

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2019

The February 27, 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:

Steve Hill	Sherryann Oels	Stephen Kaufman
Kathleen Raines	Ron DeIaco	Vanessa Taggart

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
Dave Kutzor, Zoning Officer	Kathleen Palmer, Mayor
Robert Palmer, Police Chief	

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner John Aleszczyk

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer received a phone call from Jay Ruff. He asked why there were no parking restrictions on Walnut Street. It is hard to get out of his driveway when it is parked full. Police Chief, Bob Palmer said this is only when there is an event at the AACC and he doesn't want to see parking taken away. Borough Council agreed that they do not want to restrict parking here and it will remain as is.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Palmer gave Council a copy of a flyer he plans on distributing to the residents of the Ridgeview Development regarding parking on the sidewalks. Steve Hill asked if there have been many complaints and was told there have been no complaints from residents. Stephen Kaufman suggested that he only give them to the offenders. Borough Council agreed since there are no formal complaints, the Chief use his own judgement.

Chief Palmer met with other chiefs in regards to the Cody System. Cody is used to write reports and Tracs is used to write the citations. There is an interface being worked on that will allow Tracs to send the information to Cody. He is not sure of the cost, but will keep Council up to date. The server will have to be updated next year since Cody will be cloud based.

Penn Dot put up new signs on East Penn Avenue. The Chief does not like where they have been placed. The first sign is at Quarry Road and the second one is at Canns Bilco. Once they get to the one at Canns, the trucks have nowhere to turn around. Steve Hill will contact Matt from Pat Browne's office to see what can be done.

Chief Palmer also informed Council that it will be a few months until we receive the new cruiser car.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2019 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the updated Minutes of February 13, 2019, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – FEBRUARY 27, 2019 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of February 27, 2019, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comments – Dave Kutzor was present regarding the parking lot proposal on Quarry Road. It was mentioned at the end of the Planning Commission Meeting that the use would be mobile truck warehousing. Per Dave Knerr, this is a different use and needs to be brought up in the Conditional Use Hearing.

Dave Kutzor also asked Council for permission to dig in the Bird Sanctuary to look for graves. He would be assisted by several scouts. If something was found, it would not be disturbed. Kathleen Raines said dogs could not find bodies when they were brought in and Sherryann Oels said maybe this would put the question to rest. Borough Council has no issues as long as nothing is removed or disturbed.

Lower Macungie Fire Department – Sharon was requested to send a letter to the 911 Center advising them that the Lower Macungie Fire Department was the fire protection provider for the Borough. Stephen Kaufman made a motion for Sharon to send the letter, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Park and Recreation – Kathleen Raines informed Borough Council that the price for the Teeter Totter will be \$7,272.60 plus concrete. Council thanked her for the final price and this has previously been approved.

Truck Idling – Stephen Kaufman has a concern that Liberty will allow for truck idling overnight when the new warehouse is built. Kathleen Raines understood the parking area to be for trucks that arrive early and Dave Knerr said there is a State Law regarding this. Ron DeIaco added that this area is not in the Borough, but in the Township.

SW Comprehensive Plan – Staff Representative and Alternate – Dave Knerr will prepare a Resolution naming Sharon as the Borough Representative for the SW Comprehensive Plan meetings and Sherryann Oels will be named the alternate.

Summer Mowing – The Maintenance Department would like to continue working on the storm drain system this year and would like to hire the same individuals to mow. Sherryann Oels made a motion to hire at \$12.00 per hour, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and unanimous vote followed.

Spring Creek Properties Lot 9-10 Land Development - Correspondence – The Resolution granting Preliminary and Final Plan approval and waiver and deferral requests was sent to Liberty Property Trust. It was signed by Liberty and returned to the Borough.

Upper Milford Township - Correspondence – In accordance with the Southwestern Lehigh County Comprehensive Plan Agreement, a proposed Zoning Ordinance change was sent by Upper Milford Township. The Borough has no comment at this time.

Website – Sharon is currently working with NA Studios to update the website. The Borough's current Permit Application is three ply. Sharon asked if Council had any issues with her changing this to a single sheet so that it can be placed on the website. Council had no problem with this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was called for litigation and potential litigation at 7:58 p.m. No action was taken and the Executive Session ended at 8:20 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. was made by Kathleen Raines, 2nd by Sherryann Oels and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.