

**Borough of Alburdis**  
Meeting Minutes  
May 27th, 2026

The May 27th, 2026, 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, Alburdis, PA. The meeting was also live-streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco, Steve Hill, Michael Gerhart, Chad Atkins, John Aleszczyk, Mehmet Birtek

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Stephen Nemeth- Manager, Hector Moss- Mayor, David Knerr- Solicitor, Tony Alsleben- Police Chief (zoom),

East Penn Press (zoom)

Visitors in attendance:

Gary DeRoner, Vic Lauer, Linda Lauer, Ray Ricketts, Chris Lubenetski, Sarah Lysinger, Christian Wiesner

Visitors in attendance via Zoom:

Tom, Matt, Mary M

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 13th, 2026**

John Aleszczyk made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mehmet Birtek 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT – May 24th, 2026**

John Aleszczyk inquired if the cost of the portalets at the ballfield and playground had gone up. Steve Nemeth confirmed that the previous vendor was acquired by Call of Nature Inc. John Aleszczyk made a motion to pay the bills of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mehmet Birtek 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed; the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

No Mayor's Report.

**FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

John Aleszczyk questioned how the formulas for this report are created, Mehmet stated that he could set up a meeting for us to meet with the fiscal consultant to see how he comes up with his figures. Ron DeIaco stated he thinks that could be a good idea. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve the Fiscal Consultant's Report of May, Michael Gerhart 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**New Business**

**Eagle Scout Project Presentations**

- **Church Eagle Scout Project: fixing brick walkway, planting flowers, fixing bench at the memorial stone-** **Sarah Lysinger.** Scout from Scout Troop 519 in Allentown and a member of Venturing Crew 77 in Alburdis, requested approval to complete an Eagle service project benefiting the local community. They explained that their units meet at the church on Church Road and Ballock Ridge Church. For the proposed project, the Scout plans to improve accessibility and enhance the appearance of the area beside Lockridge Church by repaving the path with pavers to better accommodate individuals using canes or wheelchairs, installing a bench, and creating flower beds for a pollinator garden. The addition of flowers is intended to support local pollinators while beautifying the space. The Scout expressed enthusiasm for making a positive impact and thanked the group for their time and consideration. Steve Hill made the motion to approve the eagle scout project. motion was 2nd by Mehmet Birtek, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

- **Welcome to Alburdis Signs: flower planting with retaining wall- Christian Wiesner-** a Scout from Troop 72 and Crew 77 working toward the rank of Eagle, presented a proposed improvement project in Alburdis, which they described as a beautiful community. They explained that, in addition to an existing Eagle Project sign, there are two other signs in the area that could benefit from sprucing up. Their plan is to create a flower bed around one of these signs, incorporating a brick wall border, a modified H-stone base, layers of sand and dirt, and perennial flowers that will return each year. The Scout noted that they have already prepared a workbook and a simple sketch of the concept and can produce a more detailed version with dimensions, material quantities, and other specifics as needed. Mehmet Birtek made the motion to approve the eagle scout project. motion was 2nd by Chad Atkins, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**Recommendation to pay Application No. 5 to Allgyer Enterprise, LLC and close out project.**

John Aleszczyk made the motion to pay Application No. 5 to Allgyer Enterprise, LLC, motion 2nd by Michael Gerhart, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**Request to send Kyle Hausman to a CDL Certification Program**

Steve Nemeth mentioned that in 2022, a new law was created requiring all CDL applicants to complete a formal training course, noting that this is a new mandate for the borough and will require sending Kyle to attend the class. In conversations between members, there was agreement on establishing a minimum two-year employment commitment following completion of the CDL training so that, if the borough pays for the course, the employee remains for at least two years or is responsible for repayment. Dave and Steve agreed to work together on drafting this policy. Dave also noted that an ordinance is already being prepared for the next meeting to add a \$140 fee for rental property owners who fail to appear for scheduled inspections and suggested that the CDL requirement could be incorporated into the same ordinance. Members expressed support for the two-year requirement, and Mike suggested adding a stipulation that if the employee fails the course, they would be responsible for the cost. John Aleszczyk made the motion to send Kyle Hausman to the CDL program and eventually Mark once he is eligible, motion 2nd by Michael Gerhart, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**Adjournment**

Chad Atkins made the motion to adjourn. Michael Gerhart seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Council then proceeded into an executive session for personnel.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

*Stephen Nemeth*

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Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.