

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, August 16, 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. Mancuso, Mr. Ossont, Mr. Burke, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett, Mr. Gilgallon was absent

Hemlock Street Hearing was conducted before the regular council meeting, it began at 6:45 P.M.

The hearing was concluded at 6:56 P.M.

President of Council Dave Moran announced there will be a five-minute public comment time limit. Council members are not to engage or interject during public comment.

**Public Input:**

**Larry West:** Mr. Larry West, 209 Laurel Street Archbald, spoke on the fireworks ordinance, He spoke on the cars speeding on Laurel Street, Mr. West asked Borough Manager Dan Markey who was the engineering firm for the Borough Mr. Markey replied KBA Engineering.

**Louis Rapoch:** Mr. Louis Rapoch, 420 Church Street Archbald, would like to know why the Borough Building door is not open to the public. Mrs. Owen replied a secure door is ordered from Mesko glass in which you the public can speak through, pay your taxes, and speak with the code enforcement officer, Borough Manager, Borough Administrators, with actually having to come into the building.

**John Wargo:** Mr. John Wargo, 154 church Street Eynon, spoke on the Knox Box and why does the Chief Harvey hold the only key. Mr. Ossont replied to answer at the council report.

**Mark Trently:** Mr. Mark Trently, 331 Celli Drive, Eynon Mr. Trently spoke on behalf of the Archbald Ambulance how they provide service to at least 1,200 emergency calls a year. Archbald Ambulance supports all fire, and rescue calls through out the borough, the Archbald Ambulance is looking for funding. Without the fundings, as of January 2024, it will have to go to an all-volunteer staff.

**Correspondence:** Dear Archbald Borough, from Archbald Athletic & Sportsman's Club Inc. The Archbald Athletic Club would like to thank you for your previous generosity & support. We have accomplished so much with your help to continually improve our facility for our youth & adult activities. Your donation will be used for insurance cost & every day expenses of our facility. Your contribution is appreciated & we thank you in advance. Sincerely, Archbald AC Club.

**Solicitor:** Nothing at this time

**Borough Manager's Report:** Mr. Markey spoke on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Street Pierce Street, Eynon there were 2 changes to the orders for 2 catch basins. **The bid package is ready for the Veteran's Monument Park, phases 3 & 4 it is on the agenda tonight as a motion. Pike Street is on target.** Applications for the **Multimodal** have been submitted for the **North Main, and Valley View School sidewalks.** Pension the Solicitor should have something for next month's meeting ordinance for the **DROP program.** **Crosswalks, Kim Simon** had submitted a request for a crosswalk to be painted. The roads need to be ADA approved. The state is ready. The County does not comply. They should however be ready 2025. Dan asked Council or the Mayor if any other crosswalks need to be added to the list. Dave Moran, Dan Markey met with Senator Brown on Grant Projects. **PEMA, FEMA.** Dan also spoke with Larry West Jr. There are stormwater issues at the **Veteran's Monument Park, and Rock Street, Chestnut Street Eynon.** DPW will be patching potholes. The County recycling center will no longer be accepting **pizza boxes, take-out containers.** **The Borough Building will be power washed on Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023,** any police vehicle in the parking lot, and parks, and playgrounds will be sanitized. **There is an LSA Grant that will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>** Borough Manager Dan Markey made a suggestion that DPW get a new salt shed, and that Council have a resolution ready for the regular council meeting in September. August 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> the **Casey Highway East Bound-West Bound-** will be closed. They will alternate closures.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Barrett responded to Mr. Larry West on the speeding on Laurel Street. They did not catch anyone speeding. Police Night Out was a success the biggest one so far. Jim Siddons would like the Heritage Trail cleaned. Donations are needed for the Bingo for the Veteran's Monument. St. Thomas Church is looking for chairs if the Borough would like to donate some of the chairs that are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

### **Council Report**

**Erin Owen:** Erin spoke on the Safety meeting. Eagle Scout Drew Daiute fixed the picnic tables and Gazebo, to earn a badge. There is an Arts and Cultural Grant for a total of \$3,000.00, Erin would like it to be used at the Shift and Shandy towards a monument at the oil house. Ice-cream Social at the Tasty-Freeze in Eynon on August 29<sup>th</sup> A meet and greet with the Archbald Borough Police Department. Cones with Cops Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

**Mike Ossont:** Addressed Mr. Wargo on his concerns with the issue on the Knox Box. When there is a fire, the fire company that responds can access the key safe, and use the building keys to enter the building without causing damage. Mr. John Wargo questioned whether or not Chief Harvey should have the only key. Mr. Ossont replied It is being addressed.

**Laura Lewis:** Archbald Police Night out was a huge success. Laura was happy to help out with any questions on the opioids. There is a hotline if anyone needs, they are open 24-7.

**Thomas Mancuso:** DPW are doing a great job. Mr. Mancuso agrees with Mr. Rapoch as to regards in having the Borough Building open to the public.

