

Archbald Borough Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Brian Gilgallon. A moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Simon and former Officer William Fuller was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, and Gilgallon were present. Mrs. Owen and Mayor Barrett were absent.

A report was given by Tamara Healey on the Community Development and Economic Committee. She explained their plan to launch a contest to give Archbald Borough a motto. She gave a description of the contest and examples of other town mottos. Mr. Turlip brought up the idea for the "Welcome to Archbald" signs and adding the motto chosen from the contest to those signs. Businesses have inquired about donating new signs and adding their names to them as sponsors. He asked Solicitor O'Connor to look into the legalities of that issue.

Public Input

Marie Andrioli, Pine St., spoke about the blight on a Pike St. house. She reported a few tree branches down in the High School Park on Salem St. She is worried someone may be purposely damaging the trees. She asked if the police can walk through the park during the night. And lastly, she asked about the abandoned car in the Borough parking lot. She noticed the inspection sticker is from 4-2014 and it belongs to Joe Munley. She cited the borough has an ordinance on abandoned cars.

Chris Davitt, Pine St., came to discuss what he feels needs to be addressed within Archbald Borough concerning blight, parks and recreation. He asked why there was not a flag on the borough building. He complained of speeding by Brojack Lumber trucks on Monroe St. He stated Pine St. needs serious paving repairs. He passed out photos of blight behind Tomaino's, the DPW garage and AC field. He also had complaints on a soil pile at Archbald Express Mart, cardboard piling up at Quinn's Market, and high grass under benches at Staback Park. He would like to see a new dog park placed somewhere in Archbald. Mr. Mancuso said they will look into getting a new flag for the Borough building. He will speak with DPW about the grass at the park. Mr. Dulay explained the Quality of Life Ordinance, the code ticketing process, also differences between esthetics and violations. Mr. Turlip and council members addressed all issues. Mr. Turlip also explained what grants he has applied for, what has been awarded and what they are waiting to receive in the form of grant monies. Also, how grants are applied, awarded and implemented. Mr. Davitt was also invited to attend the next Community Development and Economic Committee meeting on Thursday, July 8th, 2021 at 7:00pm. Council members thanked him for his interest in the community.

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John Horvath, Pine St., introduced himself and asked about the new building and site the borough is looking at to build a new salt shed and pole barn for DPW equipment. He explained he is working on a project in Scranton building a 23' x 72' greenhouse. He stated he would be willing to purchase the greenhouse and let DPW use it if the grants fall through. Mr. Turlip invited him to also attend the next Community Development and Economic Committee meeting since they have brought up the idea of a community greenhouse.

Debbie O'Connor, W. State St., had complaints on traffic cutting through her neighborhood to avoid the stop light on Kennedy Dr., speeding, littering, fighting and parking near the James Radzelovage Memorial Playground. She is excited to see the upgrades to the playground. She asked about playground hours. Mr. Turlip addressed the issues and explained the upcoming project for the playground. Council asked Captain Petronchak to inform Chief Trently of the issues on W. State St.

Council Members Reports

Mr. Moran reported the Community Development and Economic Committee has a lot of great ideas and they want more volunteers to come and join their sub-committees as they are formed. He commented on the progress at the trailer park as well. He said the Beautification Committee will meet Monday, June 28th at 7:00pm.

Ms. Simon had no updates and nothing planned for the Special Events Committee. Mr. Turlip informed her there is a \$500.00 Arts and Culture grant available to plan for something to be held.

Mr. Ossont said the Finance Committee projections are doing well. The next budget meeting will be the fourth week in July.

Mr. Mancuso reported DPW are struggling with the amount of cardboard being recycled and the changes in recycling. He will also make sure they are getting all of the park's grass cut and weed-whacked.

Mr. Burke said he has been attending the Community Development and Economic Committee meetings and there are positive things happening. He mentioned the committee at AC Field are shining stars in the community. He also praised the Zoning and Code Officials as well as Mr. Turlip for all the work they have been doing since being hired.

Unfinished Business

1. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
2. Sturges Paving Project – PIB Loan Pending
3. Fire and Emergency Services Study – Date TBD
4. Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Ordinance
5. General Code Review Committee
6. Knox Box Ordinance
7. Mandatory Numbering of All Buildings
8. Rave System – “Alert Archbald Borough”

New Business

1. Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Grant
2. Archbald Borough Town Motto Contest
3. Betty Street – Property Maintenance
4. Traffic Light at Eynon-Jermyn Road and Valley View Access Road Intersection

Motions

Motion by Simon second by Burke to approve the May 19, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Simon to approve the May 2021 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$405,567.59 and checks from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$130,759.48 totaling \$536,327.07. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to award the sale of a 2002 Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle, Muncibid # 36170197 to the high bidder NTA Motors, 1695 Floyd Drive, Boaz, AL 35957 for \$4,900.00. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to sell on Muncibid to highest bidder (2) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Sedans and a 2014 Chevrolet Caprice Police Sedan. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Mancuso to adopt a Resolution to approve the Transfer of a Liquor License, Pennsylvania Liquor License Number R-13296 and LID Number 68876, currently owned by SERAFINA’S LLC, formerly used at 712 East Drinker Street, Dunmore, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania 18512, and currently in safekeeping with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, to Brew Corp of PA, LLC, to be utilized at a property within the Borough of Archbald located at 500 Scranton Carbondale Highway, Archbald, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, owned by Peckbrew, LLC, subject to final approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Ossont second by Burke to authorize the Community Development and Economic Committee to start the "Archbald Borough Town Motto" contest. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Moran to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

Brian Gilgallon, President of Council

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