

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

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

Council met in Executive Session on personnel matters.

Community Development and Economic Committee Report: Mr. Gilgallon, along with the Community Development and Economic Committee meet with members of chambers. They found many ways of marketing the Borough. They will meet again October 2, 2022.

Public Input: Walter Checefsky, 1334 Hampton Dr. Archbald, has a concern of outstanding water by his property. His concerns are the mosquitos and West Nile Virus. Mr. Turlip stated that the Archbald DPW, The Sewer Authority, and Water Company have all been to this location and can't find where the water is coming from.

Lou De Marco purchased the Conti property. His goal is to clean up the yard, put a fence around the property, fix the garage, and get the property looking good. Council agreed the property looks good already.

Mr. Josh Perry, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones spoke to council on investing monies into CD's. Whatever your specific needs, Edward Jones can determine which investment may be the right one for you. Contact Josh Perry 1000 Meade Street Suite 203 Dunmore, PA 570-800-5930.

Unfinished Business

1. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers. The appraisal is completed.
2. Sturges Paving Project. 2021-2022, American Asphalt is working on Daystrom Ave. Pennsy Supply completed their punch list. Mr. Turlip stated Pennsy Supply did a great job.
3. 4th Street Flood Mitigation Project-Bid Pending. Mr. Turlip spoke with the engineer. The project is ready to be bid out. Mr. Turlip also received a grant towards this project.
4. Hill Street and Rock Street Project-Award pending. The low bid went to Stafursky Paving Co.
5. EMS Study-Report on September 19, 2022 – Report is completed. Council, Presidents and Lieutenant of the Archbald Ambulance will meet at the Archbald Borough Building at 6:00 PM September 19, 2022.
6. Police Regionalization Study-report on September 26, 2022 -The study is completed. Those municipalities that have completed the study will meet on September 26, 2022 at the Jessup 911 Center. Those in attendance are Council members, Mayors, Police Chief's, Borough Managers. Please be advised there are two different times available, 2:00 PM or 6:00 PM. Please let Mr. Turlip know which one you will be attending.
7. Kennedy Drive and Main Street Eynon Address Change. Mr. Turlip has typed a sample letter that will be sent out to those residents who will be affected, by this change. Mr. Turlip has given each Council member a copy. If you have any, concerns please address them with Mr. Turlip by Monday August 23, 2022.

8. Winter Road Maintenance on non-Borough Roads Proposal- Mr. Turlip has spoken to other municipalities who have a policy regards to this situation. Mr. Turlip will read the policy and will write up a proposal.
9. 2023 Calendar Committee- The goal is to have the calendar completed by the middle of September.

New Business

1. Conti Property- Mr. DeMarco is working on cleaning up the property.
2. President Dave Moran brought up the tree issue at the Archbald High School Plaza. Many of the trees are starting to grow under the sidewalks and curbs. Mr. Turlip did have our DPW cleaning up the park.

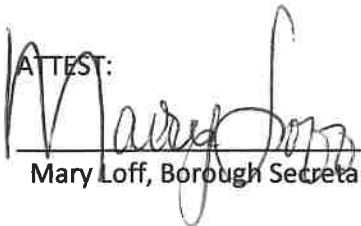
Council Members Reports: Mrs. Owen would like to thank our DPW for a great job on all the parks and playgrounds. Mrs. Owen spoke about the upcoming 2023 calendar. She thanked the Calendar Committee on a great job. Mrs. Owen would like to know if there is money in the budget for special events. Mr. Ossont stated Tax Collection is doing well and some past due taxes are coming in. The Budget Committee would like all the departments to have their wish list ready before the budget meeting on September 15, 2022. Mr. Ossont stated that there is money in the budget for special events. Mrs. Lewis spoke of a special event that will take place on October 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Radzelovage Park there will be music and, refreshments. Mrs. Lewis is planning another event that will take place next September 2023. This event will be awareness to the opioid addiction. The Borough Santa Train will be on December 3, 2022. Mr. Mancuso stated the DPW workers are doing a great job. The parks and playgrounds look excellent. Mr. Burke would like to thank all those who came out to Quinn's and the Legion for the chicken dinner sale. Mr. Burke thanked the DPW for a great job on all the parks and playgrounds. Mayor Barrett stated that school starts August 24, 2022. Mayor Barrett congratulated Officer Jamie Trently and Officer Michael Fenton on getting certified in the Advanced School Resources Program. Mayor Barrett is aware of the bear problem. You can call the Game Commission Dallas office (570) 675-1143.

Controllers Report: The Budget Committee has their monthly meeting. Residing were President Dave Moran, Mike Ossont, Thomas Mancuso, Nancy Edmunds, Rob Turlip, and Dr. Steven Krahl. The budget it doing well barring any unforeseen events the rest of the year. 94% of the budget revenue was collected. Paid out 87% of the budget in expenses. Items to watch, Police overtime, as they are over budget by \$2,000.00 DPW overtime are at budget now. Worker's compensation is over budget by \$3,000.00. The next budget meeting is September 13, 2022.

1. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Mancuso to approve the June 15, 2022, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to approve the July 20, 2022, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to authorize the approval of the July HNB General Fund bills totaling \$243,368.85 checks from the Fire Escrow account totaling \$38,900.00 checks from the Memorial Park account totaling \$114.00, checks from the DCED GTRP James Radzelovage Park grant totaling \$4700.00, checks from the DCNR Pike Street grant totaling \$4500.00, and checks from the PIB Paving Project Loan totaling \$418,000.56 for a total of \$709,583.41. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Owen, second by Gilgallon to accept Reports- Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector's Report, Mayor's Report, and Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to hire Peter Gutowski Jr. as a Part-Time Police Officer at an hourly rate of \$22.15 with no benefits effective August 17, 2022. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to hire Brad Steinberger as a Full-time Department of Public Works Laborer at a rate of \$44,595.00/ year with no benefits effective August 28, 2022. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Lewis to authorize ARPA funding in the amount of \$128,553.00 for the Archbald Borough Hill Street and Rock Street Storm Water Improvement Project Phase I. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon to authorize a resolution authorizing submission of a Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account grant application in the amount of \$361,680.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon to authorize a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program Funds in the amount of \$131,220.00 on the behalf of the Borough of Archbald. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to authorize the purchase of a Mitsubishi Ductless A/C unit with heart pump by Gerald Smurl HVAC LLC, for the Archbald Police Department in the amount of \$5,100.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon to authorize the Solicitor to file a praecipe to discontinue the lawsuit filed in connection with the Conti Property on Pike Steet, Archbald Borough. All in favor, motion carried.
12. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Mancuso motion to authorize the Solicitor to file the praecipe. All in favor, motion carried.
13. Motion to Adjourn, Motion by Gilgallon, second by Mancuso. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:



Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:



David Moran, President of Council