

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019

The September 11, 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
Stephen Kaufman Vanessa Taggart

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner Donna Hosfeld

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – No Report

MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2019 – Stephen Kaufman made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 28, 2019, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of September 11, 2019, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT – No Report

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS MONTHLY REPORT AND ACT 8 REQUIREMENTS – The report was reviewed. There were six calls in the Borough in August.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – None

339 Franklin Street – Donna Hosfeld of Hosfeld Insurance was present to make a request of Council. She is the new owner of 339 Franklin Street and codes requires that she has a Handicapped Parking Space. She has a parking lot in the rear of the building, but there is a hill to the entrance that would make it difficult for someone who is handicapped to climb up. Kathleen Raines added that it would be difficult using a cane to walk up the hill. The space would not be just for her business, but to anyone that has a placard to park in a handicapped space. Parking is very open in this area since Frey's Store has closed and Council has no issues with the request. Kathleen Raines made a motion to have Dave Knerr prepare and advertise an Ordinance, Sherryann Oels 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Motion to Bid – Sewer Project – The bid has been prepared by Ott Consulting for the dig and replace sewer repairs. Sherryann Oels made a motion to put the project out to bid, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Lower Macungie Fire Department – The Fire Department has made a request to extend the yellow lines at the fire hydrant on Cobblestone Court and Gold Alley by about 10 ft. on either side and to have no parking on Gold Alley. Since the apartment building is completed, the Fire Department has been moving apparatus around to see the best way to approach in the event of an emergency. There are also two signs that they requested be moved some. Sharon spoke with Donnie and he has no issue with extending the yellow lines and he agrees that there should be no parking on Gold Alley. Citing safety concerns, Borough Council has no issues with these requests. Stephen Kaufman made a motion to make the changes and authorized Dave Knerr to prepare an Ordinance for no parking on Gold Alley, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Walnut Street – Donnie Derr received a quote to repave the intersection and the areas where they dug to install storm sewer pipes. The quote was above bid limits and if the work is to be done, it will have to go out to bid. Borough Council believes this is very high and it may have to wait. Sherryann Oels is on Walnut Street every day and does not think it is bad. Kathleen Raines agreed with Sherryann Oels. Ron asked the Highway Committee to look at the road and report at the next meeting.

PA Hardwoods Development Council – Information was reviewed from PA Hardwoods Development Council and Stephen Kaufman believes we should begin the process to have timber removed from the Reservoir. Dave Knerr was asked if the Borough could timber at the Bird Sanctuary and he said there was nothing in the deed stating it could not be done. Ron DeIaco expressed concern that it would take away from the bird sanctuary. The timber companies are very selective and you would barely notice that something was removed. Sharon will also see about having someone look at the Tot Lot.

Office PC's – Sharon received a quote to have the computers in the office replaced. The router is also needing to be replaced. It will cost approximately \$1,000 per computer. The Chief spoke to Sharon today about needing his equipment upgraded also. He needs Windows 10 in all of the computers by November in order to have JNET operational. There are five PC's in the police department. Each full time officer has one and the part time officers share one. Vanessa Taggart and Kathleen Raines questioned why the full time officers each need their own PC when they are on different shifts. The computers were donated by Muhlenberg College. Ron suggested that the part time officers utilize Sharon's current PC and she receives an updated one. Council agreed with that. Sharon will meet with the Chief and return with what is needed.

Beacon Training – The office has been training for the new Badger Meter system for the past two days. Maintenance was also taught how to use the tablet out in the field to read meters. The system seems to be much more user friendly than the current system.

Cluster Boxes – Kathleen Raines questioned whether anyone heard that the Post Office would be installing cluster boxes in the Borough. The office was told by a resident that they installed one on Cobblestone Court. They did not notify the Borough that this would be done.

Garbage Contract – The Garbage Contract has been put out to bid.

Gym on S. Main Street – Sherryann Oels informed Council that the new gym was not out of business and it would be opening soon.

A motion to adjourn at 7:37 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.