

Borough of Alburdis
Meeting Minutes
October 30th, 2024

The October 30th, 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, Alburdis, PA. The meeting was also live streamed on Zoom.

Council members in attendance:

Ron DeIaco, Chad Atkins, Ashlynn Rivera, John Aleszczyk

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Stephen Nemeth-Borough Manager, Kathy Palmer- Mayor, John P. Karoly III- Assistant Solicitor, Mike Preston- Engineer, East Penn Press

Associates of Alburdis in attendance via zoom:

East Penn Press, Tony Alsleben- Police Chief

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner, Mike Gerhart, Steve Werley, Greg Kuebler

Visitors on Zoom: Tom, Brooke

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kathy Palmer mentioned she would like to greatly thank you to the Alburdis Area Community Center for putting on the parade this last Saturday. It turned out to be a real successful event again. It was a great job done by everybody that was involved, a lot of volunteers that gave up their time to be there. And without those people you don't really make it a success.

Resolution 2024-14

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE ASSISTANT BOROUGH
SOLICITOR

WHEREAS, in accordance with PA Consolidated Statutes § 1118, The Mayor has nominated John P. Karoly III, Esquire to be the Borough's Assistant Solicitor; and
WHEREAS Borough Council accepts the Mayor's nomination and desires to make that appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburdis, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, that John P. Karoly III, Esquire is hereby appointed as the Assistant Borough Solicitor.

DULY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburdis, this 30th day of October 2024, in lawful session duly assembled.

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve resolution 2024-14, motion was 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 4-0:

DeIaco- yay	Atkins -yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Kuebler two things. first of all, I want to thank you all for having recycling once a week. I don't know how family does it, but I'm slamming into that thing and that container. So that's one good thing. The second reason I'm really here is, the light post is out on my block. It's been out for over a month. My wife contacted PPL. She's contacted the Borough office. I've contacted the police department. Still, nothing like, I said, it's been out over a month now and yeah, trick or treat tomorrow night. It is pitch black down at that end of the block. So for safety sake, and there's a saying, the squeaky wheel gets the grease exactly so. Somebody ought to call PPL. Like every hour on the hour or something and tell them to get their butts out there and do it, because, like I said, I was a patrolman here, I did that I would call PPL. I've never had an issue with them like this, within a couple of days they were always out here. So, I don't know what the holdup is or what's going on, but it's time that thing gets lit. No, I'm down towards 3rd. Is it that second silver one? Is it that second silver one? Stephen Nemeth mentioned that he will come out tomorrow, to investigate and call into PPL.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 13th, 2024

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 13th, 2024, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 4-0.

Delaco- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT – October 30th, 2024

John Aleszczyk questioned bill 24517 payment to Ott consulting, when the Chestnut Street Stormwater Project and the Bicentennial Village project can be closed out. Mike Preston mentioned my goal is to have those before you for the next council meeting. We worked with Ian from CMS to address the minor issues that we still have on bicentennial, very receptive to those. I think we should have those wrapped up. John Aleszczyk so chestnut. We're probably looking at 20 some 1,000. We're looking at Chestnut Circle. There's an outstanding bill for like 20, some 1,000. Correct. Mike Preston mentioned I don't have the number at my fingertips. I'm just trying to close the work, but I can certainly let you know for the next meeting. You'll have that for our recommendation for approval. I think one of the issues we have with chestnut circle is that does the drainage work. With no rain since August it's difficult to measure if it was done correctly.

Chad Atkins made a motion to pay the bills of October 30th, 2024, John Aleszczyk 2nd the motion, motion passes with a 4-0 vote, with Ashlynn Rivera abstaining from bill 24619 due to being on the board of the AACC.

Delaco- yay	Atkins- yay; abstaining from bill 24619	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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FISCAL CONSULTANT'S REPORT

John Aleszczyk made a motion to approve the Fiscal Consultant's Report of September, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 4-0.

Delaco- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk- yay
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MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS

Ron Delaco mentioned in the report stated 374 calls for Macungie Ambulance in September, with 6 being in the borough.

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

Delaco- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk-yay
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ADMINISTRATION:

Resolution 2024-15

WHEREAS, the *Borough of Alburdis*, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural and non-natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the *Borough of Alburdis* acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by Lehigh County Emergency Services and the Northampton County Emergency Management Services in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of *Borough of Alburdis*, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the *Borough of Alburdis*:

- The Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the *Borough of Alburdis*, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADOPTED, this 30th day of October 2024

Chad Atkins made a motion to approve resolution 2024-15, motion was 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 4-0:

Delaco- yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay	Aleszczyk-yay
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Ordinance 589

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING IN THE BOROUGH OF ALBURDIS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT DROUGHT EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Borough has declared an emergency within the Borough in connection with the current drought; and

WHEREAS the Mayor reasonably believes that outdoor burning should be prohibited for the duration of the drought to help preserve life, health, and property, and desires to include that prohibition in her emergency proclamation; and

WHEREAS Borough Council agrees that outdoor burning should be so prohibited; **Now, THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburdis, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Outdoor burning is not permitted in the Borough until the Mayor declares that the current drought emergency has come to an end.

SECTION 2. For purposes of this Ordinance, "open burning" shall mean the burning of any materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. For the purposes of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion takes place, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues, or chimneys are necessary to provide combustion air and to permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

SECTION 3. Any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) plus costs of prosecution, or, in default thereof, undergo imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is enacted without compliance with ordinary publication requirements due to the emergency conditions currently present. In addition, by her assent to this Ordinance, the Mayor incorporates the terms of this Ordinance into his proclamation of emergency.

DULY ORDAINED and **ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alburdis, this 30th day of October 2024, in lawful session duly assembled.

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve Ordinance 589, motion was 2nd by John Aleszczyk. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 4-0:

DeIaco- yay	Aleszczyk-yay	Atkins- yay	Rivera- yay
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Lower Macungie Library -request for increase to annual contribution.

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that this is a request to increase the annual contributions. Currently we give \$11,805.00 per year. The last increase according to our budgeted numbers was in 2016. Ron DeIaco requested that we think about this and discuss it at the next budget meeting scheduled for November 20th, 2024.

Executive Session - Personnel (possible vote to follow)

Resolution No. 2024-16- A RESOLUTION TERMINATING EMPLOYEE NUMBER 600

Tabled until November 13th, 2024, council meeting.

Adjournment:

A request to go into an executive session for legal was made, with no vote to follow. Chad Atkins made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm, motion was 2nd by Ashlynn Rivera and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth

Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.