

Borough of Alburdis

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2021

The January 27, 2021 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	Vanessa Taggart	John Aleszczyk
Stephen Kaufman	Kathleen Raines	Hector Vazquez	

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Kathleen Palmer, Mayor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
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Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner	Chad Atkins	Miguel Rivera
Matthew Mumma	Mehmet Birtek	Chad Atkins
Steve Reichenbach		

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer informed Council that due to the fire on Main Street, the Angel Network is looking for donations to help the family out. This is being done through the Alburdis Elementary School.

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2021 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2021, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JANUARY 27, 2021 – Hector Vazquez made a motion to pay the bills of January 27, 2021, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT – Stephen Kaufman noted that we have done a good job for the year. The major expenses were for I & I and that money was put in an escrow for these repairs. Hector Vazquez made a motion to approve the Fiscal Consultant's Report, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comment – Matt Mumma, Chad Atkins and Mehmet Birtek, all residents of The Hills at Lockridge, were present to talk to Council about the walking path on the Plans. They asked if this could be moved since it is very close to their property and it makes them uncomfortable because they have small children. The Plan show a new entrance to Lockridge Park being put in place. There is already an unofficial entrance next to the bridge on Church Street. They asked if the walkway could be moved there and that it did not make sense to have a walkway in a vacant lot. Steve Hill noted that the Plan was approved and may not be easy to change. They should have seen this on their deed prior to purchasing the house. Dave Knerr added that the walkway was included to allow Township residents to access Lockridge Park and Jaindl may not agree to move it. Chad Atkins asked if there was not a time period that it had to be put in since it has been 15 years since the Plan was approved and was told no there is no time period. Ron DeIaco would feel better after walking the area to see what is being asked. Kathleen Palmer will meet with Ron and Matt Mumma tomorrow morning. In the meantime, Sharon will contact David Jaindl to get his feeling on it and this will be placed on the next Agenda.

Mehmet Birtek asked Council why there is no mail delivery in the Borough and was told that the Borough is considered rural and the unions are different.

Pump Station – Quotes have not been obtained to place a basket in the sewer station. This will be tabled.

Tax Collection – Council can choose to change the rate of the Tax Collector every four years. The Tax Collector's commission is 3%. Hector Vazquez made a motion to keep the Tax Collection commission at 3%, Vanessa Taggart 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Modern Power Group – Generator Maintenance Agreement – As per Council's request, Sharon checked to see if there was a contract that would automatically renew at a discounted rate. This is not offered, so Sharon has signed the current contract.

Registration Forms – 940 Residential Registration Forms have been sent out. To date, 184 have not replied. Sharon would prefer reaching out one more time prior to sending a fine. There are older residents and others confused about having to do this each year. Hector asked if we should resume rental inspections and Council would prefer waiting until June.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission - Correspondence – A letter was received from the LVPC regarding a subdivision of 722 E. Main Street, Macungie. Council has no comment at this time.

Trash Collection – Vanessa Taggart asked what we are going to do about the garbage hauler. They are still in the Borough after 8:00 p.m. Council instructed Sharon to send them a warning that states from here on out, we will be sending fines to J.P. Mascaro.

A motion to adjourn at 8:06 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.