

## ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President David Moran. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Lewis, Gilgallon, Ossont, Owen, Moran and Mayor Barrett were present.

Mr. Moran announced Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and litigation.

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

None

### **Public Input**

There was a report that there are no street signs on Cougar Drive.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
2. Sturges Paving Project
3. Dutch Hill Paving Project
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6. 4th Street Flood Mitigation Project
7. Municipal Building Update

### **New Business**

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### **Council Members Reports**

Mrs. Owen reported the Safety Meetings are on hold this month due to the new variance of Covid. They will reorganize at next months meeting. She asked how many residents are signed up for the Rave Mobile Alerts.

Mr. Turlip stated he can give her an exact number the next day but there are quite a few. She asked how more people can be informed of the alert system.

Mr. Turlip said it is on the new calendars, facebook and the website. It was also listed in the newspaper. She asked Mr. Turlip if he met with Katrina Coviello.

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Mr. Turlip has spoken with her on the feral cat program, she is supposed to meet with him. They would like to start in the Laurel Street area. She will not charge the Borough a fee except the fee to neuter.

Mrs. Owen asked for an update on the Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park.

Mr. Turlip stated Phase I, site development and stormwater, is complete.

Phase II has been bid out and awarded for the centerpiece to Parise Monuments. If they are able to obtain a helicopter it will be placed to the right of the centerpiece.

Phase III, a LSA grant for \$325,000.00 has been submitted for construction of the wall which will be 400' long. Construction of the wall will hopefully begin this summer. Over 100 tiles have been sold and completed to be placed on the wall. There will be an open house February 24, 2022 to learn about the tiles, pricing and how to apply.

Upcoming fundraising events for the ABVMP include a pasta dinner, poker run and gun bingo.

Phase IV will be the construction of the pavilion. They have already purchased the block and some parts for the pavilion through grants.

Phase V will be sidewalks and parking.

Mr. Moran asked Mr. Turlip to review the Police Reorganization Study information. Mr. Turlip reiterated by saying the possibility of this study is to look at the cost effectiveness of combining local municipalities police forces. They would begin by sending out a letter to the surrounding communities including but not limited to Jermyn, Mayfield, Jessup, Blakely, Olyphant and Scott Twp. to ask if they would be interested in joining the free study by DCED which can take 1-2yrs.

Chief Trently said they've been advertising for police officers and they have not received any applications. With the regionalization of police departments, it would allow them to have an expansion of full-time officers, specialized departments and investigation units. It would also allow for promotions. It is a free program and should be looked into.

Mr. Turlip stated if they participate the State will make recommendations to municipalities based on the study as well as recommendations for grant funding.

Mr. Ossont stated they recently passed the budget and the Finance Committee will be meeting again to look over numbers to make sure they are on the right path.

Mr. Gilgallon asked where they stand on the Pike Street and James Radzelovage Parks. Mr. Turlip said he is meeting with Tony Grizzanti tomorrow to prepare bids for both parks. New equipment for Radzelovage Park has been ordered. The bid for that will go out first, most likely in February. The DCNR grant for the Pike Street Park is more difficult as far as administration. Every step has to be approved by DCNR before moving on to the next step. Mr. Grizzanti will have the site plan and it will be submitted for approval. Bids for construction for the Pike Street Park will go out this year.

Mr. Turlip said the equipment company has certified installers that will be installing and inspecting the equipment at these parks.

Mr. Gilgallon asked for an update on the Gravity Slope project. Mr. Turlip stated he met with Joyce Hatala, Austin Burke, Rick Scopelletti and Dave Moran to discuss the timeframe for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation grant which they feel they will qualify. They are looking at taking all the concepts that were submitted by Marywood students and coming up with one site plan. It will then go to the architect and engineer to get a cost analysis.

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They will be meeting again Thursday to make some recommendations to the committee. Once that is done letters have to go out to Planning Commission for approval. Ms. Hatala has volunteered to write this grant.

Mrs. Lewis was welcomed by President Dave Moran. She said she is happy to be serving. She has been assigned to Special Events and is hoping to come up with some potential events for the upcoming year. She would like to have an addiction and health fair event over the summer months. She is a nurse and has some nursing volunteers to help. She is looking at the calendar to make sure there won't be any conflicts with dates. She is hoping to work with the Lions Club on events as well.

Mr. Mancuso said the DPW did a great job with snow removal. He commended them for working hard in the brutal cold picking up recyclables.

Mr. Burke stated he is thrilled to serve with Erin Owen on the Safety Committee and to also be on the Recreation Committee again. He welcomed Mrs. Lewis back. He reached out to several people in the Borough that have meetings and Mr. Turlip said they can be held at the Borough Building. He asked the members of council if they have any activity ideas to please let him know. He also reached out to Jerry Burns, Tom Aniska, Jerry Munley, Ding Swartstrauber, Austin Burke, Tom Picchini, Erin Owen and Mayor Barrett. There is money and gear left over from last years cancelled fishing derby. He is hoping to have it this year depending on Covid.

Mrs. Owen asked if they were going to pursue having the fishing derby this year. Mr. Turlip stated it would be up to the Chairman of that committee.

