

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:00PM MAY 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Brian Gilgallon. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call, Burke, Owen, Ossont, Simon, Gilgallon and Mayor Barrett were in attendance. Mancuso and Moran attended via tele-conference.

Presentation

Austin Burke donated a painting of the Archbald Borough employees at DPW that helped work the food drive. The painting will be hung in the Borough building.

Lackawanna River Conservation Authority contacted Borough Manager Rob Turlip asking to use Laurel St. as a launch for a modified canoe race.

Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development FFY CDBG Program sent a letter to be read by Borough Manager Rob Turlip regarding the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program dated March 2, 2020. To: Robert Turlip, Borough Manager Archbald Borough. RE: Public Hearing, FFY 2020 CDBG Program Funds.

Robert Turlip, Borough Manager read the following:

“The Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Archbald Borough Building, 400 Church Street, Archbald, PA regarding the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Program. It is anticipated that Lackawanna County on behalf of Archbald Borough will be allocated approximately \$120,306.00 which includes \$21,655 of administrative expense in FFY 2020 CDBG Program Funds for projects.

Enclosed is information that will be discussed at the Public Hearing in order to apply for CDBG Program Funding for a project in you Community. Please review the Needs Assessment and Three-Year Community Development Plan with the Borough Council and make any updates in red ink on the enclosed Needs Assessment. We require the updated Needs Assessment be submitted.

The Deadline for the submission of the updated Needs Assessment is 10:00 A.M. Friday June 26, 2020, and must be sent to the Lackawanna County Government Center at the Globe Department of Economic Development located at 123 Wyoming Avenue, 5th Floor, Scranton, PA 18503.

If you have any questions please contact me at (570) 963-6830 extension 1356.

Thank you,

Peggy Piccotti, Contract Manager, Lackawanna County Dept. of Economic Development.”
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A winning ticket was picked for the lottery basket that was raffled to raise money for the Fishing Derby. The committee raised \$1,646.00 to be used for the fishing derby. The items purchased for this year's cancelled fishing derby will be stored and used for the 2021 Fishing Derby.

Public Input

An email was submitted by Jan Siefring concerning the allowance of dogs in borough parks. Council members discussed placing more signs with rules and disposable bags at all borough parks.

Patrick Tigie submitted an email to the Archbald Borough concerning the 2020 Census. He stated Archbald's response rate as of May 20, 2020 is at 69.7%.

Committee Reports

Mr. Burke reported feral cats on Beech St. and Margaret Ave. Mrs. Owen stated there were eight affected areas in the borough.

Mr. Ossont stated the Finance Committee will be planning an upcoming meeting.

Mrs. Owen announce it was EMS Week and thanked the Ambulance, Hose Companies, Police Department & Borough employees for all the work they do. She also stated she is against opening the playgrounds but would like to see Staback Park re-opened if the playground area can be closed off.

Mr. O'Connor and some council members informed Mrs. Owen that the only parks open have an employee that patrols the area of those parks.

Mayor Barrett suggested the parks should have new "Closed" signs placed at all parks.

Dave Moran mentioned setting up a meeting with Rob Turlip and Brian Dulay to educate himself on the Valley View Terrace trailer park.

Mayor Barrett congratulated the people of EMS and frontline workers for EMS Week. She also acknowledged the Ambrose Revel American Legion Post 328 for a beautiful job on the new Veterans Park. Dedication stones are still available to purchase. The Mayor also wished everyone a nice holiday.

Unfinished Business

XMAS Light Committee

SEIU Local 668 Contract Negotiations

Licensing Transient Retail Businesses Ordinance

Community and Economic Development Committee

Grant Applications Submitted – (DEP BAMR Misty Thicket, DEP Recycling Grant, DCNR C2P2

Pike Street Playground, DCED GTRP Riverside Playground, Lackawanna County Re-Invest Betty Street Playground, 2019-2020 Pocono and Forests/Waters Conservation Landscape Mini-Grant,

Commonwealth Finance Authority Whelen Siren Grant, and CDBG First Street Culvert).

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New Business

Hiring of Temporary Employees for DPW
Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
American Tower Lease Agreement
No dogs allowed in Borough Parks
Proposed Zoning/Building Permit Fee Schedule
Feral Cat Ordinance
Pave Cut Ordinance
Borough Engineer Request for Professional Services
Senior Day
Election Day

Motions

Motion by Ossont second by Owen to approve the April 22, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Simon to approve the April HNB General Fund bills totaling \$343,377.31 and Whelen Siren Account bill of \$16,594.33. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector, Controller & Mayor’s Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Ossont to retain Zachary Duffield as a Temporary Summer DPW Employee until December 31, 2020 in agreement with SEIU Local 668. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Ossont, Moran, Simon & Gilgallon in favor. Mancuso abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Mancuso to hire Jake Osborne as a Temporary Summer DPW Employee from May 26, 2020 to August 25, 2020 at \$12.00/hour. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Ossont, Mancuso, Simon & Gilgallon in favor. Moran against. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Owen to engage in legal services with Cohen Law Group pertaining to the lease agreement between American Tower Corporation and Archbald Borough. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to appoint Tom Butler as a Special Police Officer from May 20, 2020 to December 31, 2020, provided he is only to be used only to replace a full-time regular officer who cannot work due to allowable time off and not to exceed 33 shifts. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mancuso second by Ossont to sell on Municibid to highest bidder a 2004 Hyundai Accent, 2002 Chevrolet S-10, 2004 Oxygen Scooter, Husqvarna Zero Turn Lawn Mower, Stone Roller and Handy-Cut Model 16 Pave Cutter. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Ossont second by Burke to cancel the 2020 Youth Fishing Derby. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to authorize an increase in the Gym Rental Fee to \$50.00/month for 4 days/1.5 hours rental session. Roll call. Burke, Ossont, Mancuso, Moran, Simon, Gilgallon in favor. Owen against. Motion carried.

Motion to draft an ordinance for No Dogs Allowed in Borough Parks by June 2020. Motion not carried.

Motion Moran second by Burke to approve the Retirement and General Release Agreement by and between Egidio S. Lemoncelli and Borough of Archbald effective May 21, 2020. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to accept financial security cash in lieu of a Performance Bond from Kreiger Construction in the amount \$313,744.75 for Woodbury Estates Phase I subject to approval by the Borough Solicitor and KBA Construction. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Owen to adopt a resolution waiving the late penalty fee for Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Real Estate Taxes. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to approve a Claim for Refund of 2019 Garbage Fees for David Moran in the amount of \$200.00 for a vacant property located at 1348 Winton Street, Archbald. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Ossont, Mancuso, Simon, Gilgallon in favor. Moran abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Ossont to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Attest:

Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

Brian Gilgallon, President of Council

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