

Albion Borough Newsletter

Welcome to the Albion Borough Newsletter! This bulletin will feature news and information regarding the Borough of Albion from the Albion Borough Office.

Continuing to Implement Albion's Comprehensive Plan

In this edition of the Albion Borough Newsletter we would like to call on *you*, the residents of the Borough of Albion, to continue to take steps towards reaching the goals mentioned in the updated Comprehensive Plan. Such goals include to strengthen community pride, to maximize the potential of our public park and fairgrounds, and to beautify the grounds of Albion with improved landscaping. However, these goals to improve the community can not be reached with only the effort of the borough and its officials—these goals can only be reached with the support and participation of every individual in the Borough of Albion. We would like to thank you for your support of the plan and your continuing efforts to improve Albion. Please refer to the next page for further information.

Attention:

Garage sales in the Borough of Albion are permitted only in accordance with the following rules: the sale shall be held at the location stated in the application of permit, the permit shall be valid for only four (4) consecutive calendar days as listed on permit, no more than three (3) families or households may participate in the sale, and the sale cannot commence before 8:00 a.m. or after sunset on any day. For more information, contact the borough office or visit www.albionborough.org.

Attention:

Burning of small fires in the Albion Borough will be permitted from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday burning will be permitted from 7:00 a.m. through 2:00 a.m. Burning on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day will be permitted from 7:00 a.m. through 2:00 a.m. For more information regarding the burning of small fires in the Albion Borough, contact the borough office or visit www.albionborough.org

Borough of Albion
 General Fund Financial Report
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Assets	
Cash and investments	\$210,205.00
Other current assets	<u>\$1,796,438.00</u>
Total Assets	\$ 2,006,643.00
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	<u>\$27,710.00</u>
Deferred inflow of resources	
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	<u>\$24,123.00</u>
Fund balance	<u>\$1,954,810.00</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources,	<u>\$2,006,643.00</u>
And fund balance	
Revenues	
Taxes	\$465,622.00
Licenses and permits	\$19,867.00
Fines and forfeits	\$9,277.00
Interest, rent, and royalties	\$321,097.00
Other Revenue	\$37,450.00
Other Finances	<u>\$5,250.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$858,563.00</u>
Expenditures	
General government	\$175,036.00
Public safety	\$249,876.00
Planning and zoning	\$2,668.00
Public works	\$84,004.00
Culture and recreation	\$70,985.00
Other expenditures	\$116,827.00
Other financing uses	<u>\$84,000.00</u>
Total expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$783,396.00</u>
Revenues and other financing sources (under)	
Over	
Expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$75,167.00</u>
Assessed valuation of taxable real estate	<u>\$77,036,990.00</u>

The annual audit is available for inspection during office hours at the Borough Office.

Projects Completed in the Albion Borough in 2018 & 2019

2018: Pavilion 3 was reroofed, and 2 posts were replaced.

2018: A metal roof was placed on the log cabin, and damage to overhang was repaired.

2018: An unfinished project on Harley & Park Avenue was completed with 200 feet of newly installed pipe and a catch basin to improve storm water runoff.

2019: Maintenance equipment door and overhead door on Pavilion 3 were replaced.

LED Street Lighting: In 2017, the borough signed a LED Street Lighting Agreement with Penelec, who has since finished the installation of LED street lights in Albion. The switch has since saved the borough \$16,693.00.

New Water Well: The Albion Borough was successful in looking for two new water wells in 2016. In 2017, well tests and exploratory drilling were completed. Currently, final paperwork and permit approval is in processing. Once completed, two new water wells will be installed. The estimated cost for completion of the first well is \$41,900.00 and the estimated cost of the second is \$196,740.00.

2018 & 2019 Pennsylvania State Liquid Fuel Projects: Using the state funds from Liquid Fuel, West Pearl Street, Juliet Street, part of Academy Street, and both park entrances from North Main Street, Elm Street, and Pine Avenue were paved. With the funds, a roller was also purchased for \$12,900.00 to complete the road repair project. The borough also funded \$20,000.00 towards the completion of a paving project on West Pearl Street, North Main Street, Smock Avenue, and East Pearl Street to make the sidewalk corners ADA handicap accessible. The project cost an estimated \$157,987.00.

