

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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

Bid Opening for James Radzelovage Park Project

Name - Date/Time Received	AMOUNT	BID BOND
Wayco, Inc. 198 O'Connell Road Waymart, PA 2/16/22 9:18am	\$89,611.24	INCLUDED
Rock Bottom Construction 1022 Eynon/Jermyn Road Jermyn, PA 18433 2/16/22 10:55am	\$89,753.00	INCLUDED
Pioneer Construction CO. 3298 Lake Ariel Highway Honesdale, PA 18431 2/16/22 11:28am	\$138,810.20	INCLUDED
Stafursky Paving 3 Export Lane Archbald, PA 18403 2/16/22 2:10pm	\$99,753.70	INCLUDED
Linde Corporation 118 Armstrong Road Pittston, PA 18640 2/16/22 3:35pm	\$118,904.00	INCLUDED
Multiscape, Inc. 995 S. Township Boulevard Pittston, PA 18640 2/16/22 3:38pm	\$132,180.01	INCLUDED

Mr. Turlip suggested Council form a committee to review all bids and award at the March meeting. Mr. Turlip recommended Mr. Moran, Mr. Burke, Mrs. Owen, Mr. Grizzanti and himself to be the review committee.

Community Development and Economic Committee Report

Brian Gilgallon stated they held a meeting last week and have decided to change courses from projects and appearances to recruiting new contacts. They are putting a brochure together for people that want to open a small business in town. It will have a contact list of realtors, banks, code enforcement, and groups to help small businesses from the University of Scranton. They are each tasked with coming up with a list of businesses they think would be good for the Rt. 6 for the two developers that are coming in. They are geared more towards recruiting businesses to come in to the Borough and not so much beautification and ribbon cutting.

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He mentioned Liam Pryle is resigning due to employment. They interviewed a lot of great candidates to replace him. He said there have been a lot of good ideas and sees a lot of good coming from the committee in the next few months.

Public Input

Chris Chermak was in attendance and asked if anyone had questions for him. Mr. Mancuso asked Mr. Chermak how much it will cost the taxpayers for the county reassessment. Mr. Chermak said he had a Commissioner meeting today and they proposed to hire Tyler Technologies to do the reassessment. It has been tabled. Mr. Chermak is not in favor of the approximately \$4.9 million or more it may cost. Too many people on fixed incomes, inflation, and still in a pandemic to do this now.

Mr. Mancuso said he worries how it will affect Archbald citizens.

Mr. Moran asked if Mr. Chermak can look into the county taking over Archbald Heights Road, which is cared for by the county for part of the road, Jessup for a part and Archbald for a part as well. It makes no sense for all of them to plow in winter. Mr. Chermak said he will bring it to their attention and ask.

Mayor Barrett complimented the county on taking care of the roads this winter.

Gene Cholish, Columbus Dr., Archbald, said he spoke in October on his property on Main St., Eynon. He welcomed and congratulated Mrs. Lewis on her election. He specifically spoke about a drain pipe on his property. He met with the State on September 17, 2021 to discuss the issue. The State advised him that due to the Highway Drainage Laws, anything under the roadway belongs to the Borough. He advised Council on the problem in October. He thanked Mr. Moran for all his help. Mr. Cholish said he is aware of what the Borough Engineer has suggested on what to do with the project. Mr. Cholish was in attendance to see where the Borough plans to go with the project. He received plans for his building project and is getting everything ready to submit to the Borough. He is waiting on a land development plan to be done. Unfortunately, the pipe that is the problem, is putting a lot of storm water onto his property.

Mr. Turlip asked Mr. Cholish what was the recommendation he heard.

Mr. Cholish said he heard the Borough received the recommendation about connecting to the storm drain by putting a pipe down the front and connecting it to the bottom of the roadway and back into the storm drain.

Mr. Turlip stated that the information did not come from him or the Borough Engineer.

Mr. Turlip referred to Mr. Totino, Borough Engineer, to address the issue Mr. Cholish is having.

Mr. Totino explained they looked at the option of mitigating the problem if it was affecting the downhill properties by putting in a headwall to collect the water and run it down the road with a couple inlets and tie into the system. That was just a price estimate to give to the Borough so they knew what possible options that are relative to mitigating the stormwater.

Mr. Totino stated where ever that water is coming from, whether your property or across the street, that is currently a drainage easement that is a current drainage area that has been there for years. If Mr. Cholish is doing a land development, he would have to mitigate the water problem as a part of his project and that would be following any County Laws and Borough Ordinances.

Mr. Cholish stated there is zero easements on that property according to his attorneys and the State.

Mr. Turlip said what Mr. Totino is saying is Mr. Cholish has to bring his land development plans to the Planning Commission and have the Borough Engineers look at them to make an assessment based on what Mr. Cholish plans to do with the property.

Mr. Turlip said they received information from Lackawanna County Planning that states prior to Mr. Cholish owning it, that property had recommendations made when the sub division was made. There are certain conditions that have to be met prior to development. He invited Mr. Cholish to meet with him the following day to give him a copy of that information. From there they can submit plans to Tony Grizzanti, Borough Engineer, to go forward.

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Mr. Cholish asked if the Borough is going to tell him the water, they are dumping onto his property is his responsibility.

Mr. Turlip said they may. It is a possibility. But he has to submit his plans and they have to meet the Borough's Storm Water Ordinance.

