

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

The Continuation of the Public Hearing from Draft Zoning Ordinance and Draft Comprehensive Plan- 6:45 P.M.: Solicitor Jay O'Connor addressed the audience to explain this was a continued hearing from the last month's meeting. Council was waiting on a response from the Lackawanna County Planning Commission who has yet to respond. Regarding the no response from the Lackawanna County Planning Commission this meeting will be continued to the February 15, 2023 meeting. Solicitor Jay O'Connor asked there were any questions. There were no questions currently.

Council met in executive session on Personnel Matters.

The Meeting was called to order by President David Moran at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence. Roll call: Mrs. Owen, Mr. Gilgallon, Mr. Ossont, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mancuso, Mr. Burke, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett.

**Bid Openings- Archbald Borough -2023 Paving Project**

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| Pioneer Construction<br>3297 Lake Ariel Hwy,<br>Honesdale, Pa 18431         | Base Bid Amount:<br><b>\$1,396,864.00</b>                          |
| American Asphalt<br>500 Chase Road<br>Shavertown, Pa 18708                  | Base Bid Amount:<br><b>\$1,257,807.50</b>                          |
| H&K Group<br>2052 Lucon Rd,<br>Skippack, Pa 19474                           | Base Bid Amount:<br><b>\$1,378,673.55</b><br><br>NOT COMPLETED !!! |
| Wayco Inc.<br>198 O'Connell Rd,<br>Waymart, Pa 18472                        | Base Bid Amount:<br><b>\$1,057,722.00</b>                          |
| Pennsy Supply<br>300 Armstrong Rd,<br>Jenkins Township, Pa 18640            | Base Bid Amount:<br><b>\$1, 067,334.50</b>                         |
| New Enterprise Stone and<br>Lime Co.<br>5659 PA-374,<br>Clifford , Pa 18441 | Base Bid Amount:<br><b>\$1,121,489.30</b>                          |

Retirement Presentation-Captain Michael Petronchak Jr.: Chief Timothy P. Trently spoke on behalf of the Archbald Borough Police Department congratulating Captain Michael Petronchak Jr. on his retirement. Chief Trently spoke on the 40+ years that Captain Petronchak Jr. has served our community as an Archbald Policeman. Chief Trently spoke on how many Police Officer's Captain has Archbald Borough Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, January 18, 2023

mentored throughout his career. Chief Trently went on to say Captain Petronchak was a great influence. Chief Trently spoke and said this is how his career of being a Police Officer started. One day Captain asked him if he would like to be a part-time Police Officer, Chief Trently said he only took a moment when he said yes. Chief Trently spoke and said how friendly Captain was with everyone in the Borough Building, whether it was stopping in to say Hi to Peggy, Colleen, stop to see Dawn, and Nancy he would always ask, is there mail for the Magistrate's Office? Chief Trently wanted Captain to know just how much he will be missed by all. Chief Trently was proud of himself for not crying he had the tissues handy just in case. Chief Trently thanked Captain's wife Joyce for all the long days and sleepless nights Captain put in. Mayor Barrett presented Captain with a plaque for his 40+ years of service with the Archbald Police Department. Mayor Barrett also sworn in the new Sergeants. Patrolman Jamie Trently to Sergeant, Patrolman Michael Fenton to Sergeant, Patrolman Brian Munley to Sergeant.

