

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2021

The August 25, 2021, 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, Alburtis, PA. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

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| Ron DeIaco | Steve Hill | Vanessa Taggart | Chad Atkins |
| Kathleen Raines | Hector Vazquez | John Aleszczyk | |

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

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

Visitors in attendance:

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| Steve Nemeth | Steve Werley | Brandon Bechtel |
| Steve Reichenbach | Lori | Regan Detweiler |

PUBLIC COMMENT – Hector Vazquez questioned the dead trees in the Hills at Lockridge. The engineer is working on a punch list and will check on the trees.

MAYOR’S REPORT – The Mayor thanked everyone for the floral arrangement she received when her mother passed. John Aleszczyk asked if Council would be receiving the police reports and the Mayor said she would talk to the chief.

MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2021 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 11, 2021, with a correction regarding attendance, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – AUGUST 25, 2021 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to pay the bills of August 25, 2021, Steve Hill 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

MAINTENANCE MONTHLY REPORT – Steve Hill made a motion to accept the Maintenance Report, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. John Aleszczyk questioned the stone being placed on Ft. Sumpter Road and was told that this is done on a regular basis because the stone keeps washing away. Hector asked about the repair to the speed bumps, and this is also ongoing. He would like to see something more permanent placed there. Steve Hill agreed and said the ones on Millcreek Road work very well.

ADMINISTRATION

121 S. Main Street – Conditional Use Zoning Decision – After review from Borough Council, Hector Vazquez made a motion to approve Zoning Decision CU-2021-1, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2021-4 – Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-4, a Resolution re-appointing Jason Douglas, Steve Mehl and Sharon Trexler to the Alburtis Planning Commission. The motion was 2nd by Hector Vazquez and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2021-5 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-5, a Resolution re-appointing Steve Mehl to the Alburtis Park and Recreation Commission. The motion was 2nd by Steve Hill and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2021-6 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-6, a Resolution re-appointing John Aleszczyk to the Alburdis Civil Service Commission. The motion was 2nd by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed.

2022 – Grass Cutting – Sharon is working on the budget and asked if she could add in dollars to have part time employees cut the grass. It can be in the budget, but there is no guarantee that Council will hire out for this since the Maintenance Department will not be doing any large paving projects.

Racite Road - Drainage – Residents contacted Hector Vazquez regarding the swale that was fixed. Sharon received an email from the engineer that stated the swale has been correctly installed. Ron DeIaco stated that we recently had a 50-year storm and that would cause an issue. Hector said it is better than it was, but it stays soggy for days. Hector also noted that one homeowner is still having water ponding under her deck. It no longer goes in the basement but sets under the deck. John Aleszczyk believes water under a deck is normal and both of these issues should be between the homeowner and the builder. Ron agreed with John since the engineer has said it was good.

Resident Forms – John Aleszczyk asked if we sent out fines to the homeowners that have not turned in their forms. Sharon has not begun fining. The office sent out 2nd notices just like we do for the water bills and the same amount of time is given to return them. John does not understand why we sent out 2nd notices and Sharon replied that there is a fair number of long-time residents who do not understand why they need to send this in every year when we know who lives there and she does not think it is fair to fine them. John replied that they should all be fined. Steve Hill thinks we should rethink some of this Ordinance in the future. We are the only municipality that does this, and it should be geared more to the rental units.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was called at 7:32 p.m. for Personnel and ended at 8:16 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 7:32 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.