

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2022

The October 12, 2022 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:

Steve Hill	Hector Moss	Ron DeIaco
Mehmet Birtek	John Aleszczyk	Stephen Nemeth

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

David Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
Kathleen Palmer, Mayor	Tony Alsleben, Police Chief

Visitors in attendance:

Ashlynn Rivera	Rev. Geoff Whitcomb
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PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – Chief Alsleben was present to inform Council that the Lehigh County Consortium Test was held and a list was created. 22 people passed the test and 11 checked off that they are interested in Alburdis. We will need to have a Civil Service meeting to continue. Sharon will set up the meeting.

MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 – Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

PENSION STATE AID – The Borough received a direct deposit of \$72,526.32 from the Commonwealth for General Municipal Pension System State Aid. A letter was reviewed from Dave Knerr regarding the Pension State Aid, which recommends that the Borough place \$65,170.73 into the Police Pension Plan and \$7,355.59 into the Nonuniformed Pension Plan. Hector Moss made a motion to make the deposit as recommended in Dave Knerr’s letter dated September 30, 2022, Mehmet Birtek 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – OCTOBER 12, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of October 12, 2022, Mehmet Birtek 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ENGINEER REPORT – Ron DeIaco informed Council that the Basket System is in and completed and a preconstruction meeting was held for the Chestnut Circle storm drain project and this work has begun as well. John Aleszczyk has a problem with the Chestnut Circle Project if it is only to stop flooding of yards. If this is the case, he wants to be put on a list as well. Ron told Council with these projects being done, we have progress. Mehmet Birtek questioned the maintenance of Lot 85 in the Hills of Lockridge. This lot was not on the plans and is a separate parcel. Stephen Nemeth made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report, Mehmet Birtek 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS – There were 16 calls in the Borough in September. John Aleszczyk made a motion to grant a previous request for ARPA funds of \$6,000, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Lockridge Historical Church – Pastor Geoffe Whitcomb – Pastor Geoffe Whitcomb was present to talk to Council about the opportunity to make the Lockridge Historical Church an active parish. His hope would be to start with a Christmas Eve service and then weekly services starting in January. Council is not opposed to the idea, however, the building is not ADA compliant. Sharon will ask Donnie Derr to check on ramps and have a report for the next meeting. Hector asked is someone could donate ramps and was told yes.

Ordinance No. 574 – Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 574, an Ordinance requiring the waiver, under certain circumstances, of additional charges for the late payment of Real Estate Taxes by property owners who recently acquired their property and did not receive a tax notice, as required by Act 57 of 2022. The motion was 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed.

Ordinance No. 575 – Hector Moss made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 575, an Ordinance prohibiting vehicles longer than thirty-five (35) feet on Church Street between Franklin Street and Scenic View Drive (except local deliveries). The motion was 2nd by Mehmet Birtek and a unanimous vote followed.

Halloween Parade – Hector Moss and resident, Ashlynn Rivera gave an update on the Halloween Parade. Everything is going well and so far there are 35 organizations participating. The Chief met with Donnie Derr and representatives from the Fire Department. They will have enough barricades for the detour and vehicles will be off the street by 3:00 p.m. Parking for residents is allowed at the Fire Company. Additional parking is at East Penn Children’s Fitness and the bank. Lydia will check people into the lot onto Walnut Street. WFMZ will be here for live coverage. Garbage cans will be needed and the committee will collect them after the food trucks are gone. They need to know where to go with the garbage and Sharon stated we have a dumpster at the Maintenance Shop that can be used. Cars that are not moved will be towed. Ashlynn’s husband made T-shirts for staff and Maintenance will supply yellow vests. Ron thanked everyone for their hard work they have done in such a short time.

Chamber of Commerce – Information was received from the Chamber regarding an upgrade to their website and projects being done utilizing the Main Street grants.

A motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. was made by Stephen Nemeth, 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.