

## **ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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.

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

Tamara Migeswicz-Healy gave a report from the CDEC updating everyone on their agenda which included the Town Motto contest, Dog Park, Community Garden, Farmers Market, Gravity Slope and Main St. projects.

### **Public Input**

Chief Tim Trently addressed council about the shortage of police officers and the importance of hiring more officers so no officer is on duty alone. He asked council to consider raising taxes if needed to keep the residents of the borough and officers on duty safe.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers, Meeting October 1, 2021 @ 1:00 pm
2. Sturges Paving Project – Start date: September 20, 2021
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. Commercial Institutional Recycling Seminar – November 9, 2021
8. Traffic Control Measure – Lawrence Street

### **New Business**

1. Traffic Control Measure – Stop Sign at Bank and Academy Streets
2. LSA Grant – Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park
3. PennDOT Multimodal Fund Grant
4. FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant
5. 2022 Ram 5500 with Dump Body, Plow and Spreader
6. 2022 Borough Calendar

### **Council Members Reports**

Mr. Burke mentioned the volunteerism among the community should be commended. He announced the Gun Raffle for the Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park will be September 25, 2021 at AC Field, Archbald at 12:00 pm.

Mr. Mancuso reported DPW has been busy and Council needs to look into hiring an extra DPW employee for next year.

Mrs. Owen asked Mr. Picchini when he will begin building the flower boxes. She reported the Safety Committee meeting was well presented. She asked if the borough fire hydrants can be painted. She also commented on the clocks on both Main Streets being painted.

Mr. Ossont said he would need numbers from the departments to work into the budget for next year.

Mr. Moran asked when Lackawanna County will be painting the crosswalks and if they can get prices for the paint used on the crosswalks. He asked if they can't be painted, can more standing caution signs be placed at the Gilmartin & Monroe Street bridges. He requested another meeting with owners of the trailer park. He also asked all council members to send letters to the County Commissioners asking to finish paving on Main St. from Wayne St. to Gilmartin St, Kennedy Dr. to the Blakely boarder and Main St. to Jermyn where they had stopped. And lastly, he asked to send a letter to the Railroad Authority asking to replace the Pike St. crossing. She also reported the police vests are nearing expiration.

Ms. Simon had nothing new to report.

Mayor Barrett asked for an update on the Propst and Christian properties. She received a donation from the American Legion, Eynon for \$10,853.46 to cover the cost of computers in two police vehicles. Mr. Swartzstrauber asked her if they can dedicate the Key to the City to the Polito family for the work on the new building at AC Field.

Mr. Gilgallon was approached by Girard Histed who asked if Council can look into naming a ball field at Staback Park after Dick Tracewski who was a Major League baseball player that resided in the community.

Mr. Turlip announced there is a \$5,000.00 grant that has to be matched through Lackawanna Heritage Valley. Mr. Turlip started the application for the electrical project to be done at Gravity Slope.

### **Motions**

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to approve the August 18, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Burke to approve the August 2021 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$332,423.52, checks from the 2021 Laurel Street Stormwater MS-4 Project totaling \$178.45, and checks from the Local Share Grant Account - Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park totaling \$77,400.00 for a total of \$410,101.97. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Simon 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 Mancuso to appoint Dan Evans as a Special Police Officer from September 15, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to be used only to replace a full-time regular officer who cannot work due to allowable time off. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Simon to accept the resignation of Jacob Thompson, Special Police Officer effective September 15, 2021. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Ossont to adopt a Resolution authorizing submission of a Lackawanna Heritage Valley Partnership Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Gravity Slope Authority Project. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Simon to adopt a Resolution authorizing submission of an PA Department of Economic Development Local Share Account Grant – Monroe County in the amount of \$325,000.00 for the Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park Project Phase III. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Ossont to adopt a Resolution authorizing submission of an PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$436,123.50 for the Archbald Borough Main Street Eynon Streetscape Project Phase I. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Ossont to adopt an Ordinance increasing the indebtedness of the Borough of Archbald by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount of Two Million Dollars for street resurfacing, curbing and stormwater improvements in connection with the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank loan, Loan Agreement #521299, approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Mancuso to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$125,605.00 on behalf of the Borough of Archbald. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Moran to send a letter to County Commissioners to pave Main St. from Wayne St. to Gilmartin St., Kennedy Dr. to Blakely Borough, and Main St. to Jermyn. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Burke to continue the meeting Monday, September 20, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.