

**Borough of Alburdis**  
Meeting Minutes  
April 8th, 2026

The April 8th, 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 streamed on Zoom.

**Attendance:**

Council: Ron DeIaco, Steve Hill, Michael Gerhart, Ashlynn Rivera, John Aleszczyk, Mehmet Birtek, Chad Atkins
Associates: Stephen Nemeth- Borough Manager, Hector Moss- Mayor, Dave Knerr-Solicitor, Tony Alsleben- Police Chief, East Penn Press (zoom), Chris Cope- Entech (engineer)
Visitors: Brenda Bower, Kathy Palmer, Nick(zoom), Tom(zoom), Mary N(zoom), Aunt Jane, Rita (zoom), Carl Rottenberger, Gary DeRoner, D (zoom), Victor Lauer, Linda Lauer, John(zoom)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron DeIaco mentioned that I was listening to this week on the news, and how the federal government would like to take over our voting. The Constitution, Article 1, Section 4, Paragraph number 1, reads. The times, places, and manner of holding elections for senators and representatives, and presidents, shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature. The legislature and the state. But the Congress may, at any time by law, pass or alter such regulations. Except for the placement of choosing the standards. So, that means voting is the responsibility of the states. Not in the federal government.

Kathy Palmer asked what is being done with the condemned tavern property? She mentioned how two of the people who are squatting at the property have come up to her asking about buying the camper from her; they didn't like the response and have since returned multiple times. They use the bathroom outside, and then they go on a TV interview, stating that they throw it out outside. They are constantly leaving trash everywhere; somebody needs to be held accountable for what is happening at that property.

**MEETING MINUTES of March 25th, 2026:**

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2026. Chad Atkins seconded the motion, and it passed, 6-1. John Aleszczyk was opposed due to the motion being made during the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to begin the hiring process for the maintenance position.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

John Aleszczyk mentioned that I thought we were just placing the police car on Pa Bid. Steve Nemeth mentioned correctly that it was just placed on Municibid, but in order to sell the vehicle, it still needed to be officially advertised in the newspaper. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to pay the bills, and Mike Gerhart seconded the motion and approved unanimously, 7-0.

**Reports:**

**Mayor's REPORT:**

Hector Moss mentioned that he hopes everyone had a nice Easter and that stay tuned for a few police department events.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the March Police Report. Ashlynn Rivera seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Steve Nemeth explained the graphs of the last 5 years when it comes to the reserves, and the normal operating funds of general, water, and sewer. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report, and Ashlynn Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

Michael Gerhart made a motion to accept the March Engineer’s report, Mehmet Birtek 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

**MACUNGIE AMBULANCE CORPS**

Ron DeLaco mentioned in the report stated 439 calls for Macungie Ambulance in March, with 12 being in the borough. Mehmet Birtek made a motion to accept the March Ambulance report, Ashlynn Rivera 2nd, and a unanimous vote followed. Motion passes 7-0.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance No. 604- AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF COBBLESTONE COURT (THE INSIDE OF THE SEMICIRCLE) FROM 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M. ON TUESDAYS.**

Michael Gerhart made a motion to approve Ordinance No 604, which was seconded by Mehmet Birtek. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**Security upgrades borough hall.**

John Aleszczyk asked for clarification on how the proposed buzzer system would function.

Representatives from the Borough of Alburty raised concerns about identifying individuals at the door, asking how staff would know whether someone requesting entry is trustworthy. Steve Nemeth explained that the system would include an intercom with a small video screen, similar to the setup used by the school district.

Michael Gerhart asked whether the doors are currently kept locked. Steve confirmed that they are. He noted that when someone arrives, a staff member must physically get up, answer the door, and escort the visitor inside. He added that this process requires opening the door and allowing someone into the building without any screening, which may actually create more security risk.

Hector Moss emphasized that safety is a priority for everyone working in the building—police, maintenance, and administrative staff. He stated that incidents can unfold in seconds and that employees deserve to feel secure at work. He noted that the recent situation could have been far worse had the individual been armed. He also acknowledged that police cannot be present at all times and that the cost of the proposed system is minimal compared to the value of protecting lives.

Mehmet Birtek and Ron DeLaco asked Steve Nemeth if he had a choice of the options, which quote is the one that you would you recommend. Steve Nemeth mentioned that after reading them carefully the one from Security Services looks like is the best overall system. We already have a security system through them.

Ashlynn Rivera made a motion to approve the access control quote from Security Services for \$16,442.00. Mehmet Birtek seconded the motion, and it passed on a roll call vote, 6-1. John Aleszczyk mentioned that he is not against the need, just against where we come up with the extra money to cover it.

DeLaco- aye	Hill- aye	Aleszczyk- nay	Atkins- aye	Birtek- aye	Gerhart-aye	Rivera- aye
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**Sewer Manhole Rehab Project- Recommendation to award the lowest Costar Bidder, All-State Septic, LLP to replace the 27 frames and covers of manholes near or leading to the Swabia with existing small water & sewer grant funds.**

John Aleszczyk asked how much is remaining in the grant. Steve Nemeth mentioned that after all of these projects, we will have \$45,800.00 remaining. Michael Gerhart made a motion to approve the recommendation to award the lowest costar bidder, All-State Septic, LLP. Mehmet Birtek seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

**Lower Macungie new zoning ordinance review**

Steve Nemeth mentioned this is informational, but also highly recommends reviewing it due to the nature of the ordinance. Steve stated that it is a very well-written ordinance crafting up verbiage as to making data centers a strictly conditional use in the industrial zones and setting up guidelines that would need to be met. Steve mentioned he believes we should try to adopt something similar because there is, in his opinion, land that could house such a use, and we should protect ourselves going forward. Chad Atkins made a motion to approve Dave Knerr and Steve Nemeth to work on creating a similar ordinance for the borough on data centers, and Michael Gerhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**New Change Policy**

Steve mentioned that with the penny no longer in production, many businesses, including the United States Postal Service, have opted for changes to their change policy. Steve mentioned that he would like to be proactive and institute one for us, so that if paying with cash and if change requires pennies, we apply that to their utility account as credit. No motion was needed for this policy change.

**Recycling and Shredding event- Saturday 4-11-2026; 9am-11am**

Steve mentioned that this is just a reminder that the recycling event will be held this coming Saturday at the Alburdis fire company. If anybody is able to come out and assist, it would be greatly appreciated. We are expecting a larger turnout than normal. We will have some staff members from Rep Gary Day's office and Sen. Jarrett Coleman's office there to assist as well.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. was made by Mehmet Birtek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chad Atkins, and a unanimous vote followed.

Upon adjournment, entered into an executive session for potential legal matters.

Meeting minutes were taken and submitted by:

Stephen Nemeth  
Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager.

APPROVED