

**Archbald Borough Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Brian Gilgallon. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon and Mayor Barrett were present. Mr. Gilgallon mentioned Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate issues.

**Presentation**

Mayor Barrett presented the Mayor's Award to John "Ding" Schwarztrauber. Mayor Barrett commended him on over 35 years of Community Service. She stated all of his accomplishments for volunteering in the community and his work at AC Field.

**Public Input**

None

**Council Committee Reports**

Mr. Burke mentioned Parks and Recreation and thanked everyone for work the Borough has done on all the playgrounds and parks. He pointed out John Harrison for the gazebo donation at the Pike Street Playground.

Ms. Simon did not have anything new to add for the committees she is on, but mentioned the No. 5 Hill Playground has been used more than ever this summer, and it was nice to see many families out enjoying it.

Mr. Mancuso mentioned DPW and Johnny Shnipes did a good job cleaning up brush on Kennedy Drive in preparation for the new Veterans Monument Park.

Mr. Moran stated he got an education touring the trailer park with Brian Dulay. He said it has come a little ways but it still has a long ways to go with legal issues. He stated there are 18 empty trailers on the property and 21 trailers that are occupied. He hopes to address some of the issues. Mr. Moran also mentioned he and Mr. Turlip will be meeting with United Neighborhood Centers next week to discuss the Senior High-Rise Project.

Mr. Ossont stated he met with the Finance Committee to discuss next years' budget. They are in the process of collecting information they need to work into the budget. He mentioned there are a few typos in the Feral Cat Ordinance and would like to add a motion to advertise the Ordinance.

Mayor Barrett asked the status of the library book case project, Mrs. Owen stated the Archbald Lions Club and Dr. Casey made the cases to be placed at the Betty Street Playground in Eynon and the other will be placed at Laurel Street. playground next to the Lions Club bench. Barrett stated Judy Rudalavage and Jean Yesalavage would volunteer to take care of the library cases and books for it. Mr. Turlip said the posts should be ready to install and Dr. Casey will install the cases to posts by next week.

Mayor Barrett also mentioned the Steamtown Marathon has been cancelled this year. She was informed by Commissioner Chermak they will not be continuing the Marathon due to lack of volunteers.

Mayor Barrett also asked if a call to the State can be made to have them cut back weeds overgrown along Kennedy Drive below Lockheed Martin.

Mayor Barrett stated there are two commercial properties on North Main Street with garbage and old tires that can be seen from the trail and need to be addressed.

Mayor Barrett also met with Kayla Cornell to give suggestions on volunteering in our community. She is setting up a meeting for Kayla with the Beautification Committee.

#### **Unfinished Business**

1. SEIU Local 668 Contract Negotiations
2. Community and Economic Development Committee
3. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
4. American Tower Lease Agreement
5. Feral Cat Ordinance
6. Pave Cut Ordinance
7. Comprehensive Plan Update
8. Zoning Ordinance
9. Police Reform/ Accreditation
10. DPW Building Roof

#### **New Business**

1. Garbage Fee/Schedule
2. Flu Shot Clinic – September 18, 2020 (Borough Employees) and September 19, 2020 (Public)
3. Furniture Donation/Gym Rental
4. Police Residency Clause

## **Motions**

Motion by Ms. Simon second by Mr. Burke to approve the August 19, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Simon second by Mr. Burke to approve the August HNB General Fund bills totaling \$282,221.05. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Owen second by Mr. Mancuso to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector’s Report and Mayor’s Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Simon second by Mrs. Owen to accept the resignation of Zakery L. Sawyer, Special Police Officer effective September 3, 2020. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Simon second by Mr. Burke to hire Clyde Brown as the Full-time Zoning Code Enforcement Officer effective October 11, 2020. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran and Gilgallon in favor. Ossont abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ossont second by Ms. Simon to adopt a Resolution to enter into a Cooperation Agreement by and between the County of Lackawanna and Archbald Borough for The FFY 2019 CDBG Program Administration. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mancuso second by Mr. Ossont to approve a 4-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU Local 668 Employees; term of agreement January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Simon abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Moran second by Mrs. Owen to table the motion to adopt a Resolution for the refuse collection fees for both residential and commercial users in the Borough of Archbald in the amount of \$275.00 due to the increased recycling program costs and due to the increased garbage collection costs effective January 1, 2021. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Moran in favor. Mancuso, Simon, Ossont and Gilgallon against. Motion not carried by 4-3 votes.

Motion by Ms. Simon second by Mr. Burke to adopt a Resolution for the refuse collection fees for both residential and commercial users in the Borough of Archbald in the amount of \$275.00 due to the increased recycling program costs and due to the increased garbage collection costs effective January 1, 2021. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Owen and Moran against. Motion carried by 5-2 votes.

Motion by Mr. Ossont second by Ms. Simon to adopt a Resolution to enter into a Service Agreement with the Lackawanna River Basin Authority to amend Section 3.04 of the Service Agreement to extend the termination date of the Agreement to December 31, 2050. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ossont second by Mr. Mancuso authorizing the Borough of Archbald to submit a Local Share Account Monroe County grant application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development requesting funding for the acquisition of a 3.5 acre land parcel in the amount of \$115,000.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Owen second by Mr. Burke to extend the probationary period for Patrolman Brian Munley for a period of 6 months to March 28, 2021 due to COVID-19. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ossont second by Mrs. Owen to approve the purchase of Patrol PC Hardware which includes the Docking Stations and Keyboards for the two 2020 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles in the amount of \$1,780.08. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Owen second by Mr. Ossont to approve the purchase of Police Accreditation Software through PowerDMS in the amount of \$750.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Owen second by Mr. Mancuso to advertise a bid letting for the Department of Public Works Roof Restoration Project. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Simon second by Mrs. Owen to enter into a sales agreement with NEIU for a 3.5 acre parcel of land on Line St. in the amount of \$115,000.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ossont second by Mrs. Owen to enter into a termination of Letter of Agreement with American Tower LLC in exchange for the payment of \$750,000.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Owen second by Mr. Ossont to enter into a First Amendment to Easement and Assignment Agreement with American Tower LLC. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ossont second by Ms. Simon to advertise the Feral Cat Ordinance. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ossont second by Mr. Burke to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

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Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

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Brian Gilgallon, President of Council

Minutes prepared by Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

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