#### Public Input:

Mr. Mike Zielinski a resident of Archbald Borough addressed Council on the tree in Eynon it is dead. Mr. Zielinski is asking permission to cut it down. Mayor Barrett spoke out and said a new one will be replanted in its place. Mr. Zielinski asked if the D.P.W workers could have PennDOT flagger training. Mr. Zielinski spoke and said not one of his workers are trained there are times when they are on a job and need to flag traffic. Mrs. Owen spoke out and said yes, she agrees they should for safety reasons. Mr. Zielinski asked about the sewer line on Power Blvd. Who owns it? Who will be doing the maintenance on it? Mr. Zielinski spoke and said there is a tree down on the Laurel Street walking trail he asked who does it belong to so it can be properly removed. Mr. Zielinski asked if there was a way to get proper lighting in the Archbald Borough Garage it is poorly lite Mr. Zielinski asked that the old Christmas decorations that were taken down this year go on eBay. Mr. Zielinski addressed Council about spending money on the roads just to have them cut up by other utilities such as the (Gas Co.) who Mr. Zielinski said is the biggest problem of all, He spoke and said he stopped a Gas Utility worker and asked why is he cutting that road and he spoke and said he has a permit when Mr. Zielinski asked to see it, he said it was not written out. The worker was working for Miller Enterprise. Mr. Zielinski's point was Mr. Turlip is working hard on getting the Borough of Archbald grants for our roads and companies such as the Gas Co. are coming along and cutting them. Mr. Zielinski spoke and said once a road is cut it is never the same, there will always be problems.

Mr. Glen Clark, a resident of Archbald Borough who resides in Ken Powell Estates addressed Council on his concerns where he lives in the development. Mr. Clark spoke and said there is not enough street lights where he lives and this is a safety issue. Mr. Clark spoke out on an incident where there was a 911 emergency in his neighborhood and it took emergency responders at least 30-40 minutes to find the residence. Mr. Clark said he did call PP&L they said it is the responsibility of the Archbald Borough since they are the one is paying the bill. Mr. Moran addressed Mr. Clark Mr. Moran will follow up on this matter. Mr. Clark's other concern is that not everyone is paying the same amount of taxes in his development. He spoke and said that a resident right down from him is paying \$18,000.00 dollars less than he is. Mr. Moran, Mr. Ossont, and Mrs. Owen spoke and told Mr. Clark that he is dealing with the County at that point Archbald Borough has nothing to do with the assessments or reassessments. Mr. John Esolen a resident of Archbald Borough addressed Council on putting up a fence near a pond by his residence for safety concern's. Katrina Coviello addressed Council and gave an update on the feral cat situation she said they are working on Laurel Street and the Jermyn Traylor Park. She is doing T&R. Mr. Larry West a resident of Archbald Borough addressed Council on his concerns of the Veteran's Banner's not being up in our town. Mr. Ossont spoke on the matter and explained to Mr. West the committee that was doing the banners are now doing the Veteran's Monument Park. Mr. Ossont did

explain to Mr. West that it was only a 2 yr. contract which turned into 3 yrs. and Mr. West is more than welcomed to form a committee if he would like to hang the banners. Mr. West declined. Mr. West also addressed Council on a matter of having Police presence on Laurel Street to catch the people not stopping at the Stop sign.

Unfinished Business:

1. Senior Housing Committee- United Neighborhood Centers Mr. Moran spoke out and said it is still on track.
2. 2021-2023 Paving Project- There were (6) Bids came in. The lowest will be awarded in February' 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 Council Meeting.
3. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Flood Mitigation (Stormwater Drainage Improvement) Mr. Moran spoke and said the project will start next week.
4. Hill Street Project- Mr. Moran spoke and said the project is in progress.
5. Zoning hearing fees- Mr. Moran spoke and said the \$1,000.00 that the Archbald Borough charges now only covers the fees for the Stenographer, Solicitor, and Advertising fee. Archbald Borough is taking a loss. The cost has increased to \$1,300.00. Mr. Moran spoke and said this is will be on the future agenda.
6. Ed Narcooni's request to vacate parcel next to 503 Lackawanna Street. It is on the agenda tonight as a motion.

New Business:

1. Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal – It will be a motion to get renewed. The contract needs to be renewed by November of 2023
2. Consideration of approval of a Resolution adopting the new Borough of Archbald Comprehensive Plan. - This is a continuation of the February 18, 2023 Council meeting.
3. Consideration of enactment of the new Borough of Archbald Zoning Ordinance. - This is a continuation of the February 18, 2023 Council meeting.
4. Pennsylvania State Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Training. This was a request by Chief Tim Trently, will come back to Council with a cost to see if it will be accepted as a program.

