

## **Borough of Alburdis**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 10, 2021**

The February 10, 2021 meeting of Borough Council was called to order by Council President Ron DeIaco at 7:00 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the meeting was held via video conference. The change in venue was announced on the Borough website and by a posting notice on the Borough Hall doors. The meeting was open to the public where participants could attend the meeting by using an assigned web link and access code.

#### **Council members in attendance:**

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

#### **Associates of Alburdis in attendance:**

Dave Knerr, Solicitor	Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager
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#### **Visitors in attendance:**

Mary Anderson	Gary DeRoner	Sherryann Oels
Bob Walbert	Chad Atkins	April Stern
Joe Japutte	Ted Miller	Janelle Alfano
Lydia Jones	Mehmet Birtek	Al Senk
Matt Mumma	Steve Reichenbach	Michael Wambaugh

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report**

**MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021** – Vanessa Taggart made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2021, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT – MARCH 10, 2021** – Kathleen Raines made a motion to pay the bills of March 10, 2021, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Steve Hill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

**MACUNGIE AMBULANCE REPORT** – Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the Macungie Ambulance Corps Monthly Report, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed. There were 11 calls in the Borough in February.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Hector Vazquez made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report, Steve Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Public Comment – None**

**Park and Recreation - Swing** – Money has been placed in Park and Recreation for a new Bird's Nest swing and Ron would like to take action on this. Kathleen Raines said Sharon researched more and found in at a much lesser cost. John Aleszczyk asked where it was going and Kathleen Raines said she met with Donnie and Sharon and there is room between the two existing playsets. This was approved two years ago. Hector Vazquez made a motion to purchase the swing set, Vanessa Taggart 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Aleszczyk and Steve Hill were opposed and the balance were ayes. Steve Hill stated the only reason he was opposed was due to snow plowing being overbudget.

Park and Recreation – Baseball Field – Sherryann Oels was present and stated that the baseball coordinator would like to have extra netting placed beside the backstop so that foul balls do not continue to damage a neighboring property. John Aleszczyk stated that the ball field has been there and this will not work. Ron asked Kathleen Raines to meet with Donnie, Sharon and Manny Rodriguez to see what something like this would cost.

Hills at Lockridge – Dedication Update – Sharon reported that she had a conference call with Jeff Ott and representatives from Jaindl Land Company to discuss how to proceed with issues brought up by residents. It was determined that the best way to proceed would be for Sharon and Jeff to meet with the residents first and then contact Howard from Jaindl to discuss what needs to be done.

Liquid Fuels – The Borough received \$60,893.13 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. This is used for roadwork, streetlights, snow removal and street signs. John stated that this is a state-run program and is not a guarantee. It could be eliminated at some point.

Lower Macungie Fire Department Volunteer Certifications – Nine firefighters were certified as eligible to receive an Earned Income Tax credit in 2020.

RCN Franchise Fees – The Borough received \$16,513.48 in Franchise Fees from RCN. This has continued to go down due to the amount of residents not using cable.

Lower Milford Township - Correspondence – A proposed Ordinance making changes to Zoning was reviewed. Borough Council has no comment at this time.

Recycling Event – Our annual E-Waste Recycling and shredding event held with Macungie Borough will be on July 31<sup>st</sup> this year at Macungie Memorial Park.

Maintenance PC – The computer at the Maintenance Shop is not working. Sharon tried to work on it, but it will not boot up. She will reach out to Don Christman to see if it can be salvaged. They will need a computer to access emails and for research. Sharon was asked if they could use one of the office PC's and she replied that there is confidential information on all three of the PC's. Once the office staff is back in the office, there should be a laptop for them to use. Ron asked Sharon to price out a new PC or laptop for the next meeting.

Tax Collection – The Tax Collector's home will be under construction this spring and she asked if residents would be able to drop their taxes in the boxes at Borough Hall as she does not want anyone hurt trying to drop them at her residence. Hector Vazquez made a motion to allow tax bills to be dropped off in the Borough boxes, Kathleen Raines 2<sup>nd</sup> and a unanimous vote followed.

Recycling – Mehmet Birtek asked Council why recycling is only once per week and was told that cost for every week recycling was much higher.

A motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. was made by Kathleen Raines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vanessa Taggart and a unanimous vote followed. Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by Sharon Trexler, Borough Manager.