

Borough of Alburdis
Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2024

The July 31, 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 Steve Hill Hector Moss Chad Atkins Mehmet Birtek Ashlynn Rivera

Associates of Alburdis in attendance:

Dave Knerr- Solicitor, Kathy Palmer- Mayor, Stephen Nemeth-Borough Manager, Tony Alsleben- Police Chief

Associates of Alburdis in attendance via zoom:

East Penn Press

Visitors in attendance: Gary DeRoner, Mike Gerhart, Jay Ruff, JoAnn Ruff, Ray Ricketts, Chuck Deprill, Victoria Cerulli

Visitors on Zoom: Tom, Brooke, Howie Savacool

PUBLIC COMMENT –No Public Comment

MAYOR’S REPORT – Kathy Palmer mentioned that she is going to turn this over to Jay Ruff. He's going to make a presentation to the police department tonight that he wishes to have done tonight in front of Council and everything after his 42 years of service, He is still given back. Jay Ray mentioned that I have a little gift. I'd like to present to the chief for the police department, from my wife, my daughter, and my son, and their siblings, in Charlotte, North Carolina, and in the country still do I, my son, Ty is on the phone. First, most of you know. I'd like to present the boys of the police department with their first electric bike.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 10th, 2024

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 10th, 2024, Hector Moss 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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BILLS FOR PAYMENT – July 31st, 2024

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to pay the bills of July 31st, 2024, Chad Atkins 2nd the motion, motion passes with a 6-0 vote.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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TREASURER’S REPORT –

Chad Atkins made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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FISCAL CONSULTANT’S REPORT

Steve Hill mentioned the only the only comment I have the real estate transfer text. I don't think we're going to reach our projection.

Hector Moss made a motion to approve the Fiscal Consultant's Report of June, Steve Hill 2nd the motion, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

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

Corey and Kimberly's Ride- Signage and route request –

Chuck Deprill presented with Victoria Cerulli: We've seen that every year we have the run, and we seem to bring the rain. So, this year we're changing it up a little bit. We're going to have a rain date this year. If it rains October to 5th, we're going to have October to 6. We come tonight to ask also for the borough's support, and we want to do a 5 k walk in combination with the motorcycle run. Steve provided me with a route, but I would change it a little bit, because I would start and stop it at the firehouse. I think that we have to get approval by PennDOT, but it's only I think it was only one road that's really a state road that you guys thought we would cross. I don't know if we're going to get 10 people to walk or walk, you know. So, we're going to test it. Even with the rain last year we raised \$20,000. Our goal this year is \$30,000 to raise, and we have a fantastic organization in Alburdis fire company. This year we have two local bands from the area with one band is. If you heard of wicked beaver, they're going to be the primary band to share. And venom assembly, who's the lead singer, for that group also happens to have been one of Corey's best friends.

Hector Moss made a motion to approve route request, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 6-0.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Hector Moss mentioned I will say that there's been an interest over the past few years to do another 5 k. Or 10 k. So, I think if you put a sign up, sheet out there publicize, and maybe send something to Steve that he can post. You'd be surprised at how many people you'll get, because I know a lot of people have already asked me if we're going to do a 5 k or 10 K.

Handicap Parking Request- 133 W second Street –.

Stephen Nemeth mentioned that the resident requested a handicap spot on the Walnut Street side of her property. Steve Hill made the motion to approve Handicap Parking Request, motion was seconded by Chad Atkins and a roll call vote followed. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote in favor of the motion.

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Atkins- nay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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ORDINANCE NO. 587- AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FULL-TIME NONUNIFORMED EMPLOYEES (OTHER THAN THE BOROUGH MANAGER) FIVE (5) DAYS OF VACATION TIME AFTER SIX (6) MONTHS OF SERVICE.

