

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Brian Gilgallon followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call, Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon were present. Mayor Barrett was absent.

**Public Input – None**

**Unfinished Business**

1. Sturges Paving Project – Start date: October 18, 2021
2. Fire and Emergency Services Study – September 21, 2021 @ 6:00 pm
3. 2022 Ram 5500 with Dump Body, Plow and Spreader
4. Town Motto Contest

**Motions**

Motion by Mancuso second by Owen to purchase a 2022 Ram 5500 with Dump Body, Plow and Spreader for \$91,437.00. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Before the next motions were made, Mrs. Owen asked when she should speak publicly during the meeting, either prior or after voting for the Town Motto. Solicitor O'Connor explained the order of the meeting to Mrs. Owens' understanding. Mrs. Owen continued to question the appropriate time to speak. Solicitor O'Connor again explained her right to speak at the appropriate time of the meeting to keep order. She then stated she understood the procedure for the meetings. She then thanked the Community and Economic Development Committee for their time working on the Town Motto. She thanked the 54 residents that submitted their ideas for the contest. She is disheartened that more people didn't participate in the contest.

Motion by Owen second by Moran to approve Town Motto entry #5: "The Heart of the Valley". Roll call. Owen and Moran in favor. On the question: Mr. Mancuso asked if these don't pass, what if someone else has another idea or wants another motto? Roll call Owen and Moran in favor. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Ossont and Gilgallon opposed. Motion failed.

Motion by Mancuso second by Ossont to approve Town Motto entry #4: "Where Our Heritage Meets Our Future. Roll call. Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Burke opposed. Motion carried.

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## **Council Member Report**

Mrs. Owen asked to remove the Snowflake Gala from the 2022 calendar.

She asked if a motion needs to be made to add the Town Motto to the 2022 calendar.

Mrs. Owen then stated there is no Ordinance for the President.

Mr. Turlip explained Archbald Borough follows Robert's Rules of Order pertaining to an Ordinance signed the 18<sup>th</sup> of June- 2008, By Laws of the Council of the Borough of Archbald. Also, Borough Code allows Council to include and identify the duties more specifically as they see fit for all council members.

Mrs. Owen asked for a copy of the Borough Code book.

Mr. Turlip told her she already has the book.

Again Mrs. Owen asked if it is correct that there was no Ordinance.

Mr. Turlip again said there is an Ordinance for Rules of Order which outlines various things for meetings.

Mrs. Owen stated therefore as far as what it states in the book is as far as it goes.

Mr. Turlip told her that Council can identify the positions to be more specific for each member.

Mrs. Owen then stated that as of now the President does not have the authority to say yes or no to anything without addressing Council. She feels the technology has changed since that Ordinance was written.

Mr. Turlip stated he could not answer that. Mr. Moran said he thinks this is something to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mrs. Owen asked Solicitor O'Connor if she was asking a personnel question. She continued to say the Presidents duties as written is to sign checks, conduct meetings, establish committees and sit on any committees. She argued she does not think the President has the authority to approve or disapprove a news conference that a committee member tried to hold. She claims when they have an opportunity to meet in the parking lot with the news channel, that it is open to the public. She said the Community and Economic Development Committee is open to the public and Mike McAndrew talked about the dog park at his hair salon on the news. She said it would have taken 5 minutes to call Council, it should not have been up to the authority of the President because they lost a good opportunity of advertising. Mrs. Owen stated Mr. Turlip could have went outside with the member to address the news and take 5 minutes with her.

Mr. Turlip responded that he did go outside, Mrs. Owen was not there, and did not know everything else that Mr. Turlip was doing at that time.

Mrs. Owen argued over Mr. Turlip that the President had no authority to stop the interview. She argued Mr. Turlip could have called other Council members as well to be there for the interview.

Mr. Turlip stated he did call Council.

Mrs. Owen stated "Actually it is the womens right to speak. You can not stop a woman for their right and freedom to speak.

Mr. Turlip reminded Mrs. Owen they had just disussed this and if a committee member is going to speak, it's on behalf of Council.

Mrs. Owen still argued even if she's on a community, none of Council have the right for her to speak to a news channel.

Mr. Turlip again told Mrs. Owen if the member was going to speak to the news about the Community and Economic Development Committee, she would be speaking for Council.

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Mrs. Owen continued to argue if they were allowed to speak they could have been told to keep it basic to the dog park. If she was called, she would have said yes to the member being interviewed. She feels all of Council should have a problem with this. She is claiming President Brian Gilgallon broke a violation.

Mr. Ossont tried to speak and was interrupted by Mrs. Owen. He stated Mrs. Owen had one problem last month with Mr. Gilgallon and this month it is another. He stated they are two separate situations and Mrs. Owen needs to get her thoughts organized.

Mrs. Owen is claiming this is not political.

Mr. Gilgallon then tried to speak and was interrupted by Mrs. Owen saying at another public meeting Mr. Gilgallon put her in her place and she deserved what he said. That this situation was not about him but about the President doesn't have the authority to make decisions. They were elected by the people and it should be uniform together.

Solicitor O'Connor tried to speak and again Mrs. Owen began interrupting. Mr. O'Connor stated the issue she is referring to in respect to the press was talked about and resolved at the meeting last Wednesday. He explained that there was a miscommunication between the Committee and Council. If the Committee wanted to speak on behalf of Council, then the Committee would have to get the approval of Council to speak for them.

Mrs. Owen asked what Council.

Solicitor O'Connor stated the Archbald Borough Council.

Mrs. Owen said they weren't informed.

Mr. O'Connor stated if he was interrupted again, he would not say another word.

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

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

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Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

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Brian Gilgallon, President of Council

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