

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2022

The March 30, 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. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco	Steve Hill	Chad Atkins
John Aleszczyk	Stephen Nemeth	

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
Kathleen Palmer, Mayor	

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner	Steve Werley	Sherryann Oels
Hayden Rinde, East Penn Chamber		Ashley Lorah, East Penn Chamber

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident, Gary DeRoner questioned why yellow stripes were put on the road, but the curb was not painted yellow as well. Sharon believes they were waiting on paint but will check into it.

Hayden Rinde and Ashley Lorah were present from the East Penn Chamber to let Council know the Chamber is always there to help with Borough businesses when needed. Sharon regularly attends the East Penn Business Council meetings. The Chamber is working on building relationships with businesses. The monthly luncheon in May will be at Bimbo Bakeries and will also have a tour of the facility. With the help of Lehigh County's Grant Program, they have been able to fund businesses that were struggling due to Covid grants up to \$15,000. Hayden and Ashley thanked Council for letting them speak.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor, Kathleen Palmer, reported that new Chief, Tony Alsleben, is settling in and is focusing on part time officers. He currently has two that he will be meeting with.

MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2022 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2022, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – MARCH 30, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of March 30, 2022, Chad Atkins 2nd, John Aleszczyk was opposed to check #22522, payable to Ott Consulting, and the balance were ayes.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Council Resignation – Council person, Vanessa Taggart, has moved out of state and has resigned from Council. Steve Hill accepted the resignation, with regrets, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution No. 2022-4 – Chad Atkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-4, a Resolution appointing Tony Alsleben to the Pension Committee, Stephn Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Dogs for Diabetes – The Lion's Club has contacted Sharon in regard to holding a Dogs for Diabetes event in honor of Frances Zieger, a member and Borough resident who has recently passed away. They would like to have the event on June 4 and hold it in the Borough lot. Steve Hill made a motion to allow the Lion's Club to hold the event at Borough Hall, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

Upper Ballfield Dedication – Steve Hill would like to have the Upper Ballfield dedicated to former Council member and Park and Recreation Chair, Kathleen Raines. Mrs. Raines has put her heart and soul into the Park and Recreation Committee for many years. Council agrees with Steve and Ron asked for Council to give some thought as to what to name it.

Dorney Landfill – Mowing Contract – Sharon arranged for Donnie Derr to meet with a couple of companies last week to show them the Dorney Landfill site. We have not heard back from the companies and still have the Agreement from Saylor's. Chad Atkins made a motion to award the contract to Saylor's for the quoted \$18,000, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. A note will be placed into the file stating we asked for three quotes and only received one.

Ultra-thin Bonded Wearing Course Bid – Several of the roads that were chosen to have the wearing course put on them are too far gone for this process. Donnie is going to meet with a representative from a company that performs this service to determine which roads would be best. Sharon will do an addendum to the bid once this is figured out.

Recommendation to Award Contract – Chestnut Circle West – Based on the recommendation from Ott Consulting, Stephen Nemeth made a motion to award the Chestnut Circle West project to Linde Corporation in the amount of \$180,354.00. The motion was 2nd by Steve Hill, John Aleszczyk was opposed, and the balance were ayes.

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services - LIHWAP – The state has received Covid money to help residents having trouble paying their utilities. The program will end when the Covid funds run out. In order to help the residents, the Borough must apply to be a part of the program. Sten Hill made a motion to have Sharon complete the application, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

PA One Call – The Borough received \$153.71 from PA One Call. This is a refund as a result of the annual service fee payments collected from excavators, designers, and operators who placed locate request notifications during 2021.

J.P. Mascaro Fuel Costs – We receive a letter from J.P. Mascaro regarding the rising fuel costs. This is informational as we are in a contract.

A motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. was made by Stephen Nemeth, 2nd by Chad Atkins and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.