Mayor Barrett thanked everyone for the calendars which she said is a great success. As she walked through the Borough, she got a lot of great comments. Unfortunately, there were two complaints on parks not listed. Those mistakes have been corrected for next years' calendar. Mayor Barrett asked if coupons can be added to the calendars next year to promote local businesses. Mr. Turlip said he would have to check into it because it is funded by a grant. A separate business coupon flyer can be placed in the calendar envelopes when delivered.

Mr. Moran said he would be worried if a business was missed.

Mr. Turlip stated the calendars were a lot of work. Many eyes looked everything over. Any mistakes will be corrected in next years' calendars.

Mayor Barrett said she also received \$6700.00 in donations from the American Legion, Eynon, to finish the Christmas lights on Kennedy Dr. She asked if the old ones can be sold on Ebay. Mr. Turlip said he would list them to sell on Muncibid.

She mentioned to boards on the wall for committees need to be updated.

She asked about the snow blocking sidewalks. She asked if Council will pursue the Ordinance.

Mr. Moran said to put something in the paper to remind residents.

Mr. Turlip asked Mr. Moran to state for the record who will be serving on the committees.

Recreation

Chairperson – Francis Burke

Co-Chairperson – Erin Owen

Special Events

Chairperson – Laura Lewis

Co-Chairperson – Mike Ossont

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DPW/Recycling

Chairperson – Tom Mancuso  
Co-Chairperson – Brian Gilgallon

Safety

Chairperson – Erin Owen  
Co-Chairperson – Francis Burke

Beautification

Chairperson – Shirley Barrett  
Co-Chairperson – Laura Lewis

Finance

Chairperson – Mike Ossont  
Co-Chairperson – Tom Mancuso

CDEC

Chairperson – Brian Gilgallon

Mayor Barrett asked Council if they would look into sending April O'Connor to a grant writing class from the PSAB at a cost of \$100.00 for members. Penn State is also offering a grant writing class at a cost of \$295.00. She is asking Council to make a motion for this. Mr. Turlip stated they discussed this personnel issue in Executive Session. Mayor Barrett stated it would help out with applying for grants in the Police Department. Mr. Moran stated the mayor is asking for \$100.00 to send her for training in grant writing. Mr. Turlip stated the employee is not a grant writer and it is not in her job description. Mr. Moran said it is no different than sending a Zoning Officer or Treasurer to 2 days of Boot Camp. Mr. Turlip stated there are parts of Boot Camp that does cover Zoning, Treasury and information for them. He said if they want to change her position description, they can take a look at that to send her to that training. He already expressed his opinion that will change things. Mr. Gilgallon stated he did not feel comfortable discussing this issue in public. Mr. Mancuso and Mr. Moran stated it should be discussed in the next Executive Session. Mr. Moran stated she may miss the date for the \$100.00 class and have to take the \$295.00 class if approved. It was agreed to be discussed at the next Executive Session.

Mrs. Owen asked if there was a report from the CDEC. Mr. Turlip stated it is on the agenda and was discussed. The committee has been tasked with finding businesses that are not already in Dickson City that may be interested in coming to Archbald.

Mr. Mancuso asked if Mr. Turlip heard any news on the Sugermans building. Mr. Turlip asked Mr. Moran if he could elaborate. He stated there are new partners that own the complex. He expressed concerns with the parking lot and building. They assured Mr. Turlip they will bring the lot and building up to code. They are measuring the lot for estimates to be repaired. The partners have begun talking with the owner of the Burlington Complex to work together to bring businesses back to those buildings.

Controller Report

Dr. Krahl stated he did not have a report this month. He did meet with Mr. Turlip and Ms. Edmunds to get an explanation of the budget and account information. He thanked them for their help. He asked council if there was anything specific that they would like him to report every month.

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Archbald Borough Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, January 19, 2022

**Motions**

Motion by Mancuso second by Burke to approve the December 15, 2021 Regular Council meeting minutes and January 3, 2022 Reorganization meeting minutes. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Lewis, Gilgallon, Ossont, Owen and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Gilgallon to approve the December 2021 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$132,746.47, checks from the NBT General Fund totaling \$0.01, checks from LSA ABVMP Grant account totaling \$81,180.00, checks from the Recycling Grant 2020 account totaling \$9,960.00, checks from the NBT Capital Projects account totaling \$0.71, and checks from the Radzelovage Park Renovation Grant account totaling \$34,464.00 for a total of \$258,251.19. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Lewis, Gilgallon, Ossont, Owen and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Burke to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector’s Report, Mayor’s Report, and Planning Commission. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen second by Burke to make a motion to increase the benefit package allotment from \$2500.00 to \$3500.00 for Borough Manager Robert Turlip. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Lewis, Gilgallon, Ossont, Owen and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Ossont second by Gilgallon to increase the allotment package from \$2500.00 to \$3500.00 for Borough Manager Robert Turlip for not taking insurance. Roll Call. Burke, Mancuso, Lewis, Gilgallon, Ossont, Owen and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

A motion by Ossont second by Gilgallon to make a motion to hold a recycling event on April 26, 2022 at a cost of \$2100.00 to the Borough to be payable to Responsible Recycling Services. Roll call. Burke, Mancuso, Lewis, Gilgallon, Ossont, Owen and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mancuso second by Gilgallon to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

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David Moran, President of Council

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**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
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Meeting called to Order – 7:00 PM

Moment of Silence; Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call

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Council Members Reports

Controller Report

Motions - Agenda for Regular Council Meeting

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Adjourn