

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2022

The July 27, 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

Mehmet Birtek

Steve Hill

John Aleszczyk

Stephen Nemeth

Hector Moss

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor

Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager

Kathleen Palmer, Mayor

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner Garron Stephens Devon Stephens Jennifer Stephens

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Ron DeIaco informed everyone that one of our residents, Don Christman, took first place in the Eastern Regional Water Skiing Competition.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2022 – Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JULY 27, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of July 27, 2022, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

FISCAL CONSULTANT’S REPORT – Hector Moss made a motion to accept the Fiscal Consultant’s Report, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Council noted that Fiscal Consultant, Matt Mumma did a nice job for his first report.

ADMINISTRATION

List of Officials – An updated List of Officials was reviewed. The newest Council Member, Mehmet Birtek, was made Chair of the Sewer Committee. Ron DeIaco said, while speaking of sewer, there were two more mop heads in the system and both pumps had to be cleared. The company installing the basket system has told the engineers that the materials they need should arrive next week. Resident, Jennifer Stephens, asked how the mops get into the system. They are either flushed or put in a manhole, but the manholes weigh a couple of hundred pounds so they are likely flushed.

Mulch for Playground – Sharon received price comparisons for wood mulch vs. rubber mulch. Based on the cost, Ron DeIaco recommends wood mulch. Stephen Nemeth made a motion to purchase wood mulch, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – Borough Engineer, Jeff Ott, sent a letter with a punch list for the contractor to finish the work. There is an area on Front and Walnut and also the ADA ramp on Franklin Street.

2019 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – Based on the recommendation of the engineer, Hector Moss made a motion to pay Standard Pipe Services \$50,850.00 for work completed on the project. The motion was 2nd by Stephen Nemeth and a unanimous vote followed.

2022 Multimodal Grant – A grant will be submitted this week for curb, sidewalk, storm sewer and paving of School Street. This is a project that has previously been proposed, but only a portion of it on Windsor Road and Chestnut Circle West was applied for. Hector made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-8, a Resolution authorizing the Borough Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Alburdis and the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. The motion was 2nd by Stephen Nemeth and a unanimous vote followed.

Community Day – Hector Moss mentioned having a day for the community to have fun since going through the pandemic the past couple of years. The Borough has had carnivals in the past and something like this would be good for the community. Stephen Nemeth also thought this was a good idea. Council agreed this is something that should happen maybe next year. Ron asked Hector and Stephen to work on this and come up with a date.

Recycling Event – The Recycling Event will be held this weekend at Macungie Memorial Park. Tracy will be there to assist Sharon and Steve Hill also said he can help.

Police – Mayor Palmer mentioned that part-time officer, Kevin Kennedy, will be returning as an employee.

Residents – Steve Hill mentioned that it is nice to see young people at a meeting. Resident, Jennifer Stephens asked if the Community Day meeting will be a different meeting and was told yes. Hector mentioned that there is an opening on Park and Recreation if she is interested in helping. Ms. Stephens asked if there was a better solution to the truck traffic. This has been worked on for years with no avail. Kathy Palmer said she can report trucks to the police but should not approach the trucks by herself.

A motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. was made by Steve Hill, 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.