

Borough of Alburtis

Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2022

The August 31, 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

Chad Atkins

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 Steve Werley Lydia Oels Ashlynn Rivera

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident, Gary DeRoner voiced a concern regarding Franklin Street becoming a drag strip. This is an ongoing concern that the police are dealing with.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Palmer reported that a letter was received today from DEP. The DEP has put our area in a drought watch and are asking people to voluntarily conserve water. She wondered if we should have campfires restricted. Ron asked Sharon to check with the Fire Company to see if they have had issues.

MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2022 – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2022, Stephen Nemeth 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT – AUGUST 31, 2022 – Stephen Nemeth made a motion to pay the bills of August 31, 2022, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed.

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

ADMINISTRATION

East Penn Children’s Fitness – Council reviewed an email from East Penn Children’s Fitness. They are concerned about the broken speed humps on W. Penn Avenue and would like them repaired. Hector Moss has said that he would like to make the speed humps permanent like the ones in the Township, but John Aleszczyk believes we have spent enough money on the repairs already and if Council chooses to put them there, we would have to put them on other streets as well. Ron asked if our guys could put in the permanent ones and resident, Steve Werley stated that Quakertown just put in a smaller ramp to slow traffic down. The majority of Council does not want to spend the money on this, and Steve Hill made a motion to not replace the speed humps, John Aleszczyk 2nd, Hector Moss was opposed, and the balance were ayes.

Utility Truck – The Maintenance Utility Truck is a 2000 and many repairs have been done on it. It will need to be replaced. John Aleszczyk stated that this is not a budgeted item and Ron DeIaco said sometimes things come up that are not in the budget but need to be done. The funds to purchase a utility truck would not come out of the General Account, but would come out of Water and Sewer. Ron asked Sharon to have Donnie obtain prices for Council to review. The police will also need a new vehicle.

Crack Sealing – Hector asked what the status is with Maintenance doing the crack sealing. It is on Donnie's list, but Sharon will check with him.

Halloween Parade – Hector Moss has been speaking with residents and businesses regarding a Halloween Parade. The response has been overwhelming. He attended the last AACC Meeting, and they are willing to participate as well as the Fire Company, Old Time Plow Boys, Scouts, Campfire and businesses. The AACC is bringing back the Fall Festival and the parade would start once the Fall Festival is over. John Aleszczyk asked what this will cost to the Borough. Hector informed him that no funds are being requested. John asked if the police were going to volunteer their time? If not, this would be overtime. The same would be with Maintenance. Kathy Palmer said the roads would need to be cleared and John stated that this will incur more costs. Hector Moss stated that our residents pay taxes just like he does and everyone he has spoken to would like to have more things done in the Borough. Ron DeIaco applauds the effort from Hector and likes the idea. The parade would be on October 29, with a rain date of October 30th. It will start out small with the goal being that it would grow each year. Stephen Nemeth made a motion to have the Halloween Parade on October 29th with a rain date of October 30th and also authorizing Hector Moss to chair the parade, as an individual, not a council person. The motion was 2nd by Steve Hill, John Aleszczyk was opposed, and the balance were ayes.

Executive Session – An Executive Session was called at 7:35 p.m. for Personnel and ended at 8:20 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 7:35 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.