

Archbald Borough Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 were in attendance. Mr. Gilgallon mentioned Council met in Executive Session to discuss real estate, personnel and litigation issues.

Public Input

Mr. Gilgallon mentioned Council received a letter from Mr. Ken Powell, owner of the Highlands, about issues in the development. Council did not have an opportunity to read the letter fully and discuss. He stated they will not have an answer tonight but will certainly get back to Mr. Powell in the near future.

Mr. Gilgallon also read a letter from Lackawanna County relating to a Covid-19 testing site. The Department of Health and Lackawanna County Commissioners are partnering with Dickson City Police, Pennsylvania State Police, Lackawanna County Sheriff's Department, Penn DOT, and the County's Emergency Services Department on the initiative, which will be held on November 21, 22, 23 & 24 from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm in the parking lot of the former K-Mart store located along Rt. 6, Dickson City. The nostril swab test is free to anyone who wishes to be checked. The age range is three years old and up, regardless of symptoms.

Council Committee Reports

Mr. Burke needed clarification pertaining to what can be discussed on the floor of Council's public meetings and what cannot be discussed publicly from the Executive Sessions.

Mr. Ossont mentioned the proposed 2021 budget is on the agenda

Ms. Simon said there are no events planned as of now due to Covid-19 issues. She did state there is a Toys for Tots collection box in the lobby of the Borough building.

Mrs. Owen gave an update on the monthly Safety Committee meeting. She said the committee has met the requirements to create a safety policy. She mentioned Mark Waters, Archbald DPW, was getting a price on an air monitoring device they feel is needed for measuring gases and other substances in the air and when entering manholes. Also, other smaller items are needed for safety that she will be getting prices. Mrs. Owen thanked the committee for all she has learned.

Mrs. Owen also gave an update on the recycling calendar should the Borough be awarded the recycling grant.

Mrs. Owen thanked DPW for taking down the Veterans banners. She thanked Mr. Turlip, Brian Dulay and Clyde Brown for taking great care of the banners.

Mrs. Owen said this is the 10th year the Archbald Lions Club is offering a free Thanksgiving dinner. They have 308 dinners going out. She thanked Barrett's Pub for the use of their kitchen to prepare the dinner.

Mrs. Owen stated she feels passionately about candy bags being filled and given out to the children of Archbald for Christmas by implementing a drive thru.

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Ms. Simon reiterated that due to Covid-19 and the rate of infection rising, that it is not in the best interest of the community.

Mr. Ossont spoke up on the subject and stated the responsibility of a Council Person means you are responsible to the Borough and the liability of the Borough. If she would like to hold a candy event for Christmas, she can do that without the Borough's involvement. He stated she can make a motion to hold the event if she chooses.

Mr. Ossont asked Mrs. Owen about the items the safety committee is in need of. He said the finance committee did not receive any cost information from Mrs. Owen to include in the proposed budget being presented tonight. Mrs. Owen stated what she asked for was approved months ago.

Mr. Turlip spoke up and told Mrs. Owen that it was not.

Mrs. Owen stated Council also approved a safety kit for all Borough vehicles.

Mr. Ossont and Mr. Turlip stated there were no numbers presented or included in the proposed budget to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Owen said she will be getting cost prices on the items.

Mr. Gilgallon said those prices were due months ago.

Mr. Turlip reiterated to Mrs. Owen how the Safety Committee works. He told her the Safety Committee makes recommendations to Council with what is needed and a budget for the items. Present it to Council and a vote is taken.

Mrs. Owen asked if she would be able to present the budget for her items at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Turlip said she can present her budget next month for Council to vote on.

Mrs. Owen wished everyone a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving.

Mr. Moran will follow up with the Calendar Committee.

Mr. Mancuso said the DPW roof is complete.

Unfinished Business

1. Community and Economic Development Committee
2. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
3. Road Assessment Committee
4. Pave Cut Ordinance
5. Comprehensive Plan Update/Amendment
6. Zoning Ordinance
7. 2021 Budget

New Business

1. Tax Anticipation Note

Motions

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to approve the October 21, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Burke to approve the October HNB General Fund bills totaling \$171,067.32, NBT General Fund checks totaling \$1,221.88, and Capital Projects checks totaling \$9,825.00 for a total amount of \$182,224.20. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Owen to accept Reports – Treasurer, Code Enforcement Officer's Report, Tax Collector's Report, Mayor's Report, and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to accept the resignation of James T. Ritko, Emergency Medical Technician effective November 6, 2020. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Owen to hire three (3) special part-time Emergency Medical Technicians for 20 hours/week at \$12.00/hour and no benefits. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Ossont to adopt a Resolution authorizing the 2021 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$450,000 with Honesdale National Bank at an interest rate of 1.97% per annum. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Owen voted against. Motion carried 6-1.

Motion by Simon second by Burke to adopt the 2021 Proposed Budget. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Burke second by Ossont to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Funds in the amount of \$123,588.00 on behalf of the Borough of Archbald. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Borough of Archbald to submit a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$645,050.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for the Archbald Borough Main Street Sidewalk Connector Project. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to appoint Brian Dulay, Construction Code Official as the Borough of Archbald Building Code Official (BCO) effective January 1, 2021. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to appoint Joseph Supulski, Building Inspection Underwriters, as the Borough of Archbald's Alternate Building Code Official effective January 1, 2021. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mancuso second by Burke to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjourn

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH

Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

Brian Gilgallon, President of Council

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