

Archbald Borough Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Brian Gilgallon. A moment of silence in remembrance of Barry Trevelin was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Simon, Moran, Ossont, Gilgallon and Mayor Barrett present.

Public Input

Brian Gilgallon, President of Council read emails sent by Collen Gedrich stating her concern for the feral cat problem and offered information to humanely trap feral cats in the neighborhoods. She also offered to help with the problem. Councilwoman Simon, a member of the Feral Cat Committee, also stated she has collected information on places to bring the feral cats to be spayed/neutered. Mayor Barrett asked who is responsible for the cost of the services. Mr. O'Connor, Borough Solicitor, stated they are working on an ordinance for this matter.

Jan Sieftring sent an email asking about statements Mr. Mancuso made at the work session on dog waste in the parks and people trespassing in the parks while they are closed due to CoVid-19. Mr. Gilgallon stated they will monitor the amount of waste in the parks as they re-open. Mr. Mancuso replied that he was driving by and was unable to find the person he thought was walking a dog towards Staback Park when he returned.

Cindy Houser emailed concerns over the recycling in the borough. She also asked about paving roads in the borough and not just patching. She claims Ash St., between Wayne St. and Carbon St. to be one of the worst roads in the borough. Mr. Gilgallon addressed her paving concerns, stating the borough does not have a grant to pave roads but they do have a plan, in the initial planning phase. The borough will be working with the Borough Engineer to address the roads in need.

On the recycling issue, Mr. Gilgallon explained how some contracts in other nearby towns pay their hauler to collect & transport recyclables and explained the Archbald contract, which the borough DPW collects recyclables and transports them to Lackawanna County Recycling. The problem being the owners of the Lackawanna County Recycling Center does not have enough inmates to work and sort recyclables after releasing most prisoners. The borough is meeting their mandate for recycling and the Lackawanna County Recycling Center is our designated drop off site. Mrs. Owen questioned if some boroughs/towns can join together and pressure the owners of the recycling center or call a State Representative and Senator Blake to put pressure on the owners.

Nancy Edmunds asked who owns the recycling center for the record. Mr. Gilgallon responded that Mr. Louis DeNaples either owns or runs the center. Gilgallon also stated the extra work DPW puts in collecting recyclables and yard waste.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Burns sent a letter thanking Borough Manager Rob Turlip, Mike Zielinski and DPW employees for their hard work completing the project near their home.

Charles Baker, NFIP Specialist FEMA, Region III sent a letter informing the borough that the revisions to the Archbald Borough Floodplain Management Ordinance, as amended on April 15, 2020, brought the ordinance into compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as a result of the Lackawanna County's updated Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) release on August 5, 2020. It also stated the Borough efforts are commendable.

Mr. Gilgallon stated Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate.

Unfinished Business

- XMAS Light Committee
- SEIU Local 668 Contract Negotiations
- Licensing Transient Retail Businesses Ordinance
- Community and Economic Development Committee
- Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
- American Tower Lease Agreement
- Proposed Zoning/Building Permit Fee Schedule
- Feral Cat Ordinance
- Pave Cut Ordinance
- Borough Engineer Request for Professional Services
- Senior Day Parade – June 29, 2020

New Business

- Signage
- Parks and Gym Re-opening
- CDBG Funding
- PSAB Borough Elected Official Program and Management Caucus
- Fire Sirens at Eynon Hose Co. and No. 5 Hill
- Early Warning Siren Dedication/Testing - June 19, 2020
- Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park – Land Transfer from Lockheed Martin
- Garbage and Recycling

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Motions

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to approve the May 20, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Simon second by Ossont to approve the May HNB General Fund bills totaling \$231,636.22. Roll call. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector's Report and Mayor's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to hire Mark Regan as a Temporary Summer DPW Employee from May 26, 2020 to August 25, 2020 at \$12.00/hour. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Simon to approve the purchase of a Drop-in DT466E Engine from D&W Diesel, Inc. from the lowest responsible estimate in the amount of \$11,500.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Owen to approve a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding, on behalf of Archbald Borough in the amount of \$68,709.00, through the Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program, as part of the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act [P.L. 116-136], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Owen to adopt a resolution to participate in the PSAB Borough Elected Officials Program. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to adopt a resolution to participate in the PSAB Borough Management Caucus. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Simon to accept the resignation of John M. Frankosky, Emergency Medical Technician effective July 4, 2020. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Ossont to hire two (2) special part-time Emergency Medical Technicians for 20 hours/week at \$12.00/hour and no benefits. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to purchase COVID-19 Social Distancing signs in the amount of \$400.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Burke to open Borough Parks when Lackawanna County transitions to the "Green Phase" of Pennsylvania's plan for reopening the Commonwealth due to COVID-19. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ossont second by Simon to open the Borough Gymnasium on the 1st of the month after Lackawanna County transitions to the "Green Phase" of Pennsylvania's plan for reopening the Commonwealth due to COVID-19. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Mancuso to authorize the Borough Manager to approve Borough related purchases for Borough operational purposes in an amount of \$10,000.00 per purchase, not to exceed \$ 20,000.00 in the aggregate in any given month, said purchases to be ratified by Council at the monthly meeting immediate following such purchases and to ratify all prior Borough related purchases made by the Borough Manager to date. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to hire KBA Engineering as the Borough Engineer. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Ossont to hire Barry Islett and Associates as the Secondary Borough Engineer and Road Paving Program Manager. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Ossont to purchase a Motorola Digital XPR5550e Mobile Radio VHF and Antenna Kit from Keystone Communications in the amount of \$877.60 for Police Cruiser 21-12. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Ossont second by Simon to award the sale of the Husqvarna BZ2761, Muncibid #28959611 to the high bidder Craig Symons, 1728 Beaver Pond Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411 for \$2,650.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second Simon to award the sale of the Oxygen Scooter, Muncibid #28958986 to the high bidder Luis Hernandez, High Street, Perkasio, PA 18960 for \$825.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Owen second by Burke to award the sale of the Handy Cut Model 16, Municibid #28964390 to the high bidder Robert Carlson, 2079 Big Road, Gilbertsville, PA 19525 for \$195.00.

Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried

Motion by Owen second by Simon to award the sale of the 2004 Hyundai Accent, Municibid #28964523 to the high bidder Don Shirey, 4408 SR 66, Apollo, PA 15613 for \$1,550.00. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion Owen second by Ossont to award the sale of the 2002 Chevrolet Blazer, Municibid #28966253 to the high bidder Martin Basara, Spring Garden Street 132, Palmyra, NJ 08065 for \$3,701.92. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to award the sale of the Stone Wolpac 3100, Municibid #28966847 to the high bidder Ralph Mele, 84 Parry Road, Moscow, PA 18444 for \$3,750.00.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to allow the Wright Center to install a structure and sign pending approval of Building Inspector and Zoning Officer. Roll call. Burke, Owen, Mancuso, Ossont and Gilgallon in favor. Simon abstained from vote. Moran voted against. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH

Michele Bianchi
Borough Secretary

Brian Gilgallon
President of Council

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