

Borough of Alburtis
Meeting Minutes
September 11th, 2024

The September 11th, 2024, 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 not streamed on zoom due to technical difficulties.

Council members in attendance via in person:

Ron DeIaco, Steve Hill, Hector Moss, Chad Atkins, Ashlynn Rivera, Mehmet Birtek, John Aleszczyk

Associates of Alburtis in attendance:

Dave Knerr- Solicitor, Stephen Nemeth-Manager, Kathleen Palmer- Mayor

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner, Steve Werley, Mike Gerhart, Ray Ricketts, Peggie Buss, Chris Greb

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mehmet Birtek mentioned that he watched the debate and wishes that there was another candidate that loved our country more than others.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report given; no comment made.

POLICE REPORT

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the police report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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MEETING MINUTES of August 28th, 2024

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 28th, 2024, Chad Atkins 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT – September 11th, 2024

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to pay the bills of August 14th, 2024, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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TREASURER'S REPORT

John Aleszczyk mentioned that looking at the grant revenue, we have about 200,000 that we received that we did not budget for due to the projects being completed last year, therefore that revenue should not count towards this year's figures. John Aleszczyk mentioned why do we still have the ARPA funds still in the account. Stephen Nemeth mentioned at the August 30th 2023 meeting when we were discussing purchasing the police car it was mentioned that while waiting for the invoice for the water pumps, we reallocate the ARPA funds to purchase the police car and have the water pumps come out of the water fund since that gets replenished quarterly, that motion had been approved and since then the treasurers report was approved 7-0 since. Hector

Moss mentioned that he thought the ARPA funds would be used towards the pressure reducing valve project, Steve mentioned that the request for that was for research to be done on if it could be used towards that project, also that we have a grant that covers that upcoming project. Mehmet Birtek mentioned that last meeting we discussed that it was just a simple accounting move and that we mentioned that at the end of the year we hold it until we find a need for or it or then we transfer it to cover the pumps.

John Aleszczyk made a motion to reallocate the ARPA funds to the water fund to go towards water pump purchase of 2023, Steve Hill 2nd and a roll call vote followed. Motion passes 4-3.

DeIaco- nay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- nay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- nay
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Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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ENGINEER’S REPORT

John Aleszczyk mentioned in regard to chestnut stormwater project that he would like to not have the inspector at the project until the work is completed. Ron DeIaco asked Stephen can look into this.

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the engineer’s report, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS

Ron DeIaco mentioned in the report stated 381 calls for Macungie Ambulance in August, with 18 being in the borough. Hector Moss mentioned that in light of most recent fires in the borough, he is working with the local fire department to host a fire safety training program.

Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the ambulance report, Hector Moss 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk- yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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ADMINISTRATION

Corey and Kimberly Rides again, additional road closure request

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that the previous request was for 3rd street from Main St to Chestnut from 9am-11am. Organization is hoping to get School Street from 12pm-4pm from Main St to Chestnut like they used to do for the event. Hector Moss asked if this request is in addition to the previous request. Stephen Nemeth confirmed.

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve route and road closures, motion was 2nd by Chad Atkins. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 7-0:

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Garbage Contract Discussion-

Dave Knerr mentioned that wanted to check on everyone’s opinion on tote size; checked with other municipalities about 96-gallon totes. Doesn’t make sense changing since looking at through normal weeks’ worth of trash size and its 2-1 other municipalities are perfectly recommended the 96’s going this route due to moving towards automatic. If residents would want different size or additional tote, the resident would be able to pay for that difference from the contractor. Hector Moss asked if bulk days would still take place. Dave mentioned that has not changed and if you have bulked most cases, you just would need to give them the heads up.

Resolution 2024-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS AND THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING A NORTHAMPTON/ LEHIGH COUNTY LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT

Be it Resolved that the Borough of Alburdis of Lehigh County hereby request a Northampton/ Lehigh County Local Share Assessment grant of \$31,685.00 from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of Ballfield Fence Renovation.

Be it Further Resolved that the Applicant does hereby designate Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager and Ronald Deiaco, Council President to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Alburdis and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Duly Resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburdis, this 11th day of September 2024, in lawful session duly assembled.

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve resolution 2024-12, motion was 2nd by Hector Moss. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 7-0:

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Resolution 2024-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ALBURTIS AND THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING A NORTHAMPTON/ LEHIGH COUNTY LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT

Be it Resolved that the Borough of Alburdis of Lehigh County hereby request a Northampton/ Lehigh County Local Share Assessment grant of \$30,155.98 from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of IT upgrades for Borough office and Police Department

Be it Further Resolved that the Applicant does hereby designate Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager and Ronald Deiaco, Council President to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Alburdis and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Duly Resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburdis, this 11th day of September 2024, in lawful session duly assembled.

Mehmet Birtek made a motion approve resolution 2024-13, motion was 2nd by Hector Moss. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 7-0:

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Macungie Ambulance Annual Funding Request

Chris Greb started by saying thank you for having me here tonight. Coming today to request additional funding to come. The future fleet plan similar to like we did during the ARPA requests. We are currently asking for an increase of 1,600. Ambulances currently are 3 years out, currently listed as about 287,000, next one that we would do is to remount an older box onto newer wheels. We have been very fortunate with receiving grants, as a non-profit 5103c we can only request for allocations, whereas municipal owned ambulances can tax for funds. This is more so just a looking ahead, not in any trouble just being proactive. Also, wanted to invite everyone to our open house taking place on Thursday September 19th from 11:30am-1pm. Chris also mentioned that he wanted to thank the borough for its continued support.

Ron DeIaco mentioned that we would be going into an executive session for personnel, and that no vote will be taken after. A motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. was made by Mehmet Birtek, 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth

Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.

APPROVED