

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2020

An Executive Session was held at 6:30 p.m. for Personnel and possible Litigation reasons and ended at 6:45 p.m.

The August 26, 2020 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President Ron DeIaco at 7:00 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the meeting was held via video conference. The change in venue was announced on the Borough website and by a posting notice on the Borough Hall doors. The meeting was open to the public where participants could attend the meeting by using an assigned web link and access code.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco	Steve Hill	Kathleen Raines	Vanessa Taggart
Stephen Kaufman	Hector Vazquez	John Aleszczyk – 7:15	

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Kathleen Palmer, Mayor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
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Visitors in attendance:	Gary DeRoner	Tom Moss	Sherryann Oels
	Chad Atkins	Howard Savacool	

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer told Council the Chief would like permission to purchase two guns. Jay Ruff was never given his handgun when he retired. The cost would be about \$400-\$450 each. Hector Vazquez made a motion to allow the Chief to purchase the guns, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Mayor Palmer told Council that the truck stops are picking up again. Kathleen Raines asked what the progress was of the new road. The Township has previously said it would start this fall.

MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2020 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2020, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – AUGUST 26, 2020 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to pay the bills of August 26, 2020, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comment – Resident, Chad Atkins, was told that the Borough was not sponsoring the yard sale this year. This is correct, but Sharon will share any posts regarding a sale on the Borough's Facebook Page.

Resident, Gary DeRoner, was present and told Council all is settled with the contractor's insurance company in regards to his house.

Resident, Howard Savacool, asked about the grant that was obtained to repair the sidewalks in Bicentennial Village. The Borough received a grant for a portion and are submitting again to hopefully obtain the balance.

Resident, Sherryann Oels, told Council that the AACC is still planning the Breakfast with Santa even though the Borough is not sponsoring the Holiday Festival this year.

Bollards – S. Main Street – Council previously decided to place bollards at the corner of S. Main and School Street and also at S. Main and W. Stone Alley in an effort to help prevent damage to resident's property. John Aleszczyk is not in favor of bollards and stated everyone will want them. Stephen Kaufman suggested the Highway Committee look into it more and Sherryann Oels said the trucks need to be stopped. Kathleen Raines has asked many times why we cannot have the large signs like they have in Macungie. Steve Hill would be in favor of the posts and believe they will work better than flower pots. John Aleszczyk argued that there is no line item in the budget for them and would like to see the minutes where this was approved. Just because it was approved does not mean you have to spend the money. Sherryann Oels is tired of the damage and stated that she gave the Chief receipts for repairs about a year ago and she never heard back from him. Ron DeIaco asked the Mayor to look into this.

Ash Alley – The Maintenance Department has begun the work to repave Ash Alley.

Mailbox – Lockridge Lane – Sharon has been in contact with the resident who has the mailbox that blocks the sidewalk on Lockridge Lane. After stating that the mailbox will remain where it is, the resident called again and told Sharon that she contacted the person who installed it and they would move it, but it may not be for a week or so.

East Penn Chamber Luncheon – The Chamber is hosting a luncheon in September and they would like someone to speak about their municipality. Sharon asked if anyone would be available. Hector had already checked the date and cannot, but Steve Hill said he may be able to.

PMAA Conference – The PSAB Leadership Conference Sharon was going to attend has been cancelled. She will be attending the PMAA Conference next week. It is a virtual conference and she will participate from home.

Budget Meeting – Stephen Kaufman would like to have the Budget Meeting on September 2. It will be a brief meeting.

Alarm Testing – The office is receiving calls regarding annual testing. Sharon asked Council if it is ok to have them in the office. Council advised as long as they are taking the proper precautions, they could enter. The areas should be cleaned after.

Zoning Officer – Borough Council received a letter of resignation from Dave Kutzor. Ron DeIaco noted that Dave has been the Zoning Officer for about 18 years and was previously on Council and has done a good job. Vanessa Taggart made a motion, with regrets, to accept the resignation, Hector Vazquez 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Dugouts – Hector Vazquez questioned if the dugouts were still closed because he has seen players in them during games at the ballfield. Sharon said that they were taped off, but someone removed it. Sherryann Oels said the players were not using the dugouts, the coaches stand in them. Steve Hill said he has seen tents up for the players and John Aleszczyk said they are fine doing what they are doing.

A motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. was made by Kathleen Raines, 2nd by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.