

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2022

The June 8, 2022 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Vice-Council President, Steve Hill At 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburdis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

Steve Hill	Hector Moss	Mehmet Birtok
Chad Atkins	John Aleszczyk	Stephen Nemeth

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

David Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
Kathleen Palmer, Mayor	Chief Tony Alsleben

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – Chief Alsleben saw discussion on the Community Facebook page regarding the accident on Franklin Street. Speed was not a factor in this accident, as was said on the page, a DUI was the cause. Another shipment of car seats has been delivered. This is a good program and Officer Lubenetski has a waiting list for the seats. Maintenance helped unload the 48 seats.

The police have been pulling trucks over and last week fines over \$10,000 were given.

The Chief has been trying to professionalize some things in the department. One item that needs attention is the website. The police are currently using a free website that is scattered. Tony reached out to NA Studios, the Borough’s website provider and received a quote for \$3,700 for the creation of a site and \$200 annually. A new site will allow them to put forms on it just like the Borough site. There are ARPA funds left to pay for this. Hector Moss likes the idea of a new website and asked if Ordinances that the police enforce would be on it. Tony said he will work on that. John asked that this be tabled, we are overbudget in the police department. Hector is good with the purchase now using ARPA Funds and Mayor Palmer would like it done sooner than later. Chad Atkins made a motion to purchase the website, Stephen Nemeth 2nd, John Aleszczyk was opposed, and the balance were ayes.

MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2022 – Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 25, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 8, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of June 8, 2022, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Hector Moss made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMIN. REPORT – APRIL – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Admin Report, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – APRIL – No report

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS - Informational

ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Consultant – One person has expressed an interest in an email to be the Fiscal Consultant. Sharon added that a resident emailed her today as well. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Council would like to have interviews with the applicants.

Project Timelines – Based on engineer estimates, Council was informed on the following timelines:

- a. Chestnut Circle – Estimated to begin July 5
- b. Franklin Street – Goal is to have it done this year-Will take 3 months. Waiting on PennDOT.
- c. Sewer Basket System – Contractor suggested changes, will begin once supplies are here
- d. Bicentennial Village – 2023

Bird Sanctuary –

- a. Trees – The office has received phone calls regarding trees that are in danger of falling onto properties. Some of these trees are dead. Sharon asked Donnie to get quotes to have the trees cut down. Resident, Gary DeRoner, suggested we contact PPL Forestry, they may take care of this for us. Sharon will check into this.
- b. Property Lines – Council has previously discussed squaring off the property lines at the Bird Sanctuary and selling what has been encroached on to the residents. Dave Knerr informed Council that the deed was written to allow for this. Sharon said there is one resident who has been trying to have this done the proper way. The Borough receives phone calls ever time he is seen raking leaves behind his property. He is not doing anything wrong, just cleaning it up. It is full of glass and garbage. Hector agreed, there is a lot of garbage in the Sanctuary and suggested we have a community clean up day. Council decided it would be up to the residents to have a property survey done.

Lehigh Valley Phantoms – Sharon was contacted by the Lehigh Valley Phantoms regarding our Hockey Court. They asked if they could help with it by replacing nets or painting. They may also want to hold a program there. Council believes this is a great idea and would welcome the Phantoms to the Borough.

Recycling Event– The annual recycling event will be on July 30 from 9-11 at the Macungie Park.

A motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. was made by Hector Moss, 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.