Hector Moss made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 587, motion was 2nd by Mehmet Birtek. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 6-0:

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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Garbage Contract discussion – Dave Knerr mentioned that the one thing that I didn't hear that was different is, you know, in the last contract we announced that two choices, one that will collect all the leaves on the grass at the central location, the other that will collect at the curbs as well. What I put instead is options here for they either collect at the central location between the second Monday in April and Monday after Thanksgiving. You know part of their driving around Curbside. So, I don't even think that, considering that you're not even sure you want to spend the money, for you know I didn't think that was there was any point to doing that and considering that you're saying I'm not sure we want to do it at all. One was the option that you decide. We're not going to have them collected at all, and the other is that you're going to collect it just for part of the year, which is what I last heard while saying I picked out of out of my head second Monday in April to Monday after Thanksgiving. Whatever date you want. Christmas trees get picked up later. This is what you were all talking about the last time.

I think the feeling was oh, well, at least we have it down somewhere. Will they give us both paying costs for not collecting it at all correct and collecting at that time. Keep in mind, though, that the one difference, you know, when they collect the garbage, and they collect the recyclables. They collect that they dispose of it. We don't. We pay them, that's all great. When it came to the leaves and the grass and the brush. We pay for the disposal fees, and this is still proposing paid same thing, because again as you saw what happened the last time around. If they can. If they can deposit it somewhere at a reasonable fee, they're happy, but if they must end up taking kind of stuff out of it. It ends up going to a garbage place, and it costs them more. So, we've been paying that price. And I don't think that you're going to have people who are interested in putting it any other way. Then, the other options that I put are the same options we had last time around which was, you can have your garbage picked up once a week or twice a week. You can have your recyclables picked up every week or every other week. Now, if you just don't even want to bother getting the other numbers, we can take them out. But I think we should be good to know, especially recycling twice, especially recycling twice. See what they are. And then we've been to the same network.

Hector Moss mentioned that when I had talked to J.P. Mascara. about putting something in the bidding process about providing the bins. But I remember from the last contract negotiation. They said we certainly could have asked for that absolutely, but it's worth the try and see, because what you would say you want to put an option in and see how much more.

Lower Macungie Fire Department 2nd Quarter Stats-

Hector Moss made a motion to approve report, motion was 2nd by Mehmet Birtek. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes on a vote of 6-0:

DeIaco- yay	Hill- yay	Moss-yay	Atkins- yay	Birtek- yay	Rivera- yay
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ARPA Funds-

Steve Nemeth mentioned that there was a request for a status of our remaining ARPA funds. Steve Nemeth mentioned that currently we have \$25,382.98 remaining to use before the end of December 2024. Hector Moss asked if perhaps we can use it towards the pressure reducing valve project. Steve Nemeth mentioned that he will look into the rules of the ARPA funds to see if that would be allowed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Howard Savacool mentioned that I missed the public comments, I guess, when I signed on. But I want to talk to you about down here. Lock ridge. Everything looks good down here and stuff. But I have a question regarding the curb boxes now. I mean, I know you guys were down here, and they looked at a lot of them down here. The maintenance crew, they said. A lot of them down here they can't even, see? Turn off the curb stops now anymore. Because, yes, cause when they did all the work down here. They shifted a lot of the pipes around. So, I don't. What? What's your situation, as far as what these are going to do about that now in the future, as far as if there's ever an issue where they have to shut off the water down here? Who's going to be responsible for that? Stephen Nemeth mentioned, that is still on the Punch list of finalize our final walk through. We could double check on all that. The contractor is the responsibility of the burden. It'd still be on the contract,

too. Howard Savacool mentioned but that's only good for a year, right? Stephen Nemeth mentioned the maintenance period is normally about 18 months. Howard Savacool mentioned I mean, it still looks great. I mean, it turned out much nicer down here and stuff, but I just think it should be something investigated as far as everything being done the right way.

Adjournment:

A request to go into an executive session for personnel was made, with no vote to follow. Hector Moss made the motion to adjourn at 7:41pm, motion was 2nd by Mehmet Birtek and a unanimous vote followed.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth

Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.

APPROVED