

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2019

The June 26, 2019 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, Alburdis, PA.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco

Vanessa Taggart

Steve Hill

Kathleen Raines

Sherryann Oels

Stephen Kaufman

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Dave Kutzor, Zoning Officer

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2019 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2019, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 26, 2019 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of June 26, 2019, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – None

Standard Pipe Services – Request for Payment – Stephen Kaufman made a motion to pay Standard Pipe Services \$86,851.80 based on the recommendation from the engineer, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

339 Franklin Street – Change of Use Permit – There is a business that has an agreement to purchase 339 Franklin Street, currently Frey's Store. The permit submitted is to change the use as a commercial retail establishment to an office of a professional service. This change is not allowed in the R-3 Zoning District. The Applicant will need to file for a Variance or a Special Exception. Another option would be to extend the Commercial Zoning District up from Gold Alley to the property. Ron DeIaco is concerned about the residents if that would be done and Steve Hill suggested it only be changed on one side of the street. Steve Kaufman prefers the Variance idea and the balance of Council agreed. Dave Kutzor asked Council if they could give the plan their blessing and prepare a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board. Council does not want a letter prepared, but Steve Hill made a motion stating that Council has no objections to the business. The motion was 2nd by Kathleen Raines and a unanimous vote followed. Steve Hill suggested that Harold Frey be recognized with a proclamation by the Borough. Sharon will ask him to attend.

Bollards for S. Main Street – Sharon received prices to place bollards at the corner of S. Main Street and School Street and for S. Main Street and W. Stone Alley. Sherryann Oels likes the idea, but is concerned that it will make the situation worse and the trucks will have nowhere to go. Council asked Sharon to check with the Chief to get his thoughts. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Proclamation – A Proclamation was given by Lehigh County Executive, Phillips M. Armstrong, regarding the upcoming 2020 Census.

Meals on Wheels – Meals on Wheels sent a funding request to the Borough. Per Dave Knerr, this is an organization that the Borough can contribute to. Council asked Sharon to find out how many residents use this service. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission – The Monthly BuildLV Report was reviewed.

AACC – Pool Shed Permit – A permit was received from the AACC Pool. Sharon asked Council if the \$50 fee could be waived. Steve Hill made a motion to waive the permit fee, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed with Sherryann Oels abstaining.

Playground Port-O-Let Request – There have been multiple requests to have a port-o-let brought back to the playground. The new teeter totter has brought additional families to the playground. Sherryann Oels made a motion to place a port-o-let at the playground, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Multimodal Update – Donnie and Sharon met with the engineer on Franklin Street to discuss the curb and sidewalk project. Penn Dot may not allow the driveways to remain along Franklin Street. Parking may have to be along the curb. They are working on this. Bicentennial Village was also walked and the engineers will prepare a grant submission to replace the curb, sidewalks and road.

Playground – Kathleen Raines reported that she would like additional money in the budget next year to purchase another swing. Sharon is looking into costs for her.

Yard Sale – Residents have been asking about another yard sale in the Borough. Vanessa Taggart thought it might be a good idea to have it when the car show is in Macungie. Sharon will put the date of August 24th on the website and Facebook Page.

Chicken Coop – The Lauer's could not be present tonight, but asked Sharon to pass a thank you on to Borough Council for acting on their concerns regarding the chicken coop.

Resident Concerns – Blasting – Sharon received several phone calls regarding blasting that will take place off of Spring Creek Road. This is for Lot 7 and 8 of the Spring Creek Properties.

Main Street Grant – Sharon received notice that we received the full grant request from the Chamber. This will be used to replace the Borough holiday tree, purchase additional pole decorations and banners. The Fire Company gave permission to replace the tree.

A motion to adjourn at 7:38 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.