

Archbald Borough Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Brian Gilgallon. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Ossont, Gilgallon and Mayor Barrett present. Gilgallon mentioned Council met in an Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate issues.

Mr. Gilgallon introduced Engineer Don Totino and Project Manager Stephanie Milewski both of Barry Isett & Associate Inc. Mr. Totino will be working with the Borough on the Pave Cut Program. Ms. Milewski will be working with the Borough on the MS4 Project.

Public Input

None

Council Committee Reports

Mr. Burke mentioned speaking with the manager of Griffin Pond Animal Shelter about their neutering of cats. He also commented on the opening of Staback Park for sports.

Mr. Ossont stated the Finance Committee is on track. The Feral Cat Committee met and is working on a resolution to the Ordinance. He spoke about a registration policy and licensing of cats and a possible small fee to cover the cost of neutering. Mayor Barrett questioned the enforcement of the Ordinance in the Borough.

Ms. Simon also spoke on the feral cat issue. She is looking into sponsorship to help with the cost of trapping, spay/neuter & release of cats.

Mr. Moran mentioned receiving a few complaints pertaining to the Quality of Life penalties. He asked to amend the Ordinance penalties as follows and to be voted upon:

1. First violation - Warning
2. Second violation - \$25.00
3. Third violation - \$50.00
4. Fourth violation - \$100.00

Attorney O'Connor advised Council on the procedure to amend the Quality of Life Ordinance. Mayor Barrett commented in the past they did give warnings and people did not listen and the problem continued.

Attorney O'Connor did state the Code Enforcement Officer does have some discretion in enforcing the Ordinance with a warning. Mr. Moran stated it would give him satisfaction to make it a motion.

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Mr. Turlip stated the current Ordinance is very effective and there has been warnings given ahead of time. He also stated some people that are fined are habitual and the way it is handled starts the legal process to bring the individual to the Magistrate.

Mrs. Owen asked the Code Enforcement Officer if he has noticed a difference in enforcing the Ordinance. Mr. Turlip stated both he and Mr. Dulay have noticed a difference by following the 2018 Quality of Life Ordinance.

Mr. Dulay stated he has given out more warnings than citations. He also stated he dismissed numerous items after conversations with property owners were resolved promptly. Council decided to make a motion and vote at the current meeting.

Mr. Moran also mentioned he received a request from the Historical Society as to when they can access their office on the second floor of the Borough Building.

Mr. Mancuso stated the DPW workers on the recycling truck asked when they will begin pick up. He told them as soon as they have a meeting with Mr. DeNaples.

Mayor Barrett stated the Lions Club asked if they can put their red mailbox with the Lions Club emblem for eyeglass collection at the Borough Building. Mr. Gilgallon made a motion on the agenda for this request.

Mayor Barrett also asked Mr. Turlip if the Borough looked into purchasing an old mailbox to be used to dispose flags. Mr. Turlip said the post office does not give them out and they are expensive to buy. He stated they can also drop off flags at the local VFW.

Mayor Barrett asked if the Welcome to Archbald sign can be placed somewhere along the Eynon/Jermyn Rd. Mr. Turlip said the sign was not on Borough property, they can ask for an easement but it was an issue.

Mayor Barrett stated the police received a Buckle Up Pennsylvania (BUPA) Grant due to the last few months of citations for speeding on Rt. 6.

Mayor Barrett asked if Council read the newspaper article on the State's Fireworks and ATV Ordinances and the local Boroughs looking to make changes to those Ordinances. She asked if Council will look at the Ordinances and make any changes to help with the problems to make the Borough better.

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Lastly, Mayor Barrett mentioned collecting about 12 bags of garbage with a community service person from PPL Riverside, along Main St. and Kennedy Dr.

Unfinished Business

XMAS Light Committee

SEIU Local 668 Contract Negotiations – Continuing with contract negotiations

Licensing Transient Retail Businesses Ordinance

Community and Economic Development Committee – advertising for volunteers

Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers – November deadline for grant application

American Tower Lease Agreement – In negotiations

Proposed Zoning/Building Permit Fee Schedule – Will have final draft for next work session

Feral Cat Ordinance

Pave Cut Ordinance - Don Totino Engineer, Barry Isset & Assoc Inc. spoke about a Pave Cut program, how they will inspect the current roads in the borough & assess what needs to be addressed in order of priority. He will oversee the paving projects and the materials used during paving and in the future. This will also involve requirements for MS4.

Stephanie Milewski Project Manager, Barry Isset & Assoc, Inc. spoke on the work she will be doing involving our street assessment & MS4.

Fire Sirens at Eynon Hose Co. and No. 5 Hill - Sirens and poles have been taken down.

New Business

Garbage and Recycling – Packets of information were distributed to members. Mr. Turlip explained the information to Council and a motion was placed on the agenda to begin recycling again for a fee.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Needs to be updated.

Zoning Ordinance – A need to update the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to pools that state the waterline must be no more than 20 feet away from the rear property line causing many home owners to pay a \$500.00 fee for a variance.

Historical Society Access

Lackawanna County Re-Invest Program Grant – Archbald Borough received \$5,000.00 to be used for new playground equipment at the Betty St. playground.

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Motions

Motion by Mancuso second by Burke to approve of the June 17, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Owen to approve the June HNB General Fund bills totaling \$231,636.22. Whelen Siren Account 102 totaling \$14,207.10, and Fire Escrow General Fund totaling \$31,514.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Owen second by Simon to adopt an Ordinance setting the speed limit on that portion of North Main Street in the Borough of Archbald from the 600 Block of North Main Street to the 1000 Block of North Main Street and providing for penalties for violation thereof. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to hire James Ritko as a Special Part-time Emergency Medical Technician for 20 hours/week at \$12.00/hour and no benefits. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to hire Robert Getz as a Special Part-time Emergency Medical Technician for 20 hours/week at \$12.00/hour and no benefits. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Ossont to authorize a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board licensed establishment to temporarily occupy a municipal sidewalk within the Borough of Archbald in connection with their application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for a temporary extension of premises to include an outdoor seating area. The authorization is subject to strict compliance of conditions set forth by the municipality, pursuant to Governor Wolf's various directives in connection with the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, and pursuant to Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Advisory Notice No. 26 (second revision). Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Burke authorizing the use of Lackawanna Recycling Center, Inc. for commingled recycling at a rate of \$40.00 per ton. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moran second by Ossont to appoint Sam Jordan to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Barry Tevlin ending December 31, 2021. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to appoint Tony Grizzanti to the UCC Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Marion ending December 31, 2021. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Owen second by Ossont adopting a Resolution authorizing submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Program Grant in the amount of \$734,501.13 for the Streetscape Project, Phase III. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Ossont to purchase a 2016 Ford Interceptor Police Package in the amount of \$3500.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to approve the job description of the Zoning Code Enforcement Officer as prepared in the job description by the Borough Manager contingent on union approval. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Simon to post position of Zoning Code Enforcement Officer as prepared by the Borough Manager pending union approval. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Owen to authorize Attorney Jay O'Connor to draft an Ordinance to amend the Quality of Life Ordinance penalty schedule. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso and Moran in favor. Simon, Ossont & Gilgallon opposed. Motion carried 4-3 vote.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to allow the Lions Club to place a mailbox for eyeglass collection in front of the borough building. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Ossont to allow the Historical Society to access their office on the second floor of the borough building without public access. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH

Michele Bianchi
Borough Secretary

Brian Gilgallon
President of Council

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