

## **Borough of Alburtis**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 12, 2023**

The April 12th, 2023, 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.

#### **Council members in attendance:**

Ron DeIaco

Chad Atkins

Steve Hill

Hector Moss

John Aleszczyk

Ashlynn Rivera

#### **Associates of Alburtis in attendance:**

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Stephen Nemeth, Manager

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner

Steve Werley

Sherry Oels

Beth- AACC rep

Ron DeIaco mentioned that he had wanted to comment on the Easter weekend shootings in the country. Ron DeIaco stated this must stop. Kathy Palmer mentioned that she is not sure what it is or how some of the suspects are able to get the guns. Ron DeIaco mentioned that he is a gun owner and believes in the rights yet doesn't understand why we can't have stronger background checks and red flag laws in this country, wishes our congress will come together to solve this issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Reporter from PBS39 news mentioned that he would like to put together short briefs on council candidates for the upcoming election. No other public comments were made.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Kathy Palmer mentioned only thing she wanted to share was that she provided the pictures of the road work at sauerkraut lane and Quarry rd. Kathy Palmer mentioned that it looks like they have the drains marked and very close to being able to start paving the road.

**POLICE REPORT**- Steve Hill mentioned that it looks like a very good report. Motion to accept the Police report was made by Steve Hill and seconded by Chad Atkins, unanimous vote followed.

**MEETING MINUTES OF March 29th, 2022** – No comments were made. Steve Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of March 29th, 2023, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 12th, 2023** – Hector Moss made a motion to pay the bills of April 12th, 2023, Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ashlynn Rivera 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – John Aleszczyk questioned when the Bicentennial Village project will be going out for bid and why did we spend 9,000 on the planning of the project. Steve Nemeth mentioned that Jeff and/or Mike will be here for the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to present the overall plan and proposal prior to posting it for bid. They will also pick a date to show the plans to the residents of the borough. John mentioned the project shouldn't include driveways. Ron DeIaco mentioned they needed to make adjustments to the aprons of the driveways to level out the sidewalk to meet ADA. John mentioned the 9,000 is not money that we would get back; Ron mentioned we can ask Jeff or mike when they are here on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. John asked did they ever fixed the property at 440 chestnut circle; Steve Nemeth mentioned that it is on the final punch list. Hector Moss asked if there was an estimate given prior to the work done by the engineer. Steve Nemeth mentioned that it was factored into the grant that was the main reason for the third grant, there were three grants written for Bicentennial Village. Motion to accept the engineers report was made by Chad Atkins, and seconded by Ashlynn Rivera, followed by a unanimous vote.

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

## ADMINISTRATION

### ROAD WORK-

Franklin St Project—Steve Nemeth mentioned that project is scheduled to start May 1<sup>st</sup>. Roadwork is going to be done in three stages beginning at the intersection of Lockridge Ln and Church St. then work its way toward Borough Hall on Franklin St. work also will include in front of Lockridge church on Franklin St. Ron DeIaco mentioned reason for the grant was to provide a safe walking access to the park. John Aleszczyk mentioned that thought we were losing parking spots due to the project. Hector Moss asked if that included the ones removed for the s curve. Ron DeIaco mentioned that we can revisit that question on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April when the engineers are present.

School Street Stormwater Project- Steve Nemeth mentioned that this item was just a continuation from the last meeting when we were waiting on the quote from liquid fuels. That is what the update is for. Steve Nemeth mentioned that he also reached out to the state since we reduced the scope of the project, and wanted to make sure that we are still in line with the grant. Just waiting to hear back from the state for the ok. Ron mentioned that would still need three bids or quotes on the materials needed.

Speedhumps on W Penn Ave- Ron mentioned that we received a letter from the owner of the property at W Penn Ave., he was claiming to be upset that we are only putting in two speed humps in stead of four. The owner is claiming that we are going back on our word. The council as a whole mentioned, nobody recalls ever agreeing to four speedhumps. John Aleszczyk said it was overall based on what we could get within our budget. Ron DeIaco mentioned that he doesn't believe we need more than two. John Aleszczyk mentioned that he doesn't want four. Steve Nemeth mentioned that we just installed the two already, waiting for them to dry. It would be overkill for four in that location, by looking at it on camera, there is no way to justify four in that stretch of road. Dave Knerr mentioned the Lower Macungie Township ones that stretch of road is much longer for the amount of speedhumps that they have. Ron DeIaco and John Aleszczyk requested that Steve Nemeth send a letter back to the property owner.

### Park and Recreation

Harold Frey Memorial Bench- Ron DeIaco stated that he went to the projected location for the bench and noticed there is a lot of equipment in that location already at Raines Park. Kathy Palmer agreed that she went up and could find a great location to place the bench. Steve Hill mentioned perhaps the side on walnut St. John Aleszczyk recommended on the other side of the concession stand. Kathy mentioned why not along Franklin St in front of Borough Hall. Chad Atkins mentioned that location would be fine with him. Ashlynn Rivera agreed, since Harold's store was down the street. Chad mentioned while we still locate a location for the bench, that he would like to purchase the bench. Chad Atkins mentioned between him and Steve Nemeth they gathered several different styles of benches with prices. Chad Atkins mentioned he likes the one from Global Industrial the best, looks the most durable. Council agreed with Chad. Steve Hill made a motion to purchase the bench from global industrial, motion was seconded by Hector Moss, and followed by a unanimous vote.

Hockey Nets- Steve Nemeth mentioned that would like to replace the ones at the hockey court. The current ones are beyond repairable. Steve Nemeth mentioned that he found identical ones to the ones we have already. Steve Hill made motion to purchase the two hockey nets, motion was seconded by Chad Atkins, and a unanimous vote followed. Steve Hill mentioned that he believes that the borough manager should be allowed to approve up to \$1000.00 similar to what sharon was allowed to approve, rest of council agreed.

Community Day AACC- AACC rep Beth mentioned that the AACC has agreed to take over the operations of the community day. The only request that they had from the borough was would we be able to get approval to shut down two roads. Beth mentioned that they would need the follow roads closed: Walnut St at the pool

entrance to 2<sup>nd</sup> street and 2<sup>nd</sup> street to flint hill road. Ron DeIaco asked if this is for all of the events, Beth mentioned that they will only need this for community day. They will be doing activities all day at the school parking lot, community center, pool, and fields. Ron DeIaco asked how long the road would need to be closed. Beth mentioned the entire day 8am- 10pm on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Ron DeIaco mentioned thinks this should be ok, we would just need to notify the residents. Ron DeIaco asked Beth if she could submit formal plans so they could be on file, Beth agreed to do so. Ron DeIaco mentioned that it's nice that the borough is starting to provide more activities, the Halloween Parade was a slam dunk, community day should be just as good. Chad Atkins made the motion to close the requested roads for June 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10pm, motion was seconded by John Aleszczyk, Ashlynn mentioned that Hector and herself would have to abstain from the vote. The rest of the council were in favor of the motion.

Archive Social- Steve Nemeth mentioned pretty much just a handout from a meeting that he attended on Monday. It's a company that archives social media content for government agencies to assist them with right to know requests. Steve Nemeth mentioned that he has another meeting on Tuesday with them; if anybody else would like to join he could send them the link. Ron DeIaco requested that Steve Nemeth bring back more info from the meeting.

Executive session with no vote to be taken after executive session.

A motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. was made by Steve Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.