Capital Equipment Purchase: 2019 Ford 550 truck with wing snowplow (\$107,482.00); 2019 zero-turn lawn mower (\$9,788.00)

Waste Water Treatment Plant: New Cummins Powered 500 KW Generator installed (\$267,000.00); 2019 zero-turn lawn mower purchased for \$7,800.00.

Albion Borough Park: On February 19, 2019 Borough Council voted to have EADS (Engineering Architecture and Design Services) update a Master Site Plan for the Albion Borough Park at a cost of \$1,100.00.

**Please note that no additional borrowing was needed for the completion of the above projects.*

Albion Borough Municipal Services Information

Water and Sewer

The Albion Borough provides water and sewer services to customers within the borough and portions of Conneaut and Elk Creek Townships, as well as SCI Albion. Albion's water comes from wells and springs located in Conneaut and Elk Creek Townships. The water is disinfected with chlorine and chemicals are added to reduce waterline corrosion. Some water is also filtered to remove iron and manganese. Albion does **not** add fluoride to its drinking water. Albion also provides sanitary sewage collection and treatment service to nearly all water customers. Feel free to call the Albion Borough Office if you experience any water or sewer problems. Water and sewage bills can be paid by mail, drop off, or can be paid online at www.albionborough.org. Water and sewer regulations are available in the Albion Borough Office.

Brush and Leaf Pick Up

Throughout the Spring, Summer, and Fall, borough personnel will pick up trimmings, clippings, and bagged leaves every Monday. All items must be placed on the curb by 7:00 a.m. and should be bagged in clear plastic bags. Please refrain from over filling bags as items should be less than eight feet long and should allow for easy removal.

Trash Pick Up

The Albion Borough contracts for trash pickup on behalf of all borough residents every Wednesday. To sign up for trash pickup service, call Raccoon Refuse Garbage Services at 1-814-737-9067. Raccoon Refuse bills all customers directly and all concerns should be directed to the company. Individual tags for occasional service are available for purchase at the Albion Borough Office.

Albion Borough Park

The Albion Borough Park, home to the third oldest wooden carousel in the nation, is equipped with several facilities that are available for rent for birthday parties, reunions, picnics, and other functions. Facilities include pavilions, a stone house, and a log cabin. Pavilions are available for rent during months with appropriate weather and the log cabin and stone house are available all year long with heating. Reservations, rental information, and operating hours for the carousel are available at the Albion Borough Office.

Albion Borough Park Pricing

Pavilion 1	10 Tables	\$70.00
Pavilion 2	6 Tables	\$65.00
Pavilion 3	9 Tables, Kitchen	\$100.00
Pavilion 4	9 Tables	\$70.00
Pavilion 5	9 Tables	\$70.00
Stone House		\$85.00
	4 Tables, 40 Chairs, Restrooms, and Kitchen	
Log Cabin		\$90.00
	9 Tables, 75 Chairs, Restrooms, Kitchen, and Fireplace	

Payments are due one week prior to function

Building Permits and Zoning

The Albion Borough currently has a zoning ordinance in effect and building permits are required. Please contact the borough office before beginning any building projects.

Soliciting

Solicitors within the Borough of Albion must register and obtain a permit from the borough office prior to soliciting. Certain non-profit organizations are exempt, but all solicitors should visit the borough office for further information.

Ordinances of the Borough of Albion

ORDINANCE 02-2016

An ordinance of the Borough of Albion regulating the maintenance of junked motor vehicles and accessories within the borough and providing for penalties for violations thereof.

Whereas, the maintenance of junk vehicles can constitute a public hazard or nuisance and regulations are deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health welfare and safety.

ORDINANCE 04-2016

An ordinance of the Borough of Albion relating to maintenance of properties within the borough in regard to cutting of grass, weeds, or other vegetation; the removal of snow from sidewalk areas; prohibiting the storage of junk; providing for remedial action by the borough in specified situations; and prescribing penalties for violation of the regulations.

ORDINANCE 02-2018

An ordinance of the Borough of Albion, Erie County, Pennsylvania, granting real estate tax relief for properties in deteriorated areas/neighbors pursuant to 72 P.S. § 4711-101, ET SEQ., and providing for real estate tax assistance for commercial, business and industrial property improvements in certain areas, pursuant to 72 P.S. § 4722, ET. SEQ.

For more information regarding any ordinance of the Borough of Albion, please visit the borough office to fill out a right-to-know form. Right-to-know forms can also be found at www.albionborough.org.

