

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2020

The July 8, 2020 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President Ron DeIaco at 7:01 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the meeting was held via video conference. The change in venue was announced on the Borough website and by a posting notice on the Borough Hall doors. The meeting was open to the public where participants could attend the meeting by using an assigned web link and access code.

Council members in attendance:

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

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager	Kathleen Palmer, Mayor
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Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner	Chad Atkins	Kathryn Gonzalez
Steve Reichenbach	Lynn Conrad	Mike Wambaugh

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer received a report from Chief Palmer regarding fireworks on the 4th of July. He thought the night went well. Five officers were working and two of them were in unmarked vehicles. There were ten incident reports and seven of the ten were unfounded or legal. Three were given warnings for being within 150 ft of a structure. PA rules tied their hands with the fireworks and there were no citations given. The hot spots from last year were covered and the large fireworks reported were in the Township. There were posts on Facebook and he believes these were from misguided individuals. Resident, Chad Atkins, lives on Flint Hill Road and he said the Police did an excellent job. He believes more people would call the police, but do not want to dial 911. Mayor Palmer told him there is a non-emergency number they can use – 610-437-5252. Mayor Palmer walked all of Ridgeview and Lockridge on the Fourth. Ron thanked the Chief for the job done and Sharon for communicating to the residents.

MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2020 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2020, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JULY 8, 2020 – Stephen Kaufman made a motion to pay the bills of July 8, 2020, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Hector Vazquez made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – The Engineer's Report was reviewed. There is a lot going on in the Borough at this time.

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS MONTHLY REPORT – The monthly Macungie Ambulance Corps Report was reviewed. There were twelve calls in the Borough in June.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comment – Resident, Michael Wambaugh, was in attendance. He was initially going to speak with Council regarding the Alburdis Park reopening, but that matter has been resolved. Mr. Wambaugh believes the fireworks were tempered this year and he thanked Council for their pandemic reaction to the community and employees.

Public Comment – (cont.) – Resident, Steve Reichenbach, spoke with Officer Lubenetski and informed Council that the next Town Watch Meeting will be on July 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lockridge Park Pavilion. They will be talking about summer safety, swimming risks and pedestrian and bike safety.

AACC Baseball – The baseball coordinator contacted Sharon and asked if they could put a port-o-let at the ball field. The AACC would pay for it if necessary. The question was raised if the Borough pays for it, will they be liable and Dave Knerr told them to some degree, yes. It is Council's decision if they want to take the risk. Council understands the need for it, but they will not pay for it because they do not want to be liable. Stephen Kaufman made a motion to allow the AACC to rent the port-o-let, Vanessa Taggart 2nd, John Aleszczyk and Hector Vazquez were opposed, and the balance were ayes. The port-o-let must be kept locked when the field is not in use and hand sanitizer needs to be supplied.

Main Street Grant – The Borough was awarded \$1,150 from the Chamber Main Street Foundation. If accepted, this would be used for solar spotlights at the Borough Welcome signs and flags that Donnie needs. Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the grant, Steve Hill 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Streetlight Update – Hills at Lockridge – Jandl Land Company paid to have the electric rewired in accordance to the Plan and they also paid to have electric run to the interconnection so that a sump pump can be placed in the pit. PPL will start installing the lights soon.

Borough Damages – A vehicle damaged one of the new speed humps on W. Penn Avenue. The Chief checked the video and does not believe it was done on purpose. Kids have damaged the picnic table at the basketball court. Maintenance is repairing it and will place it back at the park.

Ridgeview Mail – Denise Dugan could not be in attendance tonight, but asked Sharon to thank Council for acting on the problem she and her neighbors had in receiving their mail. They have received mail each day since.

Interim Act 537 Plan – Sharon asked Borough Council if they wanted a representative present to explain the details of the Interim Act 537 Plan prior to adopting it on August 12th. Michael Wambaugh, a member of the Planning Commission was present and gave an update on the Plan and said it is pretty straight forward. Dave Knerr noted that this is the easy step, it will get more complicated in the future. Council believes they understand what is being done and do not see the need for a representative to attend.

MS4 – Hills at Lockridge – DEP requires inspections on stormwater BMP's. Ott consulting will be performing an inspection at the Hills at Lockridge and will send letters to all residents whose property they will need to be on prior to doing the inspection.

Block Party Request – A resident of E. 2nd Street asked if a portion of Cobblestone Court can be blocked off to have a small party. Hector Vazquez made a motion to allow the party. There was no second and Stephen Kaufman questioned whether the neighbors were aware of this. Sharon will find out more details and put this on the next Agenda.

A motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. was made by Vanessa Taggart, 2nd by Hector Vazquez and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.