

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday July 19 2023**  
**400 Church Street Archbald, Pa 18403**

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: Mr. Gilgallon, Mr. Mancuso, Mr. Ossont, Mr. Burke, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett was absent.

Council met in Executive Session on Personnel Matters. On July 19, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

**Public Input:**

**Larry West:** Mr. Larry West, 209 Laurel Street Archbald, is not satisfied with the Hill Street paving project. Mr. West asked who writes the Grants. He would like a portable speed monitor placed on Laurel Street he also asked about the fireworks ordinance.

**Victor Bolcavage:** Mr. Victor Bolcavage, 112 Old Ridge Road Archbald, addressed Council on his concerns of not having access to the Agenda before a Council meeting. He would like a speaker system or microphone installed for the hearing impaired. Mr. Bolcavage would like to know the status on the Veteran's Monument Park.

**Tom Wilkes:** Tom Wilkes, 401 Pierce Street Eynon, addressed council on the Pierce Street Project concerning the drainage.

**Borough Manager's Report:** Mr. Markey spoke on Police Pension, 2021 Paving Project, 2023 Paving Project, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Pierce St. Drainage Project, Pike St. Park, The Veterans' Monument Park, Hill Street Paving Project, and Garbage contract, Multimodal Sidewalk Grants, sexual Abuse/ Misconduct Policy, 902 Grant, Codification. Mr. Markey spoke on the water issue Mr. Cholish is having on his property. It is a natural stream Archbald Borough has no jurisdiction regarding disturbance of natural stream according to the DEP who Mr. Cholish will need to speak to if he would like to pursue this further. Dan approached council on passing a Resolution when an administrator writes bills, there should be a fee.

**Mayor's Report:** Absent

**Council Report:**

**Francis Burke:** Asked Chief Trently about a 3 way stop sign on Charles Street, Archbald. Before a sign can be installed a study needs to be conducted.

**Thomas Mancuso:** D.P.W are doing a great job.

**Laura Lewis:** Everyone's invited to Police Night Out Aug 2, 2023 at AC Field.

**Brian Gilgallon:** Talked about the Community Development & Economic Committee. Trying to get businesses into Archbald.

**Mike Ossont:** Finance Committee -no report at this time. Mike spoke on the Veteran's Monument; we did not receive the one grant the company who was to supply the grant closed. Mr. Ossont did invite everyone to all the fundraisers there is a gun bingo scheduled for September 23, 2023 at the AC Field. He explained about the 501 C-3 how the borough can't raise money. A committee was formed.

**Dave Moran:** Kim Simon wrote a letter addressing Council she would like painted cross walk at Main Street and Wayne Street. The Garbage contracts. Financial Report, The arts grant for the Harvest festival.

**Erin Owen:** Talked about the monthly safety meeting, Vandalism at the oil house, The TNR on the cats. Update on the calendar meeting. Apply for an Arts & Culture Grant, Storm water drains on Daystrom Ave, The Beautification Committee, Questioned the financial Report on the Veteran's Monument Park, and addressed council on Mrs. Mary Grace Young on the Protestant Cemetery who is responsible for taking care of it.

**Controller's Report:** Absent


**Motions:**

1. Motion by Owen, second by Gilgallon motion to approve the June 21, 2023 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Burke approve the June 2023 HNB Fund bills totaling - \$191,703.66, 2021 Multimodal Fund - \$1,181.00, Recreation Levy- \$ 1,200.00, Municipal Electronic Recycling Grant- \$ 1,680.00. For a total of \$195,764.66. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Lewis, second by Gilgallon to accept Reports- Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector, Mayor's Report, Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Lewis, second by Ossont to Authorize Three of Five of the following Archbald Borough Officers/ Representatives to sign checks on behalf of the Borough: Council President, Council Vice-President, Borough Controller, Borough Treasurer, Borough Administrative Assistant. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to purchase and have installed a Borough Security Door from Mesko Glass, at a cost of \$6,400.00 dollars. Roll call vote, Mr. Gilgallon, in favor, Mr. Ossont, in favor, Mr. Burke, in favor, Mrs. Owen, in favor, Mrs. Lewis, in favor, Mr. Moran, in favor. Mr. Mancuso against. 6- in favor, 1-against motion passes.
6. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon Pass a Resolution # 10 Appointing the Borough Manager as the Pension Chief Administrative Officer. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Pass a Resolution # 8 for a PennDOT Multimodal Grant Application for Valley View School sidewalks. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon to Pass a Resolution # 11 for PennDOT Multimodal Application for North Main Street sidewalks. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Adopt Police Sexual Misconduct Policy for All Borough Employees. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon to Pass Resolution # 9 to Reduce Police Pension Employee Contribution to 4%, Effective 1/1/2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Ossont Allowing Solicitor Jay O'Connor to create an ordinance removing DROP Program for Archbald Borough Police Officers hired on or after 1/1/2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to enter a franchise agreement with Comcast Cable. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Mancuso motion to make a motion to Allow Archbald Borough to enter an agreement with Police Chief's Associate to administer CFA Grant for Bullet Resistive Tactical Vests for the Lackawanna County SWAT Team. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Mancuso to Allow Archbald Borough to enter an agreement with Police Chief's Associate to administer CFA Grant for Bullet Resistive Tactical Vests for the Lackawanna County SWAT Team. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont motion to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

  
Mary Loff, Borough Secretary  
David Moran, President of Council