**Francis Burke:** Police night out was a wonderful night. He thanked the workers who take care of the AC Field. Francis spoke on the Borough Building being open to the public he agrees to keep it locked. Francis was present when a police officer was needed upstairs in the magistrate's office, due to the fact a person was upset over their fine.

**Dave Moran:** Dave addressed council and the audience on the five-minute time limit to speak, when addressing council or Borough Manager. Dave addressed the Borough Building door. For some time, we were minus a Borough Manager as President of Council Dave Moran witness that the people who enter this building from the valley are here to pay fines, at the Magistrates office. They are not always pleased with their fines or other any other unlawful matters. Dave explained a new door is ordered for more protection for the employees. There was a Grant that was given; however, this can only be used towards an Emergency Operations Center, not a new borough building. Dave and Dan are working with Larry West Jr, who represents FEMA.

**Brian Gilgallon:** Absent.

**Controller Report:** Absent

**Motions:**


1. Motion by Owen second by Burke to approve the July 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to approve the July 2023 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$177,056.13, Fire Escrow for a total of \$25.00, East St. Culvert for a total of \$87,753.61, American Rescue Plan totaling \$ 18,356.63, PIB Fund totaling \$208,221.71 for a total of \$491,413.08. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried
3. Motion by Lewis, second by Burke to Accept Reports, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Police. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to accept the resignation of Joe Reno as Zoning Officer, effective July 17, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to accept the resignation of Paul Yesalavage as a DPW Laborer, effective August 4, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to Advertise open position with the Archbald Borough a Zoning Officer position. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont to Advertise open position with the Archbald Borough DPW Laborer. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to Advertise Bid Package for the Archbald Borough Veteran's Monument Park Project Phases 3, and 4. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to Pass a Resolution #12-2023 Authorizing Lease Agreement for 2023 Ram with Fulton Bank. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motin by Owen, second by Lewis to allow Borough Manager to Solicit Bank Rates for General Obligation Note for 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Morion by Owen, second by Lewis to sell a lot of up to ten desks on Muncibid, with each desk containing two chairs a piece. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to make a motion to allow solicitor Jay O'Connor to draft a Grant Administration agreement between Archbald Borough and the Archbald Brough Veteran's Monument Park committee. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
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14. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to make a motion allowing Archbald Borough donate \$250.00 to the Archbald Borough Police Night Out. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen allowing Archbald Borough donate \$250.00 to the Archbald Borough Police Night Out. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont Motin to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M. All-in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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 Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

  
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 David Moran, President of Council

## **ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

### **Public Hearing for the petition to Vacate unopened Street Near Hemlock Street**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by council President David Moran, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call: Burke, Mancuso, Moran, Owen. Were present. Lewis arrived at 6:48 P.M. Ossont, and Gilgallon were absent.

Solicitor Jay O'Connor stated the purpose of the public hearing is due to the petition of Edward Narcoonis for the vacation of a portion of an unopened street abutting Hemlock Street in the Borough of Archbald.

Joe Kotcho, 518 Lackawanna Ave, asked if the borough was going to give a deed of dedication, and stated that his attorney advised him no land could be turned over to another landowner without a deed of dedication. From the original land owner John Fordham. Solicitor Jay O'Connor stated no; Council would just decide whether or not to vacate the property. Mr. O'Connor spoke and said that all adjoining property owners will be notified.

Don Mushal, 1 Mushal Lane, stated he purchased the land from the Archbald Borough in 1990, Council unanimously voted to never vacate the road. Mr. Mushal stated that not every adjacent landowner was notified of the Hearing. Mr. Jim Nichols has property that abuts the land in question. Mr. Mushal presented to council a map of the land that is in question on whether or not to vacate the road. The road in question that comes off of Hemlock and is owned by John Blake, and Jim Nichols. Mr. Mushal stated that Mr. Narcoonis is only entitled to 25% of the land regardless. Mr. Nichols does own a piece of land that is in question.

Mr. Narcoonis spoke and said Mr. Jim Nichols has nothing to do with the property. Mr. Nichols is actually on the road. Mr. Narcoonis has a request to vacate a parcel of land next to 503 Lackawanna Rear Street. Mr. Narcoonis requested this at the February 15, 2023 regular council meeting.

In conclusion of the hearing Solicitor Jay O'Connor stated if not all property owners were notified that the Archbald Borough would then need Borough engineer to survey the property to find all adjoint properties, and after proper notification, would need to re-advertise for another hearing on the Hemlock Street petition. If all property owners were notified, council can make a motion to pass an ordinance to vacate.

Meeting Adjourned, 6:55 P.M.

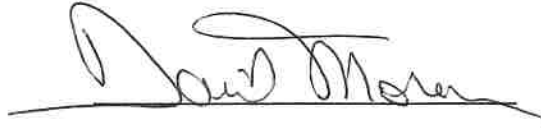
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David Moran, President of Council

Archbald Borough: Solicitor

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James J. O'Connor, Solicitor