

## **Borough of Alburdis**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2020**

The April 8, 2020 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President Ron DeIaco at 7:01 p.m. via Zoom.

#### **Council members in attendance:**

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

#### **Associates of Alburdis in attendance:**

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
Kathleen Palmer, Mayor	

Visitors in attendance: None

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT** – The Mayor had several items to reports:

1. She signed a Disaster Declaration and Sharon sent it to Lehigh County.
2. Between Ron, Sharon, Matt, the Chief and herself, they have managed to obtain what is needed for safety.
3. The PA Chief's Association and the PA Mayor's Association have joined to try and obtain addresses for those infected in case of an emergency call. The police department would keep the information. Ron asked if this was not an issue with HIPPA and Dave Knerr replied that this may be an exception, but you need to monitor who receives this information.
4. There have been complaints regarding explosions near Lockridge Park. The police responded last night, but the individuals were gone. They will continue to monitor this.
5. All Rec Areas owned by the Borough are closed and the Mayor has asked that caution tape be placed around them along with the signs. Council asked Sharon to post it on the sign out front and the Facebook Page.

**MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2020** – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2020, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 8, 2020** – Hector Vazquez made a motion to pay the bills of April 8, 2020, except for check #21183 and #21192, payable to Ott Consulting, Stephen Kaufman 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Steve Hill made a motion to pay check #21183 and #21192, payable to Ott Consulting, Stephen Kaufman 2<sup>nd</sup>, the balance were ayes with John Aleszczyk voting against.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Stephen Kaufman 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

**FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT** – Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the Fiscal Consultant's Report, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Public Comment** – None

**BP Paterson – Waiver to Proceed** – Governor Wolf signed a Waiver for BP Paterson to proceed with the sewer and roadwork. John asked if this included sidewalks. Sharon has contacted Penn Dot for permission to proceed on the Penn Dot roads. This includes sidewalks.

Sewer Project – The sewer project is over budget by about \$60,000. Council received an email from Jeff Ott with different options. One would be to eliminate the crossover over Main Street. It was found that this was encased and would cost additional money to dig up. John Aleszczyk does not like that we have to pay an engineer for eight hours every day. The inspector should be able to be there in the morning and the contractor can call when something needs to be inspected. Ron disagreed and said we did not have one for Bicentennial Village and that cost us. Steve agreed with Ron and said there was a lawsuit years ago because of an issue on Front Street. Sharon will talk with the engineer to see if we need to have an inspector there for the sidewalk installation since it is along Penn Dot Roads. Hector Vazquez made a motion to complete the project in full and pave Quarry Road, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

Sewer Lateral Inspections – Sharon asked if we could hold off on sewer lateral inspections for now when a house is being sold. People are not wanting others to enter their residences. Council would prefer to defer them for 90 days if need be.

Staff – Mayor Palmer mentioned that it was the best move on Council's part to close the office. There are many cases of the virus at the courthouse right now. John Aleszczyk has an issue paying for maintenance employees when they are not working. They are currently working two on and two off and it is not fair to the taxpayers. Kathleen Palmer argued that Lehigh County is doing the same. John said Council needs to think about layoffs. Steve Hill can see John's point, but would like to wait it out for a bit. Council agreed to wait until the end of the month.

Well #2– John asked what the status was at Well #2. Sharon will find out and report back.

A motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. was made by Vanessa Taggart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hector Vazquez and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.