

**Borough of Alburtis**

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022

The May 25, 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, Alburtis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco

Steve Hill

Chad Atkins

Mehmet Birtek

John Aleszczyk

Stephen Nemeth

Hector Moss

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Tracy Malinowski, Borough Treasurer

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STATEMENT – Ron DeIaco spoke about the 21 souls that were lost to violence in Texas. This was done by an 18-year-old who purchased AR-15's and ammunition and nobody noticed. Ron is a gun owner and a responsible one. An AR-15 is not a hunting rifle. We need to do something like requiring a three-day waiting period to be able to purchase a gun, and as responsible gun owners, weapons should be kept in a safe. We need to contact our representatives. John Aleszczyk added that mental health checks should also be done. Mehmet Birtek blames video games. Kids are playing violent games and killing others with no regards. Mayor Palmer added that parents need to be parents, kids are having kids and grandparents are raising their grandkids. Mayor Palmer then requested a moment of silence and Ron stated that it would be for 21 seconds, one for each victim.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer swore in another new part-time officer, Craig Kennedy and welcomed him to the Borough. Mr. Kennedy is retired from the Bethlehem Police Department.

MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2022 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – MAY 25, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of May 25, 2022, Chad Atkins 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS – The ambulance corps responded to 388 calls in April and 8 of them were in the Borough.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Ron has been in contact with Jeff Ott regarding the start dates of projects. He has been told that there is a shortage of materials. Donnie Derr told Ron that there is no shortage of concrete and asphalt and Steve Hill said there is a shortage of polypropylene and other items. We are not replacing pipes on Franklin Street, so this should be able to start soon. The engineer gave a breakdown of projects, but it did not include dates. Ron will contact them and get the start dates.

## ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Consultant - Resignation – An email was received from the Borough Fiscal Consultant, Chris DeFrain, informing the Borough that he would be resigning after the May review is done in June. Mr. DeFrain has done a good job for the Borough since he started seven years ago. Sharon will put something out to find a replacement.

Hometown Heroes Banner Update – Sharon applied for the Chamber grant, and she is having flyers to purchase banners placed in with the Registration Forms that are going out on June 1.

Lions Club – Dogs for Diabetes – The Lions Club will be holding the fundraiser in honor of a deceased member, Francis Zieger. The event will be held in the parking lot of Borough Hall on Saturday, June 4. Sharon does not know all of the details, but a flyer was dropped off to Borough Hall this afternoon.

Zachary Bernhart – Eagle Scout Project Completion – Boy Scout, Zach Bernhart, has completed his Eagle Scout project at the Church. He was very successful in selling the hoagie vouchers and proceeded along with the project very quickly. After the bills are paid, any money left will be given to his troop. Council was glad to hear this and Steve Hill added that we need to remember that the vast number of kids are good kids.

A motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. was made by Stephen Nemeth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hill and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.