

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022

The February 9, 2022 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council Vice-President, Steve Hill At 7:04 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburtis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

Ronald DeIaco (virtual)	Steve Hill	Hector Moss	Vanessa Taggart
Chad Atkins	John Aleszczyk	Stephen Nemeth	

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

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

Visitors in attendance:

Tom Moss	Steve Reichenbach	Steve Werley	Gary DeRoner
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PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Palmer reported that all is well.

POLICE REPORT – The Police Reports from December 2021 and January 2022 were reviewed.

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2022 – Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2022, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – FEBRUARY 9, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of February 9, 2022, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMIN. REPORT – JANUARY – The report was reviewed

MAINTENANCE REPORT – JANUARY – The report was reviewed

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS – The Macungie Ambulance Corps report was reviewed. There were 13 calls in the Borough in January.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Park and Recreation – Upper Ballfield Playset – Stephen Nemeth will be meeting with a representative from George Ely Assoc. to look at options for the playset. Council has information on the options, and he is looking to see if the one for \$15,891 would work. This is also the one Kathleen Raines preferred. The other option would be the one for \$13,667. Stephen sent Sharon four grants that we could apply for, and she is reviewing them. Sharon noted the AACC did not want it placed at the volleyball court for safety reasons. Stephen will check with Manny from the AACC and invited anyone else interested to attend the meeting on Friday.

Berkheimer Rates – Sharon attended a TCC Meeting, and we were informed that Berkheimer has lowered their rates for the next couple of years. This is the rate we pay the company to collect the Local Taxes. This will benefit the Borough by about \$2,600.

Bartlett Tree Experts – Mimosa Webworm – Hector Moss made a motion to have Sharon sign the proposal for treatment of the mimosa webworm in Maple Court and Church Street for a cost of \$873.00. The motion was 2nd by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed.

Service Electric Franchise Fees – Franchise fees in the amount of \$16,744.23 were received from Service Electric.

RCN Franchise Fees – Franchise fees in the amount of \$13,925.24 were received from RCN.

Recycling Event – Sharon is working on a date for the annual recycling event with Macungie. It had been mentioned at a previous meeting that some wanted it held in Alburdis. Council believes Macungie Park has the best set up for this and we should keep it there.

DGS Statewide Salt Contract – Sharon completed the Salt Contract for next year. She ordered 60 tons and we are required to order 60% of this and can go as much as 140%.

DEP Recycling Grant – The Borough received \$3,202.92 from the 2020 Recycling Grant submitted.

Church Street Inspection Report – Donnie Derr and Sharon attended a meeting regarding the bridge inspection. The guardrails should be longer and the spaces in between the rails should be smaller. At this point they are not going to push the issue with the guardrails, but Donnie will shorten the spaces up on the railings.

S. Main and Front Street – Hector Moss was approached by residents who would like to see the first parking spot on S. Main Street eliminated due to site issues. When trying to turn onto S. Main Street from Front Street, you cannot see passed a vehicle parked there. This is one of the ten minute spots. Ron would like the police to make a determination on this and asked the Mayor to take care of it. This will be on the next agenda.

A motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. was made by Vaness Taggart, 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.