Council Members Reports: Mr. Burke spoke on this year's Fishing Derby which will be held on April 22, 2023 breakfast and lunch will be served. Registration starts at 7:00 A.M. The Fishing Derby runs through noon. Mr. Burke spoke and said a fishing pole, bait and trophy's will be handed out. Mr. Burke spoke and thanked Mayor Barrett, and Council President Dave Moran for their donations for the Fishing Derby. Mr. Mancuso spoke and said D.P.W is doing a great job especially with snow removal with our last big storm. Mrs. Lewis spoke and said she is excited about the up-and-coming Fishing Derby in April. Mr. Lewis also spoke of the Memorial Day Parade which she will be working on. Mr. Gilgallon spoke and said there are empty seats on the Community Development & Economic Committee if anyone is interested. Mr. Gilgallon spoke and said The Community Development and Economic Committee had their meeting they are putting a pamphlet together. Mr. Ossont spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee -The budget is on track. Mrs. Owen spoke and said the Ethic's Statements are due. Mrs. Owen spoke and asked if there was a sign ordinance and if there is how long do they have before they are taken down. Mrs. Owen spoke and asked that Brian Dulay look into this matter. Mayor Barrett spoke noting to report at this time.

Controllers Report: Dr. Steven Krahl stated currently noting to report.  
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Motions:

1. Motion by Burke, second by Owen Approval of the December 21, 2022 and December 30, 2022, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Mancuso, second by Burke approval of the December 2022 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$152,942.08, checks from the flood Mitigation Grant totaling \$1,984.00, checks from the PIB Project Loan totaling \$6,836.16 for a total of \$207,618.25. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Lewis motion to accept Reports- Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector's Reports, Mayor's Report, and Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Mancuso, second by Burke motion to promote Patrolman Jamie Trently to rank of Sergeant with an annual salary of \$72,767.38 / year effective January 29, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Mancuso motion to promote Patrolman Michael Fenton to rank of Sergeant with an annual salary of \$ 72, 767.38 / year effective January 29, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Lewis, second by Ossont motion to promote Patrolman Brian Munley to rank of Sergeant with an annual salary of \$72,767.38/year effective January 29, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to authorize the Borough Civil Service Commission to prepare an eligibility list of candidates for the position of full-time officer. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Ossont motion to accept the resignation of David Tomassoni as a member of the Archbald Community Development & Economic Committee effective January 18, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Mancuso motion to accept the resignation of Peter Gutowski as a Part-time Police Officer effective February 3, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon motion to advertise to hire one (1) Full-time Department works Laborer with an annual salary of \$44,495.20 and benefits. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Ossont motion to authorize Solicitor Jay O' Connor to begin the process to vacate a piece of land next to 503 Lackawanna Rear Street pursuant to a request by Ed Narcoonis. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon motion to retain the services of Brian Kelly, CPA to conduct audit of the 2022 Borough Accounts. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis motion to Adopt a Resolution, pursuant to 72 P.S. Section 4725(a) of the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act" (LERTA), 72 P.S. 4722 et seq., granting the request of the Century Development Associates, LLC, for exemption from real property taxation the assessed valuation of new construction on the real property more specifically described in the exemption schedule set forth in Section 4A2 of the within Resolution consisting of approximately 70.885 acers of land previously designated as an economically deteriorated area by the Borough of Archbald, for a period of ten (10) years in accordance with the schedule set forth in the within Resolution.

- 14. Motion by Mancuso, second by Gilgallon motion to make a motion to accept the resignation of Archbald Borough Manager Robert Turlip effective March 31, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 15. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont motion to accept the resignation of Archbald Borough Manager Robert Turlip effective March 31, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 16. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Ossont motion to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:



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Mary Loff, Borough Secretary



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David Moran, President of Council