

**Borough of Alburtis**

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2021

The September 8, 2021, 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	Steve Hill	Vanessa Taggart	John Aleszczyk
Kathleen Raines	Hector Vazquez	Chad Atkins	

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

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

Steve Reichenbach	Gary DeRoner	Sherryann Oels
Jake Meluskey, East Penn Press		Steve Werley

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT – Council President, Ron DeIaco, asked that due to the increase in Covid cases and not everybody being vaccinated, that people please wear a mask for safety.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Sherryann Oels mentioned that the Police Department received another shipment of car seats.

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – Steve Hill made a motion to accept the Police Report, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2021 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2021, with a correction to the attendance, Steve Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 – Kathleen Raines made a motion to pay the bills of September 8, 2021, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Steve Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMIN. REPORT – AUGUST – Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the Admin Report, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – AUGUST – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to accept the Maintenance Reports, Hector Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE REPORT – The monthly report was reviewed. There were 8 calls in the Borough in August.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. Council added that they would like the basket system for the sewer station to go out to bid. Sharon will contact the Engineer.

## ADMINISTRATION

Resolution No. 2021-7 – Kathleen Raines made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-7, a Resolution appointing Stephen Nemeth to the Alburdis Park and Recreation Commission. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hill and a unanimous vote followed.

Baseball Field – Sharon received an email from a resident on Walnut Street who had two windshields damaged during a baseball game last week. Kathleen Raines stated that we are still waiting on Manny to get the design and the netting. She was told he was meeting with someone to help with the design and then he would like to try and get donations for the netting. The Borough has approved \$600 to purchase the hardware and poles for the net. Hector Vazquez asked if the ball player went to the house after the damage was done and John Aleszczyk replied that he shouldn't have to. It is no different than living next to a golf course. Dave Knerr added that the liability is less for the Borough than for those using the field. Resident, Steve Reichenbach noted that it is common sense when living by a ball field and Mayor Palmer told Council that she had previously submitted pictures of other ballfields that have the netting. Steve Hill was frustrated that Council has spent many hours talking about the fix for the ballfield and that someone should make a motion to do something. Ron DeIaco said until we find out what the cost will be, we will stand by the approved \$600.

Maintenance Department Road Work Request – Donnie Derr submitted a quote for \$2,500 to place permanent speed humps on W. Penn Avenue and a quote for \$6,900 to overlay Ft. Sumpter Road. John Aleszczyk stated that he is confused about Ft. Sumpter Road and Ron replied that something needs to be done because when it rains, it gets washed out and the stones constantly need to be replaced. John believes Ft. Sumpter is comparable to Stone Alley and there are other roads that should be done. John also said that this will bring more traffic to that area. Resident, Steve Werley, was in attendance and replied that he lives on W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and stated that it is a speedway now and would only get worse if it is paved. He prefers the stone roadway as it is now. Hector Vazquez made a motion to overlay Ft. Sumpter Road but received no second to the motion. The motion was denied.

In regard to the speed humps on W. Penn Avenue, Hector Vazquez stated that he is in favor of making these permanent. Steve Hill said the ones that the Township have on Millcreek work well. John Aleszczyk opinion is that if we put the speed humps here, everyone will want them and believes they should be taken out or come up with a Plan. Hector responded that we cannot continue to waste funds on repairing what is there. The current ones are not working, and the permanent ones are safe for the plows. Ron DeIaco added that these were put here for the safety of the children. John asked if this is the only place children cross the road and believes it is a waste of money. Hector Vazquez made a motion to replace the speed humps but received no second to the motion. The motion was denied.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission – Emmaus Borough – LVPC submitted a review letter regarding a property on Franklin Street that is planning to subdivide. Council has no comment.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission – Correspondence was received from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission in regard to the Seven Generations Charter School Building addition in Emmaus. Council has no comments at this time.

Public Comment – Sherryann Oels thanked the Borough for painting the dugouts with the team colors. They look very nice, and everyone likes them. Sharon will pass this on to the Maintenance Department.

A motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. was made by Vanessa Taggart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen Raines and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.

Executive Session – An Executive Session was called at 7:44 p.m. for Personnel and ended at 8:17 p.m.