

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022

The September 14, 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
Chad Atkins	John Aleszczyk	Stephen Nemeth

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

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

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner	Ashlynn Rivera	Steve Werley
Tom Moss	Roger Cann	

PUBLIC COMMENT – Roger Cann from Cann’s Bilco was present with a concern about the traffic at E. Penn Avenue and Main Street around 5:00 every evening. It gets worse when a train comes. He asked if an officer could be there around 5:00 p.m. every day for a while. Council informed him that traffic has been an issue for a while now, but this will be checked out.

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

POLICE REPORT – No Report

MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 31, 2022 – Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 31, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of September 14, 2022, Chad Atkins 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 – Hector Moss made a motion to accept the Engineer’s Report, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

ARPA Funds – The Borough received the second deposit of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) this week.

Utility Truck – Ron met with Donnie regarding the utility truck. Ron informed Council that the truck is very rusted, and we are putting more money into it every year. There is a truck available at Levan Machine & Truck Equipment for \$49,175.00. The body would need to be installed by E.M. Kutz in the amount of \$25,575.00. Ron understands that this was not budgeted for, but sometimes, a decision needs to be made to keep our departments going. The body lead time is 30 weeks out and can be put in next years budget. Hector Moss made a motion to purchase the truck, Stephen Nemeth 2nd, John Aleszczyk and Steve Hill were opposed, and the balance were ayes. The motion passed 4:2.

Utility Truck (cont.) – It was questioned whether or not to pay for the truck or take out a loan. Council would prefer not to take out a loan. Hector Moss made a motion to pay for the truck out of existing water and sewer funds, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Truck Traffic – John Aleszczyk is concerned about the amount of truck traffic coming into the Borough from Scenic View Drive. There are no signs posted for no trucks along Scenic View. Sharon said this is a Township Road, so we cannot post signs there. We can place a sign on the Borough side of Furnace, but that would make all traffic go into the Hills at Lockridge development. Sharon will contact the Township to see if signs can be placed before Schoeneck Road and one after Furnace Drive.

Halloween Parade – Hector Moss introduced Ashlynn Rivera to Council. Ashlynn is taking care of the parade registrations. Ashlynn reported that participating so far are the Fire Company, Boy Scouts, Campfire, Olde Tyme Plowboys, Drizzle, Young Professionals of the LV, Emmaus Football and Cheer, a motorcycle club, the swim team, police and other fire departments and a couple of more. Ashlynn has created a Facebook page. Stephen Nemeth has other organizations and businesses interested in the parade as well. The staging area for the parade will be at the school and they are checking with the pool as well. Hector explained the parade route and will get something emailed to Council. The route may change depending on how long the parade is. Maple Court is included at the moment, but may need to be removed in the event there are too many participants. We will need to utilize the police and maintenance. John Aleszczyk responded that this will be more expenses to the Borough. Hector stated that Borough residents want to see more from the Borough in terms of things to do. Steve Hill made a motion to approve the parade route with or without Maple Court, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Ron DeIaco noted that he is pleased with the jump start of the parade for the Borough.

Hometown Heroes Banners – The banner project has been successful, and more people are wanting to purchase them. Originally, this was for Borough residents only, however, there have been questions from others in the 18011-zip code to purchase a banner. These veterans were all known within the Borough. Council has no issue with including others.

Escrow Accounts – As requested at the last meeting, the office will review the escrow accounts and refund those that are able to be refunded.

Holiday Festival – The Holiday Festival will be on Sunday, December 4, 2022.

A motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. was made by Hector Moss, 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.