

## ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

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

### **Bid Opening for 2022 Street Paving Project**

<b>2022 Archbald Streets Paving Project 12/15/2021</b>	Wayco Inc.	New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.	Leeward Construction	American Asphalt Paving Co.	Pioneer Construction Co., Inc.	Pennsy Supply
Bid Bond	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Base Bid Paving	453,821.32	559,283.55	534,960.81	523,322.00	570,722.60	429,819.15
Base Bid Option 1 Curbing	993,472.00	1,586,665.50	1,208,728.46	825,954.00	667,489.00	1,002,586.00
Add Alternate #1 - South Street Paving	18,768.00	40,050.00	22,065.00	19,900.00	27,110.00	13,075.00
Add Alternate #1 - Option 1 South Street Curbing	64,000.00	102,925.00	82,254.60	53,185.00	60,075.00	67,840.00
Add Alternate #2 - West Street Paving	39,914.04	55,561.40	41,477.94	45,303.80	46,510.84	33,443.90
Add Alternate #2 - Option 1 West Street Curbing	89,600.00	145,054.60	108,881.90	79,840.00	79,144.00	89,580.00
Add Alternate #3 - Walnut Street Paving	25,821.92	49,930.60	32,033.25	37,424.50	29,794.27	22,931.35
Add Alternate #3 - Option 1 Walnut Street Curbing	40,960.00	71,907.50	52,071.70	35,140.00	51,952.00	43,370.00
Add Alternate #4 - Chestnut Street Paving	40,903.93	57,446.35	46,910.70	50,681.50	44,551.13	35,743.05
Add Alternate #4 - Option 1 Chestnut Street Curbing	82,048.00	140,523.00	101,365.10	72,148.00	70,828.00	81,409.00
Add Alternate #5 - Pulaski Street Paving	23,996.92	44,236.90	26,873.75	26,343.60	36,402.32	17,735.75
Add Alternate #5 - Option 1 Chestnut Street Curbing	13,888.00	32,650.00	21,693.95	14,173.00	24,751.00	17,023.00

Mr. Turlip recommended Council put this into a committee for further review to ensure all base bonds are included to make a final determination next month.

Mr. Gilgallon selected himself, Mike Ossont, Dave Moran, Rob Turlip and Don Totino for that committee.

A motion by Moran second by Mancuso to make a motion to form a committee to review all bids for the 2022 Street Paving Project. Roll Call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moran second by Ossont to form a committee to review all bids for the 2022 Street Paving Project. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

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

Liam Pryle gave an update on programs and funding they are looking into to help their projects.

### **Public Input**

Jamie Kresge, Eynon Hose Co., who gave a previous presentation for the Fire and Emergency Tax Relief for volunteer firefighters asked why it was taken off Unfinished Business.

Art Walsh commented on the Asphalt/Concrete plant the Zoning Hearing Board allowed to be placed on Power Blvd.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
2. Sturges Paving Project
3. Fire and Emergency Services Study – On going
4. 2022 Borough Calendar
5. 2022 Budget
6. Request to Vacate Parcel between 1104 and 1108 East Filbert St.

### **New Business**

1. 4th Street Flood Mitigation Project

### **Council Members Reports**

Mr. Burke mentioned the Heritage Trail Committee was invited to Marywood University to view work done by students of rendered drawings and plans for the Oil House building located on the Heritage Trail.

Mr. Mancuso noted DPW has stayed busy picking up recyclables.

Mr. Ossont thanked everyone that worked on the 2022 Budget.

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Mr. Moran said he toured the Hanover Twp. Borough building who used the same architect interested in the Archbald Borough building project. He also mentioned he was disappointed they didn't secure the Gentex building for the Senior Housing project.

Ms. Simon had no other updates for Special Events.

Mayor Barrett wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Gilgallon noted Council met in Executive Session Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and prior to tonight's meeting to discuss real estate and personnel issues.

