

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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

Executive Session was held prior to tonight's Council Meeting on Personnel Issues.

Bid opening -Pike Street Playground Project-

Date open April 19, 2023

Wayco, Inc 198 O' Connell Rd Waymart, Pa 18472	Base Bid \$186,185.50 Add Alt \$20,910.00
Linde Corp 118 Armstrong Road Pittston, Pa 18640	Base Bid \$ 264, 435.75 Add Alt \$ 30,750.00
American Asphalt 500 Chase Rd. Shavertown. Pa 18708	Base Bid 249,164.25 Add Alt \$ 48, 954.00
Stafursky Paving, LLC 3 Export Ln, Archbald, Pa 18403	Base Bid \$ 227, 977.05 Add Alt \$ 20, 910.00

Public Input:

Kathleen Myers addressed council and asked the residents of Archbald Borough to join the Historic Society. There will be a genealogy program going on in May. She also asked that since the Archbald Tax Office is a public agency why isn't it open to the public. Andrew Mills addressed council and asked that the Pike Street Field be updated to play T-Ball this season. Mr. Moran suggested getting with DPW Roadmaster Mike Zielinski. Solicitor Jay O'Connor suggested check with insurance for liability. Don Muchal addressed council on the tax office. Why it's not open to the public. Mr. Muchal also asked council if Archbald D.P.W would review the Nebraska playground and replace some of the playground equipment. Annette Hull addressed council and asked council when will the trees will be planted by the Radzelovage Memorial Park Mrs. Hull said she has no privacy. Mr. Moran asked Mr. Muchal to come back for next month's Council Meeting he will invite Tax Collector Katie Grogan Noldy to the Meeting. Mr. Burke suggested a different office in the Borough Building for the Tax Collector.

Unfinished Business:

1. Senior Housing -Share new time line
2. Committee to interview for Zoning and D.P.W. Positions- for the D.P.W. Committee- Mike Zielinski, Thomas Mancuso, and Francis Burke. Zoning Committee is as follows- Dave Moran, Erin Owen, and Brian Dulay.
3. Zoning Comprehensive Plan- Waiting on Final Package from Charlie Schemhl

New Business:

1. Work Session – There will be a Motion to hold a work session on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7: 00 P.M. at the Borough Building
2. Brown Recycling bags are available for resident who did not receive a yellow yard waste container. If a resident did not receive a yellow container the brown bags will be free.
3. Eynon /Sturges Hose Co's Request for a meeting- Committee members – Francis Burke, Mr. Ossont, Mr. Mancuso: Committee members.

Council Members Report:

Mrs. Owen spoke on the Safety meeting about an evacuation plan for the Archbald Borough Building in case of an emergency. The Lion's Club will be doing adopt a highway program on May 13, 2023. Mrs. Owen asked the resident to Join the Historical Society. Thank you to the Police, Ambulance, all EMS. The Memorial Day Parade will be coming up soon. Mr. Mancuso, spoke the D.P.W is doing a great job. They are looking to hire 3 positions for summer help and looking into hiring 1 full-time position. Mr. Burke spoke on the upcoming Fishing Derby that will take place Saturday at Aylesworth Park. Mayor Barrett spoke on the ticket citations that were written up (164). Bike Patrol will be back on the trails. Street signs for Hill Street and Rock Street are bent. Last month a call rang out at the Valley View School our Police were there in less than a minute. Great Job! Beautification will be painting the fire hydrants. Mr. Moran, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Lewis and KBA Engineering will be meeting on Tuesday April 25, 2023, with the residents of the Highlands.

Controller Report: Dr. Steven Krahl the Budget Committee will meet every month the Friday before monthly Council meeting at 2:30 P.M. The next meeting is May 12, 2023 at 2:30 P.M.

1. Collected YTD 1st Quarter 27.96% of the 2023 Budget
2. Spent YTD 1st Quarter 27.92 % of the 2023 Budget
3. Over all YTD spent \$65,255 more than collected

Revenue positives YTD 1st Quarter:

1. Collected 69% of prior RE Taxes
2. Collected 48% of Vehicle Code Violations

Expenditure items to watch:

1. Tax Collector expenses already over by 24% of Budget
2. Part-time Police court time already over by 24% of Budget
3. Feral Cats 31% over Budget
4. Sewer line maintenance 233 % Over Budget
5. Snow Removal / Salt is at 74 % of Budget
6. D.P.W. Supplies at 78% of Budget
7. D.P.W. Repairs at 71% of Budget
8. D.P.W. Vision insurance over 120% of Budget

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to approve the February 15, 2023, Regular Council meeting minutes. Approval of the March 1, 2023, Continued to Regular Council meeting minutes, Approval of the March 15, 2023, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen, second by Burke for the Approval of the March 2023 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$262,790.58, PIB Project Loan totaling \$23,739.15, LEA Accreditation Grant totaling \$435.93, Lackawanna County Reinvest Venosh Park Grant totaling \$6,068.00, Pike Street DCNR 4-2020C2P2 totaling \$53,993.00 and Lackawanna Heritage Valley Grant totaling \$13,510.00 for a total of \$360,536.66. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, second by Mancuso to Accept Reports- Treasurers, Building Inspector, Tax Collector's Mayor's Reports and Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to have Atty. Jay O'Connor revise the pave cut Ordinance. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to Appoint Brian Wrightson to the Community Development and Economic Committee effective immediately to a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2025 Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Owen, second by Mancuso to Appoint Dr. Steven Krahl to the Community Development and Economic Committee effective immediately to a term expiring on December 31, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to Approve the purchase a Monitor and Camera up to \$700.00 dollars for the Boroughs Treasurer/ Secretary's Office. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to Appoint Allison Hibbs to the Planning Commission effective immediately to a four-year term expiring on December 31, 2027 Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to advertise in the local newspaper a Borough Manager's position. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried
10. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to apply for a resolution for a Penn Dot ARLE Funds Program- upgrading traffic light signals in the amount of \$876,472.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Owen second by Burke to remove guard rails at the corner of Jones Street and Main Street Eynon. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to approve a contract with Sandi Opshinsky to write and manage the Archbald Borough Grant Program at a rate of \$50.00/hour. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to award the sale of center mount on wire wreaths, Muncibid #55808253 to the highest bidder Stephen Davis for \$13.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to award the sale of Wreath style Christmas Decorations Lot 2, Muncibid # 55807253 to Stephen Davis for \$72.00.
15. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to award the sale of Lantern Style Christmas Decorations Lot 1, Muncibid # 5562292 to Stephen Davis for \$250.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to award the sale of Lantern Style Christmas Decorations Lot 2, Muncibid # 55807287 to the highest bidder Stephen Davis for \$170.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to make a motion to purchase refreshments for the volunteers of the Archbald Borough clean up not to exceed \$500.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to purchase refreshments for the volunteers of the Archbald Borough clean up not to exceed \$500.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to make a motion to place the bids for the Pike Street Playground Project into Committee and for the Committee to make a recommendation to Council. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen, to place the bids for the Pike Street Playground Project to be placed into Committee and for the Committee to make a recommendation to Council. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Owen, second by Burke motion to make a motion to conduct a work session at the Archbald Borough Building on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. and it be legally and duly advertised in the Scranton Times newspaper. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to conduct a work session at the Archbald Borough Building on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. and it be legally and duly


advertised in the Scranton Times newspaper. Roll call vote, Mancuso, Burke, Owen, and Moran in favor. Ossont against. Passed 4-1
23. Motion to adjourn. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH



Mary Loff, Borough Secretary



David Moran, President of Council