

Archbald Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

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

Council met in Executive Session on personnel matters prior to the Council meeting.

Public Input: James and Kathy Ruane addressed Council regarding the 250 Person condo that was being developed in Archbald Borough. They heard there may be a High-rise developing. Mr. Moran and Mr. Ossont spoke they said that this is not happening right now. If they have any further questions about development in Archbald Borough, Council suggested attending The Planning Commission who meets the first Wednesday of every month.

Annette Hull addressed Council of her concerns of the trees that were to be planted by the Radzelovage Park. Mr. Moran stated he will meet with Mr. Hull, and DPW Roadmaster Mike Zielinski on this matter. Thomas Nolen addressed Council on the Borough Manager's position wondering the current status. When does Council anticipate the new Borough Manager to start. Mr. Moran spoke and said the position was advertised in the newspaper and the posting closed on Friday May 12, 2023.

Unfinished Business: Currently nothing at this time.

New Business:

1. Currently there is construction going on 3rd and 4th Street in Eynon to open up Pierce Street. They are looking at redesigning it which will cost \$5,000.00 dollars, in engineering fees but should save \$50,000.00 dollars in construction cost.

Council Members Report: Mrs. Owen would like an update on the poles and lighting in the Powell development. Mr. Ossont spoke and said PP&L is the hold up. Mrs. Owen wants to know if the Borough is responsible for the lights, and plowing in the development. Mrs. Owen would also like Mr. Ossont to look into the budget and asked for monies for the feral cats in the Borough. Mrs. Owen asked Mr. Moran if they could hold a meeting to review the cost from Barry Isett Associates, Engineering. Mrs. Owen spoke on the safety meeting that will be held on Tuesday May 23, 2023. Mr. Ossont spoke on the Finance Committee which meets the Friday before the Council meeting. The budget was over on the feral cats. Mr. Gilgallon spoke and welcomed Brian Wrightson to the Community Development and Economic Committee. He also spoke to let everyone know if you did not receive a yellow yard waste container, brown bags are available at the Borough Building at no cost. Mrs. Lewis spoke on the Memorial Day Parade and would like another meeting with Mr. Ossont, Mrs. Owen, and Mr. Burke. Mrs. Lewis spoke and said she is looking for a singer for that day. Mr. Mancuso spoke on the D.P.W workers they are very busy and they hired 3 part-time workers and 1 full- time person. Mr. Burke spoke and would like to know if the Basket Ball court is available on the 3rd floor of the Borough Building. Mayor Barrett spoke of the lock down that happened at the Valley View School District. It was a false alarm. Our cops did an excellent job.

Controllers Report: Currently nothing at this time.

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen second by Burke to approve the April 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen second by Gilgallon to approve the April 2023 HNB General Funds bills totaling \$319,056.48, East Steet Culvert totaling \$120,014,69, American Rescue Plan 2021 totaling \$133,299.00 and Capital Projects totaling \$1,750.00 to a total of \$574,120.17. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Gilgallon second by Lewis to Accept-Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector’s, Mayor’s Report, and Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to purchase Bullet Proof Vest for Police and Code Enforcement Officer. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to hire a band for the Memorial Day Parade at a cost of \$900.00 Dollars. Roll call vote, Gilgallon -Against, Mancuso- Against, Ossont-Against, Burke-Against, Owen-In Favor, Lewis- In favor, Moran- In favor. 4-3 Motion failures
6. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to hire Leahy O’Connor, Dylan Walsh, and Louis Marion as Temporary DPW Laborers at a rate of \$16.00/hr. for up to 90 days. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Ossont second by Lewis to hire Anthony Gataveskas as a Full-time DPW Laborer starting May 22, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Ossonot, second by Gilgallon to make a motion to authorize the President of Council to sign a letter of Intent with DCED requesting DCED’s technical assistance in connection with the consolidation of fire and emergency service within the Borough of Archbald. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Ossont second by Gilgallon to authorize the President of Council to sign a Letter of Intent with the DCED requesting DCED’s technical assistance in connection with the consolidation of fire and emergency services within the Borough of Archbald. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion to Adjourn by Mancuso, second by Gilgallon. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST


Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:


David Moran, President of Council