### **Motions**

Motion by Ossont second by Mancuso to approve of the November 17, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Burke to approve of the November 2021 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$212,667.69 and checks from the Municipal Land Project account totaling \$15,042.75 for a total of \$227,710.44. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Burke to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector's Report, Mayor's Report, and Planning Commission. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Mancuso to retain the services of Brian Kelly, CPA to conduct audit of 2021 Borough Accounts. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Ossont second by Simon to adopt the 2022 Budget. Roll call. Burke, Simon, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Mancuso and Moran voted against. Motion carried 4-2.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to enact the 2022 Real Estate Tax Levy Ordinance fixing the tax rate at 24 mills for General Purposes, .5 mill for Pensions and Retirement, and .5 mill for Recreation for a total of 25 mills. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Burke to hire Liam Pryle as a full-time Department of Public Works Laborer effective January 2, 2022. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to hire Mark Striefsky as a full-time Police Office with an effective date no later than October 1, 2022. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Simon second by Mancuso to reappoint Kevin O'Shea Jr. to the Archbald Vacancy Board for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to reappoint Tony Grizzanti to the UCC Board of Appeals for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Mancuso to accept the resignation of Sharon Danks from the Archbald Borough Planning Commission effective December 9, 2021. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mancuso second by Ossont to appoint Scott Gilliland on the Archbald Borough Planning Commission effective January 1, 2022 to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by to reappoint Sam Jordan to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024. Mr. Mancuso asked to table the motion to advertise for more applicants. Motion tabled.

Motion to reappoint Jean Yesalavage to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024. Motion tabled.

Motion by Moran second by Ossont to reappoint Kevin O'Shea Jr. to the Archbald Community Development & Economic Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moran second by Ossont to reappoint Mark Gallagher to the Archbald Community Development & Economic Committee for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to reappoint Dave Lamereaux to the Gravity Slope Colliery Authority for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to reappoint Thomas Picchini to the Gravity Slope Colliery Authority for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Mancuso to appoint John Binner, Thomas Butler, Ryan Calciano, Gene Cholish, Dan Evans, Marlene Evans, Joseph Farrell, Joseph Laboranti, Turique Patrick, Jacob Piazza, Mark Striefsky, Aaron Tierney, and Alan Wright as Special Police Officers from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 only to be used to replace a full-time regular officer. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Ossont to adopt an Ordinance amending the Police Pension Ordinance, Ordinance #16 of 1988, requiring the 4% contribution of the fund members. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to authorize a Resolution to post "No Parking" signs on the 100 block of East Street in Eynon. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Mancuso to abolish the Archbald Recreation Commission effective December 31, 2021.

On the question: Mr. Ossont asked if any member has been active in the last 12 months or if they are paid positions. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Mancuso to make a motion approving a Resolution authorizing a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$650,000.00. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Ossont second by Mancuso approving a Resolution authorizing a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$650,000.00. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Moran second Ossont by to make a motion to give the part-time employees \$40.00 and full - time employees \$75.00 stipend for the Christmas holiday. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Moran second by Mancuso to make a motion to appeal the decision in Lackawanna County Court that was made by the Zoning Hearing Board to allow the Asphalt and Concrete plant approval. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso and Moran in favor. Simon, Ossont and Gilgallon against. Tie vote. Mayor Barrett voted in favor to break the tie. Motion carried.

Motion by Moran second by Mancuso for to appeal the decision in Lackawanna County Court that was made by the Zoning Hearing Board to allow the Asphalt and Concrete plant approval.

On the question: Mr. Ossont asked what the cost would be to litigate the appeal. Mr. Ossont also asked if they were successful in winning the appeal, would it stop the Asphalt and Concrete plant from being placed in that area. Roll call. Burke and Moran in favor. Mancuso, Simon, Ossont and Gilgallon against. Motion not carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to continue the meeting Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 6:00 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

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Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

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David Moran, President of Council

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