Mr. Moran stated the ball is in Mr. Cholish's court. Until they know what his plans are, they cannot give an opinion.

Mr. Cholish stated he respectfully is not looking for an opinion. He is respectfully asking the Borough to correct a problem of a drainage

Mr. Turlip stated there hasn't been a problem in that area in 30 years. Now Mr. Cholish wants to develop it so the changes are his.

Mr. Moran explained how the engineers can work together.

Mr. Totino explained if they put a headwall in and Mr. Cholish goes in and changes by added fill, it could destroy what the Borough may have done to mitigate the water.

Mr. Turlip said the elevation for a highway permit may be an issue. Again, if he brings in his plan they can have the engineers work together to resolve the issue.

Unfinished Business

1. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers
2. Sturges Paving Project
3. Dutch Hill Paving Project
4. Fire and Emergency Services Study – On going
5. Request to Vacate Parcel between 1104 and 1108 East Filbert St.
6. 4th Street Flood Mitigation Project
7. Municipal Building Update
8. Recycling Event – April 26, 2022

New Business

1. Police Regionalization Study
2. Memorial Day Parade
3. Summer Camp Program
4. 2018 Ford Police Truck – Throop Borough
5. Pre-emption System SR6 & Betty Street/Generator Emergency Receptacles

Council Members Reports

Mr. Burke announced he will be selling tickets for a lottery basket and pasta dinner tickets at 7:30 am at Quinn's Market to benefit the Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park. He is looking for a partner to sell tickets with on Sunday.

Mr. Mancuso reported DPW did an amazing job removing snow and catching up on collecting recyclables.

Mrs. Lewis said she received an email from Ronnie Lemoncelli, Eynon Hose Co. The Eynon/Sturges Fire Dept. will be having Pasta Dinner on March 5, 2022 at the Eynon VFW Post 7963, Main St., Eynon. Take out only 12-4pm and will include a basket raffle. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Mike V. at 570-903-8068.

Mr. Gilgallon asked if the garbage crew had gotten caught up with pick-ups.

Mayor Barrett did not have anything to report.

Controller Report

Mr. Krahl had nothing to report this month.

Motions

Motion by Gilgallon second by Mancuso to approve the January 19, 2022, Regular Council meeting minutes. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Burke to approve the January 2022 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$190,867.22, checks from the 2021 Laurel Street Stormwater Project totaling \$10.00 and checks from the COVID-19 Grant account totaling \$123.61 for a total of \$191,000.83. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Mancuso 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 Mancuso second by Burke to accept the resignation of Liam Pryle from the Community and Economic Development Committee effective January 24, 2022. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Mancuso to appoint David Tomassoni to the Economic Development Committee effective February 16, 2022. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Lewis to enter into an agreement by and between SEIU Local 668 and Archbald Borough to hire a minimum of two (2) temporary DPW employees at \$16.00/hour for no more than one hundred and eighty (180) days. Employment for more than 180 days may be approved by the Borough with prior notice given to the Union. Temporary help shall be defined as employees that work from March to August. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Lewis to hire up to two (2) temporary DPW employees at a rate of \$16.00/hour with no benefits. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Lewis to authorize a 4% contribution to the pension plan for Dawn Rudalavage in the amount of \$7,210.31. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Burke to authorize a 4% contribution to the pension plan for April O’Connor in the amount of \$866.99. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Lewis to authorize the submission of a Letter of Intent to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Governor’s Center for Local Government Services to request technical assistance for a Regional Police Consolidation study. Roll Call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Lewis second by Gilgallon to award the 2022 Archbald Borough Streets Paving Project to low bidder Pennsy Supply, Inc. with a base bid amount of \$429,819.15, Add Alternative #1 bid of \$13,075.00, Add Alternative #2 bid of \$33,443.90, Add Alternative #3 bid of \$22,931.55, Add Alternative #4 bid of \$35,743.05, and Add Alternative #5 bid of \$17,735.75 for a total bid amount of \$552,748.40. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Lewis to approve the proposal for professional services submitted by Barry Isett & Associates dated February 10, 2022 for the 4th Street Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$34,000.00. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Lewis to adopt a Resolution authorizing submission of an PA Department of Economic Development Local Share Account Grant – Statewide in the amount of \$238,958.62 for the Archbald Borough Veterans Monument Park Pavilion Project. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Lewis to grant the petition to vacate a portion of an Unopened Alley located perpendicular to East Filbert Street and being between two (2) properties, 1104 and 1108 East Filbert Street, Archbald at the request of C.J. Mustacchio, 99 West Filbert Street, Archbald, Pennsylvania and to authorize the Solicitor to draft an ordinance to that affect. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Gilgallon to make a motion to purchase a 2018 Ford Police Truck from Throop Borough. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Lewis to purchase a 2018 Ford Police Truck from Throop Borough in the amount of \$26,600.00. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilgallon second by Lewis to make a motion to sell three used police cars listed as, cars 21-11, 21-4 and 21-12 on Muncibid. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.


Motion by Gilgallon second by Mancuso to sell three used police cars listed as, cars 21-11, 21-4 and 21-12 on Muncibid. Roll call. Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Gilgallon and Moran in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mancuso second by Gilgallon to adjourn.

ATTEST:


Michele Bianchi, Borough Secretary

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:


David Moran, President of Council