

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2021

The June 30, 2021, 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. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco	Steve Hill	Vanessa Taggart
Kathleen Raines	Stephen Kaufman	John Aleszczyk

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

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

Visitors in attendance:

Steve Nemeth	Chad Atkins	Steve Werley
Mehmet Birtek	Steve Reichenbach	Gary DeRoner
Sherryann Oels	Collin	

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Palmer thanked everyone who attended the Flag Box Dedication. Due to a family emergency, she was unable to attend. Steve Hill, Kathleen Raines, and Vanessa Taggart all attended and said it was a very nice event and Officer Chris Lubenetski, did a very good job.

MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2021 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2021, with one change, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – JUNE 30, 2021 – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to pay the bills of June 30, 2021, Kathleen Raines 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ADMINISTRATION

Public Comment – None

Public Hearing – A Public Hearing was held in regard to Ordinance No. 567, an Ordinance amending Alburtis Codified Ordinances Section 21-1415(r) to change the amount of required off-street parking spaces under the zoning ordinance for restaurants, nightclubs, barrooms, lunch counters, or the like to one space for every five (5) employees and one space for every twenty (20) seats for customers. Stephen Kaufman is concerned that it is a little bit generous and fears it may pose a problem in the future. Ron DeIaco believes if a problem arises in the future, it can be amended to help the situation. Resident, Gary DeRoner, asked if this pertained to the whole Borough and was told yes, right now we would encourage people to come to our small Borough for a meal or such. With no other public comment, the hearing was closed.

Ordinance No. 567 – Steve Hill made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 567, John Aleszczyk 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Borough Parking Lot – The parking lot needs repair. The repairs will cost \$1,250 and will be done by M & L Sealcoating. Donnie Derr believes the Maintenance Department could repave the lot for about \$6,000 if Council would prefer. Council would like to wait on that and just have the repairs done. Steve Hill made a motion to proceed with the repairs, Stephen Kaufman 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds – The application has been completed for the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds. Sharon worked with Bob Palmer in obtaining information needed to complete the application. Sharon then called Pat Browne’s office for help. Shawn Millan of Pat Browne’s office worked out the issues we were having.

LVPC - Correspondence – Correspondence was received from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission in regard to a subdivision in Emmaus.

Dugouts – The dugouts need to be repainted. Sharon asked Council if anyone would have a problem if they were painted the colors of the Alburtis Tigers instead of the tan they have been. No one had an issue.

LV Main Street Grant – We were awarded \$2,000 from the Chamber Main Street Grant. This will be used to purchase banners.

345 Franklin Street – Ron Delaco received a complaint from a resident about 345 Franklin Street. The alley is, once again, a mess. Maintenance has blocked off the bottom of the yard so that cars cannot pull out into the alley and drag mud, but this barrier has disappeared. Steve Hill suggested that a guard rail be placed there, and Ron asked if we could put rocks within the right of way. The resident was at a meeting two years ago and said they would fix the issue, but nothing has been done. Sharon informed Council that Barry Isett and Associates is currently working on violations for this property and Bob Palmer said he would check it out and we will start issuing violations.

Police – Police Chief, Robert Palmer told Council that the software he used to use to create reports has change from Cody to Mark 43. Lehigh County paid for Cody but that has changed for the new system. All departments will be required to pay their share. The annual fee for the Borough will be \$3,600. This is not budgeted for this year and will have to be put in the budget for next year. The chief is not able to create the same reports since they will give out too much detail. Sharon offered to help him create an excel spreadsheet so that information will stay confidential.

E. Penn Avenue – Resident, Gary DeRoner asked what was being done on the property at E. Penn Avenue and Quarry Road. A lot of dirt is being moved. Sharon will call Alex Tamerler to find out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – An Executive Session was called at 7:32 p.m. for Personnel and ended at 7:56 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. was made by Kathleen Raines, 2nd by Steve Hill and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.