

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2022

The February 23, 2022, meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council Vice-President Steve Hill at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 260 Franklin Street, Alburdis, PA. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco (7:05)

Hector Moss

Steve Hill

John Aleszczyk

Vanessa Taggart

Stephen Nemeth

Chad Atkins

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Visitors in attendance:

Shawn Millan – Sen. Pat Browne

Steve Werley

Steve Reichenbach

Gary DeRoner

Zach Bernhart

George Bernhart

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident, Steve Reichenbach asked about the zoning issues at the house on Franklin Street. These issues have been taken care of.

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2022 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2022, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – FEBRUARY 23, 2022 – Hector Moss made a motion to pay the bills of February 23, 2022, Chad Atkins 2nd, John Aleszczyk was opposed to check #22522, payable to Ott Consulting, and the balance were ayes.

FISCAL CONSULTANT’S REPORT – Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the Fiscal Consultant’s Report, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Sen. Pat Browne – Shawn Millan, from Sen. Browne’s office, was present to observe the meeting and asked if there were any questions. Vanessa Taggart asked if the recent redistricting would have any effect beyond the federal level and she was told it would not. Resident, Steve Werley, asked if the light on Spring Creek Road and Mertztown Road could be put on flashing during inclement weather. Vehicles have a tough time getting up the hill once stopped. Mr. Millan will check with Penn Dot. John Aleszczyk asked when the bridge on Spring Creek Road was going to be replaced and was told that it will be checked on as well. Ron thanked Mr. Millan for all Pat Browne’s office has done for the Borough.

Police Civil Service – Civil Service Commission member, Steve Werley, reported to Council that the candidate for Chief has passed all of the requirements and Civil Service certifies Tony Alsleben to Council. Hector Vazquez made a motion to appoint Tony Alsleben to the position of Police Chief contingent upon him passing a physical and psychological evaluation. The motion was 2nd by Stephen Nemeth and a unanimous vote followed. Hector Moss made a motion to have Healthworks perform the physical and Dr. Sugalski perform the psychological evaluation. The motion was 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed.

Zachary Bernhart – BSA Eagle Project – Zachary Bernhart reported to Council that his Eagle Project was approved, and he will now start fundraising. He has the hoagie vouchers from Wawa, and they cost \$5.00 apiece. He asked for Council's permission to sell them here at the Borough. Hector Moss made a motion to allow Zachary Bernhart to sell hoagie vouchers at Borough Hall, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

S. Main and Front Street Parking – As requested, the police gave their review of the site issue at this intersection. After review, John Aleszczyk said that there is 45 feet from the corner up to the 10-minute parking spaces. Parking is not allowed up to these spots. Mayor Palmer suggested the curb be painted yellow and Dave Knerr replied that there should already be a sign there stating no parking. If cars are parked here, they should be ticketed. Hector Moss stated that the police agreed there is an issue and eliminating a space is a simple resolve. John Aleszczyk asked if we are going to do this on W. Second and Third Street as well. Resident, Steve Werley asked why the residents who live there need to be penalized by having a spot removed and added that at some point, people need to take responsibility as a driver. Hector Moss stated that painting yellow lines will do nothing. There have been no accidents there per reports. Resident, Steve Reichenbach, stated that he pulls out onto Franklin Street from School Street every day and almost gets hit because you cannot see. Vanessa does not believe eliminating a spot is necessary. Ron agreed and believes painting yellow lines like there is on Franklin Street should make it better. Steve Hill made a motion to paint the yellow lines and curb on S. Main Street, Vanessa Taggart 2nd, Hector Moss was opposed, and the balance were ayes. The police also made a suggestion on N. Main and W. Penn Avenue. There have been at least 50 accidents at this intersection because of the parked car in the first spot is not 20 feet from the intersection as required. Dave Knerr agreed this spot should not be there because it is too close to the intersection and should be 20 ft. back. Hector Moss made a motion to eliminate the spot and paint the curb yellow, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Upper Ballfield Playground – Stephen Nemeth showed Council two different designs for playsets at the ballfield. Sharon has spoken with Donnie Derr and he said Maintenance can do the site prep. ARPA Funds transferred to General can be used for this if a grant is not approved. Kathleen Palmer inquired about rubber mulch, and this will be looked into. Stephen Nemeth made a motion to purchase playset #350-2238, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Dorney Landfill – Sharon received an agreement from Saylor's, the company that has been maintaining the landfill site. Two more quotes are required prior to signing. Sharon will look in to obtaining two more quotes. This item has been tabled.

Nova Chip Bid – Donnie Derr met with Sharon and said that Ridgeview needs a lot of work other than the Nova Chip and he suggests that W. Fifth Street and Thomas Street be Nova Chipped. Sharon is working on the bid package but would like permission to have Dave Knerr check over it prior to advertising. Council has no problem with these requests.

Police Unmarked Car – The unmarked car needs a transmission. The cost of the repair is \$4,000. John Aleszczyk made a motion to repair the car, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

A motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. was made by Vanessa Taggart, 2nd by Steve Hill and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.