

## **ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

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, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon and Mayor Barrett were present.

**“Key to the Borough” Award** – Not present

### **Community Development and Economic Committee Report**

Tamara Migeswicz-Healy spoke to Council on what the appropriate procedure would be for the committee to follow as it pertains to press conferences and opportunities to promote their committee efforts. She informed council on events that transpired from an opportunity to speak to the newspaper about the committee and their plans. She also gave updates on the dog park, Farmers’ Market, a possible mural on the Wayne Street bridge and filing as a non-profit to raise funds for these projects.

### **Public Input**

Michael Gentoso, CEO of Stavola, Tinton Falls, N.Y, gave a brief presentation of the history of their family’s company.

Billy Letwinsky, Site Services Group, showed a series of aerial photos that depict how the land east of the Casey Highway that Stavola purchased has developed from 1985-2021. Out of 1400 acres, they will only be mining approximately 100 acres at a time. He showed the area in which Stavola plans to mine for aggregate. He also explained the process of how they plan to expand over the next 200 years and the reclamation that would follow.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
2. Sturges Paving Project
3. Fire and Emergency Services Study – Date TBD
4. Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Ordinance
5. Knox Box Ordinance
6. Mandatory Numbering of All Buildings
7. Archbald Borough Town Motto Contest
8. Gravity Slope Authority

### **New Business**

1. Commercial Institutional Recycling Seminar – November 9, 2021
2. Traffic Control Measure – Lawrence Street
3. Traffic Control Measure – Intersection of Main and Kennedy, Eynon

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4. PA Department of Transportation Alternatives Grant Program
5. American Rescue Plan Funding

### **Council Members Reports**

Mr. Burke announced the Hricak-McAndrew Post 869 will host a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 21, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm. Also, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Archbald Veterans Memorial Park on Kennedy Drive will take place Friday, August 20, 10:00 am. The public is invited to both.

Mrs. Owen asked for \$189.94 for 6 - 6x6' flower boxes to be built and placed on the Wayne Street bridge.

Mr. Mancuso reported DPW has been backed up due to recycling, chipping, and being short on staff. He also asked to make a motion to have the monthly work sessions cancelled due to the State of Pennsylvania not requiring them.

Mr. Ossont stated the Finance Committee will be meeting Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to start discussing the 2022 budget.

Mr. Moran asked if anyone looked at the Pike Street railroad crossing. Mr. Turlip said the railroad started the project and should be finished next year.

Ms. Simon said she booked QBall as the band for the upcoming Harvest Festival, September 6, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm at AC Field and will be utilizing the Lackawanna County Arts Grant for that event.

Mayor Barrett wished Officer Jake Thompson well at his new position. She asked if the emergency road on Hill Street can be cleaned out. She asked about blight on 820 and 824 Hill Street. Also, the property on N. Main Street owned by Propst is overgrown with weeds. She reported a mess at Christian's garage needs to be cleaned up. She asked Mr. Turlip if Stavola would give the borough a few large pieces of coal for the new Oil House on the Heritage Trail. Her last pet peeve is the weeds on the sidewalks. She would like to contact property owners to help clean up.

### **Motions**

Motion by Simon second by Burke to approve the July 21, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Burke to approve the July 2021 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$179,601.96, checks from the 2021 Laurel Street Stormwater MS-4 Project totaling \$12,013.00, and checks from the Fire Escrow totaling \$61,600.00 for a total of \$253,214.96. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen 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 Owen to adopt a Resolution authorizing submission of a PA Department of Transportation Alternative Grant in the amount of \$127,110.24 for the Columbus Drive Sidewalk Project. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Owen second by Ossont to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$27,798.56 to American Asphalt for the Sturges Paving Project. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Moran to cancel the work sessions for the rest of 2021. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Owen to continue the meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm.