmer, Mayor	Robert Palmer, Police Chief

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner

Mayor Palmer administered the Oath's of Office to Ron DeIaco, Vanessa Taggart, Stephen Kaufman and John Aleszczyk for four-year terms.

Resolution No. 2020-1 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Ron DeIaco for President of Borough Council. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote followed:

Kathleen Raines – Ron DeIaco	Hector Vazquez – Ron DeIaco	Steve Hill – Ron DeIaco
John Aleszczyk – Ron DeIaco	Stephen Kaufman – Ron DeIaco	Ron DeIaco – Ron DeIaco
Vanessa Taggart – Ron DeIaco		

Mayor Palmer turned the meeting over to Council President, Ron DeIaco.

Kathleen Raines made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Steve Hill for Vice-President of Borough Council. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote followed:

John Aleszczyk – Steve Hill	Stephen Kaufman – Steve Hill	Steve Hill – Steve Hill
Vanessa Taggart – Steve Hill	Kathleen Raines – Steve Hill	Ron DeIaco – Steve Hill
Hector Vazquez – Steve Hill		

Vanessa Taggart made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Kathleen Raines for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Borough Council. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote followed:

Steve Hill – Kathleen Raines	Ron DeIaco – Kathleen Raines
Vanessa Taggart – Kathleen Raines	Kathleen Raines – Kathleen Raines
John Aleszczyk – Kathleen Raines	Stephen Kaufman – Kathleen Raines
Hector Vazquez – Kathleen Raines	

Steve Hill made a motion to amend the draft Ordinance to nominate Steve Mehl as the Chair of the Vacancy Board. There were no other nominations and a roll call vote followed:

Steve Hill – Steve Mehl	John Aleszczyk – Steve Mehl	Ron DeIaco – Steve Mehl
Stephen Kaufman – Steve Mehl	Vanessa Taggart – Steve Mehl	
Hector Vazquez – Steve Mehl	Kathleen Raines – Steve Mehl	

Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-1, as amended, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution 2020-2 – Kathleen Raines made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-2, a Resolution appointing the following:

Borough Manager	Sharon Trexler
Borough Treasurer	Tracy Malinowski
Borough Solicitor	Dave Knerr
Borough Engineer	Ott Consulting, Inc.
Fiscal Consultant	Chris A. DeFrain
Construction Code Inspector And Enforcement Official	Barry Isett and Associates
Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Official	Barry Isett and Associates

The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed.

Designate Chairman and members of Highway Committee – Ron DeIaco appointed John Aleszczyk as Chairman of the Highway Committee. Hector Vazquez and Steve Hill will serve on the Highway Committee.

Designate Chairman and members of the Sewer Committee - Ron DeIaco appointed Hector Vazquez as Chairman of the Sewer Committee. Steve Hill and John Aleszczyk will serve on the Sewer Committee.

Designate Chairman and members of the Water Committee – Ron DeIaco appointed Steve Hill as Chairman of the Water Committee. John Aleszczyk and Hector Vazquez will serve on the Water Committee.

Designate Chairman and members of Budget/Property/Insurance Committee – Ron DeIaco appointed Stephen Kaufman as Chairman of the Budget/Property/Insurance Committee. Vanessa Taggart and Kathleen Raines will serve on the Budget/Property/Insurance Committee.

Designate Chairman and members of Public Health/Safety/Sanitation Committee – Ron DeIaco appointed Kathleen Raines as the Chairman of the Public Health/Safety/Sanitation Committee. Vanessa Taggart and Stephen Kaufman will serve on the Public Health/Safety/Sanitation Committee.

Designate Chairman and members of Policy/Personnel/Recycling Committee – Ron DeIaco appointed Vanessa Taggart as the Chairman of the Policy/Personnel/Recycling Committee. Stephen Kaufman and Kathleen Raines will serve on the Policy/Personnel/Recycling Committee.

Council is now organized

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – Chief Palmer was present to talk to Council. He has a request from 329 Franklin Street for a handicapped parking space. The resident included paperwork from her doctor. He should let Dave Knerr know the resident’s name, what address the parking space should go and the size of the parking space so that an Ordinance can be created.

The Chief would like to offer part-time employment to Ryan Geist, a current Police Officer in Rockland County. Steve Hill made a motion to offer employment to Ryan Geist, contingent on passing the psychological evaluation and physical, Stephen Kaufman 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

Chief Palmer attended the physical portion for the consortium testing. It was very well done, and a list has now been created. Sixty-one of the applicants passed the physical out of the sixty-nine that showed up for it. Eight or Nine of the applicants were veterans. Chief Palmer suggested that we should maybe consider polygraphing applicants in the future. This would be a part of the background investigation.

Hector Vazquez asked the Chief how the new vehicle is coming along. The Chief is waiting on Koch 33 to call. Hopefully, all parts will be in by the third week of January. Gary DeRoner asked what will happen to 9-02 and was told that it will be repainted and used for inspections. The current vehicle used for inspections will be sold.

Kathleen Raines asked the chief why the hockey court has not been locked and she was told it will be taken care of. They have not had any problems down there.

John Aleszczyk asked what the situation is with the trucks and was told that it is about the same. Fines are down due to the state changing the laws.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 23, 2019 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 23, 2019, Hector Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JANUARY 6, 2020 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of January 6, 2020, Hector Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Standard Pipe Services – Per the recommendation of Entech Engineering, Steve Hill made a motion to pay Standard Pipe Services \$18,240.00 for work completed on the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Kaufman and a unanimous vote followed.

Sanctuary at Haafsville - Vanessa Taggart made a motion authorizing Sharon to sign the 2020 Agreement with the Sanctuary, Hector Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

Lower Macungie Township – Correspondence – A request for extension of approval to alter the Orchard Road Railroad crossing was reviewed.

Shredding Event – The shredding event was held this past Saturday and went well.

Newspaper – Resident, Gary DeRoner questioned whether newspapers are recyclable. They are, however, the company will not pick them up if they are wet.

Susan Wild – Vanessa Taggart reported that she has reached out to our US Representative, Susan Wild, and asked her to attend a meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. was made by Kathleen Raines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.