

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2019

The October 9, 2019 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, Alburdis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco	Sherryann Oels	Kathleen Raines	Hector Vazquez
Stephen Kaufman	Vanessa Taggart	Steve Hill	

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

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

Gary DeRoner	Mark Cesare, J.P. Mascaro	Autumn Weber
Nate Gaugler	Sam Gaugler	Tim Gaugler
Christine Gaugler		

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer reported that the Police Chief does not want to extend the hiring list. He would like to join the Consortium with the other departments.

Kathleen Raines asked the Mayor why we pay for an officer to attend a Crime Prevention class when he does not hold the public meetings anymore. Mayor Palmer will check with the Chief.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 25, 2019, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – OCTOBER 9, 2019 – Steve Hill made a motion to pay the bills of October 9, 2019, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Steve Hill made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

LOWER MACUNGIE FIRE DEPARTMENT – The Fire Department Quarterly Report was reviewed.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – None

Garbage Contract Bid Opening – Four bid packets were picked up, but only one bid was received from J.P. Mascaro. The least expensive bid option was \$322,668. The Borough has the option to extend the current contract for 2020. This has been tabled until the next meeting.

Tim Gaugler – Tim Gaugler was present to discuss Council's request for sidewalks being installed at the home he built on W. Second Street. Before he submitted his plans for the home, he met with the Zoning Officer and a representative from Barry Isett and Associates. Sidewalks were not on his plans and no mention of them was made. His project did not have to go to the Planning Commission because it was an allowed use, so there was no recommendation of having to install sidewalks.

Tim Gaugler (cont.) – Dave Knerr informed Mr. Gaugler, that although the sidewalks were not on the Plan, Borough Council can require them at any time. Hector Vazquez noted that we are working on getting a complete connection so that people do not walk in the street. Mr. Gaugler replied that he understands the need, but now is not the right time. There are no sidewalks from Walnut Street to his property, there is a swale that the Borough maintains and there are no sidewalks at the next two properties. When all of the properties are developed, he could understand the need for them all to be installed at the same time. Steve Hill would like Council to waive the sidewalks for now, Stephen Kaufman said it would be unfair to have him install them now and Vanessa does not think it will look nice having them mismatched. Ron DeIaco suggested that he carry on with his next project with Barry Isett and Associates with the codicil that sometime in the future, sidewalks may be required.

Office PC's – A quote in the amount of \$2,543.89 was received from Dell to replace the office computers. Sharon's computer will be moved to the police department. Steve Hill made a motion to purchase the computers, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

DCED – Small Water & Sewer Grant – Sherryann Oels made a motion to apply for the grant to continue repairs to the sewer system, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

APPI Electricity – APPI is asking for detailed information to quote us an electricity cost. We currently use a company through the Penn State Extension. Borough Council would like to continue using our current company.

Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA) – A check has been received, but the letter does not indicate what the Borough's portion is. Sharon will email Council the amount.

2018 Small Water & Sewer Grant Reimbursement – The Borough received a check in the amount of \$160,900 from the Small Water & Sewer Grant Program.

8018 Quarry Road – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve and authorize the execution of a Development Agreement for 8018 Quarry Road, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Budget – Steve Hill voiced a concern about the budget cuts to the umpire fees and the library. We didn't go through with the cell tower for the players, but now we want to cut the umpire fees. Sherryann Oels stated that playing fees will now need to go up. The Library is only asking for \$5.00 Per Capita and we should be fulfilling our obligation. Kathleen Raines stated that the Library was only cut \$800.

Executive Session – An Executive Session called for Personnel at 7:56 p.m. and ended at 8:06 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. was made by Kathleen Raines, 2nd by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.