

**Archbald Borough Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Joseph Simon. A moment of Silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Mancuso, Burke, Gilgallon, Grandinetti and Hart present. Owen was not in attendance. Mayor Barrett was in attendance.

**Public Input**

Nancy Edmunds 752 Lori Drive asked if the borough has received the money for Staback Park. Mr. Simon stated the borough did not receive the money yet. Ms. Edmunds asked what kind of Grant the borough applied for for Staback Park. Mr. O'Connor stated it was not a grant, it was a payment direct from the Commonwealth. Ms. Edmunds asked what Mr. Durkin's job is in the borough. Mr. Simon stated he is the controller; all reports are emailed to him each month for him to look at and address any problems. Mr. Simon stated he works most nights and does most of the borough work from his home. Ms. Edmunds asked if there is any plan for the borough undertaking a forensic audit of the Tax Collector. Mr. Simon stated he did ask council at January's meeting and no one was interested. Ms. Edmunds stated the tax collector was late giving the Valley View School District her annual settlement also the Archbald Tax Collector still owed the school district \$50,8017.00 after the final settlement was received. She stated the tax collector had over \$10,000.00 in a bank account that was unexplained and needed to be reconciled. Mr. Simon asked what year was she referencing, Ms. Edmunds stated the end of June 2015. Ms. Edmunds asked if the borough had the final and complete report for 2017. Mr. Giordano stated he does not believe the borough has received it yet. Ms. Edmunds asked to put a motion on the agenda for a forensic audit. Mr. O'Connor stated the first thing the borough should do is contact a forensic auditor for a cost.

Robbie Turlip representing Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park committee gave an update on a couple of programs they are working on. They are in phase 3 of the banner program and processed 108 banners this year also they are putting in for two grants right now for the Monument Park located on Kennedy Drive. Mr. Turlip stated they have a website, it is [www.abymp.org](http://www.abymp.org), it is up and running as of now. Mr. Turlip stated the banners will be up by Memorial Day.

Carolyn Mazenti would like to address the boroughs motion for a new zoning consultant. Ms. Mazenti feels it is very significant decision and recommends at least three candidates are considered. She feels the borough should consider the persons track record, zoning philosophy and weather they lean towards protecting the community or open the doors to industry decisions.

Michael Murphy is a lifelong valley resident and agrees with Ms. Mazenti.

Larry West addressed council about the motion for a Capital Improvement note for \$650,000.00 for the completion of the Valley View School District access road. Mr. West does not feel the Archbald Borough tax payers should be paying for the access road. He stated the other boroughs whose children use this road should be helping with it. Mr. Simon stated he has addressed the two other boroughs and has received no participation.

New Business – Lackawanna County will conduct a CDBG Hearing on Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Borough Building regarding the Borough's use of CDBG funds for elevator renovations and replacement of the First St. culvert.

### **Council Reports**

Gilgallon stated he received a call from a resident on LedgeWood and Skyline Drive thanking him for the new street signs.

Burke stated the recreational committee will have a meeting next Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Mancuso thanked DPW for a great job with snow removal this year. He stated he is getting calls about the busses and vans on Main Street. Also, the residents on Lucas Drive in Bell Air are thankful for the new street light.

Grandinetti stated he would like the DPW to make of list of the roads in town that need paving or repairs.

Hart had noting at this time.

Mayor Barrett would like to thank the Captains and Officers for helping the Chief in these tough times.

### **Motions**

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Gilgallon to approve the February 14, 2018 regular Council Meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon, second by Mancuso to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector and Mayor's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hart, second by Grandinetti authorizing payment of February HNB General Fund bills totaling \$154,103.52. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon, second by Hart authorizing a bid letting for the Nebraska Stormwater Project. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Gilgallon engaging the services of Carson Helrich and Community Planning and Management, LLC to assist with proposed Archbald Zoning Map amendments. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon, second by Grandinetti authorizing the Borough Solicitor to solicit proposals from financial institutions for a Capital Improvements Note in the amount of \$650,000.00 for the completion of the Valley View School District access road (Columbus Drive) reconstruction project. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Mancuso to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of a DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) grant application for the Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park project. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Burke, second by Mancuso authorizing submission of an Act 13 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant application for the Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park project. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Hart to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH



Dawn Rudalavage

Borough Secretary-Treasurer



Joseph Simon

President of Council

Minutes prepared by Dawn Rudalavage, Borough Secretary-Treasurer