

## **Borough of Alburdis**

### Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019

The June 12, 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	Steve Hill	Sherryann Oels	Kathleen Raines
Hector Vazquez	Stephen Kaufman	Vanessa Taggart	

#### Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

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

#### Visitors in attendance:

Debra Amarosa	Phil Gruver (7:28)
Les Bower, Boy Scout Troop 86 and several scouts	

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – No Report

MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2019 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 29, 2019, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 12, 2019 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to pay the bills of June 12, 2019, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Kathleen Raines made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Hector Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to accept the monthly Engineering Report, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Public Comment – Former Scout Master, Les Bower was present with two scouts. The scouts are working on merit badges. Mayor Palmer asked Mr. Bower if there was any progress in obtaining a holder for retired flags and he told her that he was still working on it. Ron DeIaco asked if we got the supplies, could they utilize it and Sharon commented that she has seen old mailboxes repainted for this purpose. Mayor Palmer said she would check with the Post Office and the Veterans Administration. Sherryann Oels offered an old trunk. Les thought about using a trunk and Kathleen Raines likes this idea.

Resident, Debra Amarosa, was present with a zoning concern. She owns two homes in the Hills at Lockridge. The homes back up to Lockridge Park. There is a large easement there. She would like a pool and deck, but cannot because of this easement. She cannot understand why another resident in the same development was allowed to pave his entire yard and put in his own drainage system underneath. The drainage easement was approved by Council after the resident installed it and we had it checked by an engineer. As far as her zoning questions go, she needs to speak with the Zoning Officer.

Public Comment (cont.) - Also in regards to Zoning, Les Bower stated that his wife is the president of the swim team at the AACC. They would like to add an additional shed to the property. This should also be a question for the Zoning Officer.

Walnut Street Storm Sewer – Maintenance Supervisor, Donnie Derr, would like to continue the storm sewer upgrades along Walnut Street and maybe at the bottom of Chestnut Circle West. Hector Vazquez made a motion for him to proceed, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

Chickens - Correspondence – A letter was sent to the individual with the chickens informing her that, although she was allowed to own chickens as per the Ordinance, the feces must be cleaned up each day per Ordinance §92-106(b). It was also suggested that she move the coop to the back of the property. The resident was in and showed Sharon pictures of the coop. The mud and bedding has been replaced with pavers and the feces are being picked up each day.

8018 Quarry Road – Zoning Decision - Correspondence – A letter was sent to Rik Longacre of Schlouch, Inc. along with the Zoning Decision and Resolution granting waivers and deferrals. These need to be executed by the company and returned to the Borough Office.

Lower Macungie Township - Correspondence – As required by the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code and the terms of the SW Comprehensive Plan Inter-governmental Agreement, Lower Macungie Township sent proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments for review. Borough Council has no comment at this time.

Macungie Ambulance Corps – The monthly report from the Macungie Ambulance Corps was reviewed. There were nine calls in the Borough of Alburdis in May.

Stone Alley Apartments – A letter was received from Ott Consulting recommending a security release of \$120,430.25 from Merchants Bank of Bangor. Vanessa Taggart stated that the area is a mess and needs to be cleaned up. Sharon will talk to the engineer. Hector Vazquez made a motion to release the funds, Stephen Kaufman 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sherryann Oels and Vanessa Taggart abstained and the balance were ayes.

PA Multimodal - Another grant round is approaching and Sharon asked Council if they wish to proceed with the curb, sidewalk and road concerns in Lockridge Village. Council is in agreement that we should apply. Sharon will ask the engineer to begin the process.

Resident Concern – Resident, Phil Gruver, approached Council with an issue he is having with a sewer lateral inspection that was not done correctly. He bought his home in 2017. The former owner of his home had the lateral inspected and a worksheet was turned into the Borough stating there were no issues. This was not the case, however, and he has now been told that he has over \$10,000 in repairs. The plumber has been dodging him and the constable has been unable to serve him papers after six attempts. He contacted the District Attorney's office, the Attorney General, the police and the Borough for help with no answers and he is fed up with this. He has contacted three additional plumbers who agree the line needs repair and he has contacted three attorneys. He has contacted Sharon and Dave Knerr and since the plumber and former resident complied with the Ordinance, there is nothing additional the Borough can do. Dave Knerr told him we feel bad that this happened, but this is fraud and a civil matter at this point. Mr. Gruver stated that the Borough Newsletter article is like a slap in the face and is upset that we do not follow the Ordinance. Dave Knerr again stated that the Borough, in fact, did follow the Ordinance since it received what was asked for. If it is criminal fraud, he should again contact the DA.

PSAB Conference – Sharon thanked Council for allowing her to again attend the PSAB Conference. The Conference was very good this year and she gave Council handouts from some of the sessions. Sharon received a Certificate of Achievement for completing the Certified Boroughs Officials Program.

A motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. was made by Kathleen Raines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.