

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2022

Executive Session – An Executive Session regarding Personnel was called at 6:00 p.m. and ended at 7:03 p.m.

The January 12, 2022 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Ron DeIaco at 7:04 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburdis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

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

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

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

Visitors in attendance:

Lehigh County Executive, Phillips Armstrong	Tom Moss	Sherryann Oels
Steve Werley	Gary DeRoner	

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Palmer said there was a nice send off for the Chief on Friday. John Aleszczyk asked the Mayor what could be done when there is no snow emergency and the plows have to go around the cars. She replied that she will not call for a snow emergency until there is 6” of snow or higher. It is hard enough to get the cars to move when there is a snow emergency. John suggested a call out and Hector Moss agreed that one could be done asking people to move their vehicle even if there is no emergency to make it easier to plow. Sharon will make the call out.

POLICE REPORT – None

MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 29, 2021 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 29, 2021, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2022 – Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 3, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JANUARY 12, 2022 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of January 12, 2022, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMIN. REPORT – DECEMBER – Steve Hill made a motion to accept the Admin Report, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – DECEMBER – Steve Hill made a motion to accept the Maintenance Report, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Lehigh County Executive – Phillips Armstrong – Phillips Armstrong was present for his annual meeting and asked if the Borough had any concerns. Ron DeIaco asked if there is still money in the budget for Lockridge Park and was told yes, it is there. Covid changed a lot but it is still in the plans. Mr. Armstrong informed Council that Lehigh County gave out 639 small business grants and the 911 call systems have been upgraded. He is also on the Board of the LVPC and they are looking at issues right now that include regional multi-municipal planning.

Franklin Street Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction – Hector Moss made a motion to place the project out to bid, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2022-3 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-3, a resolution appointing Hector Moss to the Pension Board. The motion was 2nd by Stephen Nemeth and a unanimous vote followed.

Maintenance Department - Mowers – Three quotes were given to Council to purchase a new mower. Donnie Derr would prefer the John Deere mower. Hector Moss made a motion to purchase the John Deere mower, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Borough Hall Keys – There are several committees that Sharon is not on but she opens up Borough Hall for them and waits until the meeting is over to lock up. She would like to have a key available for someone on the committee to sign out and then return the key. Council believes this is a good idea and they would prefer it to be the committee chair that is responsible for the key. Dave Knerr will add this to the next Ordinance.

Police Chief Position – This has been tabled.

New Agenda Item – Ron DeIaco asked Council to add Zachary Bernhart’s Eagle Scout project to the Agenda. The reason is he just met with him last night and a decision will need to be made. Hector Moss made a motion to add this to the Agenda, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Eagle Scout Project – Ron DeIaco met with Zachary Bernhart regarding his Eagle Project. He would like to do a hoagie fundraiser, but the vouchers need to be purchased in advance. He asked if the Borough would front the money and he will pay it back as the vouchers sell. The amount is \$2,250. John Aleszczyk made a motion to purchase the vouchers, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

A motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. was made by Vanessa Taggart, 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.