

# Alba Borough Minutes

## February 10, 2020

### Regular Monthly Meeting

The Alba Borough Council held the regular monthly meeting at 6 pm at the Alba Christian Church. The meeting was opened by President Gordon Matson.

Duane Naugle Jr. was representing the Philadelphia Regional Census Center to discuss issues concerning the 2020 census. One concern was the multiple zip codes that are within the borough. Naugle said he would look into the matter to ensure our borough is represented properly. Naugle said invitations to participate in the census will be sent through the mail the second week of March, and April 1st is census day when the count of people will take place.

According to the data from the 2010 census, Naugle felt that there was a lack of participation causing the representing population number to be less than actual. The board agreed that previous census numbers did not represent the borough properly.

Naugle provided several ideas on how to help make 2020 census more successful including the opportunity for people to volunteer as solicitors or a grant for advertising the census.

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Lorelei Colton made the motion to approve the minutes, Broc Forbes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Steve Bastion made a motion to pay the bills and Carol Bastion seconded the motion. The motion passed and the bills will be paid.

Old Business: Tom Hojnowski gave a report on the meeting with the conservation district concerning the stream path and retaining wall. The conservation district said the retaining wall would be the homeowners problem to resolve and another possible avenue to get funding could potentially be throughUGI, if they believe the degrading stream bank could affect the gas line. The state will not touch land that is over 50 feet away from the bridge. While meeting with the conservation district, they offered some dates for training. The training would provide the borough with the option to participate in future district programs.

Lorelie made a motion to sign the Bradford County Conservation Districts Monumentum. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed to sign the agreement with the conservation district.

Speeding signs will be discussed at a later date, preferably when the weather becomes warmer.

New Business: A letter from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs was read about nominating a state vice president. There was no interest in further action from the board.

Alparon Community Park sent a letter requesting a representative from our borough to sit on their board. There was no interest in further action from the board.

There was a letter read from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of Grant opportunities for the borough. The Letter was kept for possible discussion at a later time.

Financial Statements were handed out and should be filled and returned by the next board meeting.

Issues at the park were discussed including the gate and controlling bad usage of the park. The topic was tabled to be further discussed at the next meeting.

Gordon Matson will be the borough's delegate for the Canton Fire.

Steve Bastion mentioned a future possibility of getting a police officer from Canton to cover the Alba Borough.

Present was: Tricia Hojnowski (Sec./Treas.), Mayor Dale Palmer, President Gordon Matson, Vice President Carol Bastion, Councilmembers: Danielle May, Broc Forbes, Steve Bastion, Lorelei Colton, Tom Hojnowski Guests: Duane Naugle

Carol Bastion made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Hojnowski seconded the motion.

Respectively submitted by,



Tricia Hojnowski

Alba Borough Secretary/Treasurer