

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019

The April 24, 2019 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.

Council members in attendance:

Steve Hill	Sherryann Oels	Stephen Kaufman
Vanessa Taggart	Hector Vazquez	

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
David Kutzor, Zoning Officer	

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2019 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 10, 2019, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – APRIL 24, 2019 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of April 24, 2019, Sherryann Oels 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT – Stephen Kaufman made a motion to accept the Fiscal Consultant's Report, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – None

Bird Sanctuary Cemetery – Dave Kutzor reported to Council that they have begun digging to see if graves could be located. There was a difference in the soils vs. the clay and at about five foot, they began hitting rocks. Research was done by one of the scout parents and in the early 1900's, rocks were placed on the coffin to keep the body from rising. Something buried at 6 ft. back then, would be at about 8 ft. deep now. Using divining rods, they found other sites in a row, situated east to west. They would like to continue looking. Borough Council has no issues with them continuing, but cautioned him to use safety devices when digging deeper.

Hills at Lockridge Fence – Dave Kutzor informed Council that he will approach the resident in the Hills at Lockridge regarding the fence that was removed. The fence is required to protect the park.

Main Street Grant – Sharon will write the grant and request a tree to replace the dying Borough holiday tree. We are also in need of American Flag banners and members of Council would also like additional decorations for the poles during the holidays. Up to \$2,000 can be requested and there is a match of 100%. Stephen Kaufman suggested they only request the tree to keep the match amount down. Sherryann Oels believes we should request the entire amount. Hector Vazquez made a motion to spend a total of \$4,000 on the items, Sherryann Oels 2nd, Stephen Kaufman was opposed and the balance were ayes.

PPL Community Roots – Hector Vazquez would like to see the Redbud Trees replaced on Main Street. Kathleen Raines was not present, but would like to see two trees planted at the hockey court, two at the volleyball court and two at the playground. She would prefer the red oak trees. The decision was to place two on Main Street, two at the playground and an additional two to be placed elsewhere.

Office Chairs – The office is in need of new chairs. Stotz and Fatzinger will be bringing in two different styles for them to try. Hector Vazquez said to make sure they are ergonomic. The cost should be between two to three hundred dollars each. Borough Council has no problem with this purchase.

Findlay Family - Bench – Public Works Department employee, Gary Hartman, spoke with Sharon regarding his wife's family purchasing a park bench in remembrance of their parents, Gene and Shirley Findlay. The Findlays were long-time residents of the Borough and passed away a few years ago. They would like to place the bench at the upper ball field. Borough Council has no issues with this and requested a picture for the next newsletter.

Church – Sound System – Media People owner, Scott Stoneback, donated a sound system to the Church. It is hooked up and ready to use.

Service Master – Stephen Kaufman made a motion to have Service Master clean the ducts in Borough Hall for the quoted amount of \$1,270, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Lehigh County Authority – Hector Vazquez made a motion to sign the Professional Services Authorization Form for the Flow Metering Project, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Saylor's Lawn and Landscape – As requested, Sharon received a quote from Saylor's in the amount of \$350.00 to place two large rocks in the right of way at S. Main and School Streets. Dave Kutzor suggested bollards be placed at this area and also in the area of the home that was just hit again by a truck. Sharon will check on prices for bollards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was called for litigation and potential litigation at 7:30 p.m. No action was taken and the Executive Session ended at 7:50 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. was made by Vanessa Taggart, 2nd by Hector Vazquez and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.