

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2022

The June 29, 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

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

Chris Greb, Macungie Ambulance Corps

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT – No Report.

MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2022 – Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 8, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 29, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of June 29, 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.

ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal Consultant – Resident, Matthew Mumma, has expressed an interest in the Fiscal Consultant position. He has lived in the Borough for eight years and has over 20 years experience working in finance. Hector Moss made a motion to appoint Matthew Mumma to the position of Fiscal Consultant, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Macungie Ambulance Corps – Chris Greb of the Macungie Ambulance Corps was present to ask for a percentage of the ARPA funds that were received. Funding of a non-profit ambulance service is always a concern. Knowing there is ARPA money within each municipality that they cover, they are asking for funds for a new unit. The percent of calls responded to in the Borough is 3%, therefore, they are asking for that percent of a new ambulance. A new ambulance cost \$200,000 and they are asking for \$6,000 from the Borough. John Aleszczyk would like to wait until we receive the next round of funding before committing. Hector agrees that we should wait. Stephen Nemeth is in favor of giving them the funds they need. He believes it is important to support our first responders with the equipment that is needed to help our residents. Ron suggested this be tabled until next meeting.

Bridge Inspection Report – Sharon requested a copy of the bridge inspection for the bridge on Spring Creek Road. Penn Dot required her to do a Right to Know and then needed a 30-day extension to provide it. We received it this week and after Council’s review, it was determined that the bridge is in bad shape and will have to be replaced. We have been told that it is in their five-year plan, but it is just being studied.

Gravity Fed Sewer System – Ron reported that he and Sharon met with Lower Macungie Township and both of our engineers about a gravity fed system. Our flows were previously too high, but with the amount of work we have done to our system, the flows are much less. The Township will now review the numbers and another meeting will be scheduled.

Upper Milford Township – Correspondence – Correspondence was received by Upper Milford Township in regard to a Zoning Amendment. The SW Comprehensive Plan group met last night, and no one had any issues regarding the change. Council agreed and had no comment on the change.

Public Comment – Matthew Mumma asked if there is anything new on the two empty lots on Scenic View. Council has not heard anything since representatives from Jaindl proposed town houses.

Request to Amend Agenda – Ron DeIaco requested an amendment to the agenda. He received an email today that needs to be addressed. Hector Moss made a motion to open the Agenda, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Sharon will make the appropriate changes and repost the amended agenda.

Sewer Basket System – The contractor hired for the basket system installation has proposed a change to the cover and also to the rail system to make it safer. This will increase the cost by about \$2,075. Hector made a motion to approve the Change Order, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

A motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. was made by Stephen Nemeth, 2nd by Hector Moss and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.