Zoning Ordinance Reminder

Any resident of the Borough of Albion *must* apply for a permit prior to the installation of pools, fences, utility sheds, garages, home improvements, etc. To obtain a permit or check if your project needs a permit, please contact the borough office at (814) 756-3660.

Zoning Ordinance Reminder

Any facility for water recreation such as permanent private swimming pools, swimming clubs, or any other water storage facility must apply for a permit and comply with the following regulations: the facility must meet the setback requirements of the district, be enclosed by a fence not less than four (4) feet high, have ample parking space if operated to attract visitors, and submit a plan to the Zoning Officer. For more information, contact Code Official William Baker at (814) 860-8044.

Albion's Comprehensive Plan

Summary of Goals

Albion's Comprehensive Plan in its simplest form can be broken down into four main goals: promote Albion, love our park, improve our neighborhoods, and support our businesses. Within these broad goals are plans of action to work towards reaching the mentioned goals, with the **overarching** goal of making Albion an even better place to live for its current and future residents. As mentioned on the front page, this plan can not reach its full potential without the support and involvement of every resident of the Albion Community. **Together**, let's get involved and watch Albion's Comprehensive Plan blossom into the fully-functioning and successful plan that it was made to be. To explore volunteer opportunities in Albion and find out how you can make a difference in *your* community, contact the Albion Borough Office at (814) 756-3660.

✓ *Promote Albion*

1. Keep residents informed and promote community pride by publishing an Albion Borough Newsletter.
2. Showcase Albion and provide useful and timely information to residents and visitors by maximizing the use of the Albion Borough website.
3. Build a strong social media presence to better engage with residents.
4. Build and maintain good relationships with the news media.
5. Use the borough newsletter, website, social media, and media relationships to promote and encourage implementation of the Albion Borough Comprehensive Plan.

✓ *Love Our Park*

1. Establish a Parks and Recreation Board.
2. Build community support for the park and increase citizen involvement.
3. Increase usage of the park by residents of Albion and surrounding communities.
4. Supplement municipal budgeted funds by raising funds for park maintenance, programming, special events, capital improvements, and other park related needs.
5. Plan for the park's future.

✓ *Improve Our Neighborhoods*

1. Improve the quality, condition, and safety of housing, buildings, and other structures.
2. Maintain safe, clean, and walkable neighborhoods.
3. Beautify Albion's neighborhoods with trees, gardens, attractive landscaping, and holiday decorations.

✓ *Support Our Businesses*

1. Promote and encourage community support for local businesses and associated events/activities.
2. Encourage and support the efforts of new and/or existing businesses to address the needs of local residents.
3. Buy local. Patronize Albion area businesses.
4. Improve the appearance and function of the State Street commercial corridor.
5. Continue LERTA program.

General Information and Facts

Important Contact Information

Albion Borough Office: (814) 756-3660

Albion Borough Police: (814) 756-4869

***Emergency: 911**

Albion Fire Department: (814) 756-4210

***Emergency: 911**

Albion Post Office: (814) 756-3211

Albion Area Public Library: (814) 756-5400

Northwestern School District: (814) 756-9400

National Fuel Gas: 871-8200

PA State Police: 774-9611

PennDOT: 756-3309

Penelec: 800-545-7741

SCI Albion: 756-5778

Raccoon Refuse Garbage Services: (814) 737-9067

Windstream: 800-347-1991

General Information and Facts

State: Pennsylvania

County: Erie

Website: www.albionborough.org

Area: 1.1 square miles

Population: 1,516 (2015)

Density: 1,510.7/square mile

Mayor: Jason White

Zip Code: 16401

Area Code: 814

Albion Borough Officials

Council President:

Sam Steff

(814) 881-5676

Council Vice President:

Scott Seaton

(814) 756-3660

Council Members:

Rick Irvine; (814) 449-5060

Jason Harayda; (609) 234-5895

Rebecca Marshall; (814) 756-3660

Bill Altman; (814) 756-3660

Greg Hemmis; (814) 722-1627

Borough Manager:

Gary Wells

(814) 756-3660

Chief of Police:

Daniel Ries

(814) 756-4869

**With Questions or Concerns Please
Contact the Albion Borough Office:**

26 Smock Avenue

Albion, PA 16401

(814) 756-3660

OR Visit Our Website:

www.albionborough.org