

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES****Wednesday June 15,2022**

The meeting was called to order by President David Moran at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence. Roll call: Mrs. Owen, Mr. Ossont, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mancuso, Mr. Burke, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett, Mr. Gilgallon was not in attendance.

Council met in Executive Session on personal matters.

Community Development and Economic Committee Report- Mr.Turlip stated that he and Mr.Moran and a Dave Tomassoni, a member of the Community Development & Economic Committee met with Doctor Wafa from Penn State. They will be looking for Volunteers and Student internships to help with these project, Business Route 6 and the Main Street, Archbald.

Public Input: Jamie Kresge did address Council on The Volunteer Service Credit Program he had given them a year ago. Mr.Turlip said Council did receive the fire study it will now be given to the fire chiefs and the presidents of each company who will be the only ones allowed in the meeting. Mr.Kresge also requested the right to know. The fire study report and the budget. Mr.Turlip said for the fire study report will be released after it is given to the fire companies and is completed. The other was the budget which Mr.Turlip said can be viewed online.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Senior Housing Committee- They are currently in the process of doing an appraisal on the 5-acre parcel. When the appraisal is complete, Mr.Krieger and the United Neighborhood will make a deal on the land. Once this deal is made, they can move forward with the project. Waiting on the appraisal to be completed.
2. Sturges Paving Project 2021- American Asphalt are working on Wood Street, and Daystrom Avenue.
3. Paving Project-Pennsy Supply is doing a great job on this project and will be working on Columbus Drive. The Project should be completed by June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
4. Fire and Emergency Services Study-DCED stated the Fire Study is completed. DCED did come June 14<sup>th</sup> to give the presentation in Executive Session. Emergency Services is also completed but the report will be given at a different date.
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Flood Mitigation Project Engineers are still working on the project. They are hoping to have it out for bid next month. A grant for \$62,500.00 and additional \$367,00.00 will help with the issues on Hyland Hill Drive. It is also another exit of the Hills of Archbald. This will go out for bid.
6. Municipal Building Update- Archbald Borough has been put on the FY Federal Funding for \$3,000,000.00. We will not hear on this until March of 2023
7. Police Regionalization Study, right now the only municipalities out of the eight who turned in their surveys are Archbald Borough and Blakely Borough. Archbald Borough will first in this study.

8. Kennedy Drive Project- this will effect 15 residents in the part of Kennedy Drive up to Mr.Ossont's address. Effected residents will be sent a letter. Mr.Turlip has already spoken to the 911 Center and the Post Office. Mr. Turlip was told the deeds will not change.
9. Council has approved the Garbage contract with Mascaro for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
10. Winter Road Maintenance. There are streets in Archbald Borough that DPW are maintaining and the Borough is not getting paid liquid fuel. The cost to maintain is not cheap. Miles of these roads are in Powell Development and in Mr.Krigger's development Archbald Borough has 36.1 miles of road to take care of. They have two choices to either pay to have them maintained or they can maintain them themselves. Archbald Borough is paying to plow these roads. PennDOT charges municipalities to plow roads. Mr.Turlip asked this be looked into.

#### New Business:

1. Grant Updates:DCNR Pike Street Park received \$100,000.00. The grant will be out for bid.
2. DCED Multimodal grant That grant is for the sidewalks going from Harrison's to Tomaino's we received \$100,000.00 put in for \$734,501 Mr.Turlip will be putting in for another grant in the amount of \$825,830.00, that grant will be used for the sidewalks from Blakely Borough to the Archbald Bank.
3. MultiModal from Penn DOT we did not receive that one. That was for the Eynon Sidewalks.
4. We did receive \$5,000.00 for the Gravity Slope Colliery Project, that will be used for that Committee.
5. Archbald Borough received a recycling grant. The grant was used towards a Truck that is being used for yard waste. It also went towards two years' worth of calendars. We did one last year for the residence's we are working on the 2023 Calendar as we speak, we would like to form a committee for this project, with the money that is left we will buy plastic containers.
6. We received \$34,426.56 from PennDOT to do the Sidewalks towards the Valley View School.
7. We received \$5,000.00 For the Gravity Slope Colliery that will be used towards that project.
8. Hill Street Stormwater Project that was out for bid prices came in to high it went out for a rebid they need to be in by Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022. This is a Project where the residents need to be 51% under rate there is formula they go by and last time it was done they did qualify. Rock Steet will be included in that as well.

9. LSA Veterans Park. This is a LSA grant put in for \$325,000.00 received \$162,685.00. The engineering part of this project is completed.
10. Grants that are Pending: Put in a Grant for a Pavilion for \$238,958.00.
11. EOC Grant for \$3000,000.00 for the new Municipal Building.
12. Put in a Grant for \$5,000.00 for Swings for the Venosh Park.
13. DCED-GTRP: Gravity Slope Colliery Project \$250,000.00.
14. Lackawanna County Grant for \$500.00 which can be used for the Harvest Festival.

Council Members Report:

Mr. Burke would like to say he was very impressed with the way the Fishing Derby turned out. He was approached by people in the community and were very pleased that each child got a fishing rod and they received breakfast and lunch. He would also like to Thank the Legions for all they did. Mrs. Lewis would like to Thank everyone involved in the Memorial Day Parade all the Legions for all their help. Mr. Mancuso would like to welcome aboard Mr. Thomas Dolph for joining the Archbald Borough DPW. Mr. Ossont would like to thank everyone involved in Fishing Derby as well and the Memorial Day Parade. He said the Gun Salute was a very nice tribute. Mrs. Owen mentioned a Safety stand down, and wished all the fathers in the room a Happy Father's Day. Mayor Shirley Barrett would like to address the air conditioning problem in April's office. Mr. Turlip said he will look into it. The Mayor's other issue is the parking lot there was a system in place awhile back her concern is that someone doesn't fall or twist an ankle in the potholes. Maybe our DPW can fill in those potholes. Mayor would also like to have a Beautification meeting. She also brought up about the trailer park and asked if any of those getting ripped down Mr. Turlip said the owner is working on it. If you take a ride through there you will see orange and yellow stickers all over the place.

Controller Report: Dr. Steven Krahl stated that the Tan loan had been paid off. The building permits

are up over budget by 173%. Items to be aware of Vehicle Code Violations collected only 22% of

budget. Zoning permit fees are at 23%, 100% was budgeted for Health Insurance, so far \$0. was

collected. Mr. Turlip said that number should change by November. The expense side to be

aware of Code Enforcement has used up 71% of their budget. The police overtime used up 74%

of their budget. DPW, overtime used up 93% of their budget. Expenses and Liability earned

income tax is +22,000.00 over last year. Parttime employees are at 33%.

Motions: Agenda for Regular Council Meeting

1. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont approval of the Mary 18,2022 Regular Council meeting minutes.

All in favor, motion carried.

2. Motion by Owen, second by Burke Motion for, the HMB\$503,068.17 the capital projects fund \$130,759.48 and the paving fund \$4,806.87 for a total of \$638,634.52. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis Motion to accept Building Inspector, Tax Collector, Planning Commission, and Treasurer Reports. All in favor motion carried.

4. Motion by Ossont, second By Mancuso Motion to hire Thomas Dolph, hire date is July 3,2002 with a rate of \$44,595.00 a year with benefits as a DPW worker. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Owen, second Lewis Motion to accept the resignation of Liam Pryle effective July 1,2002.

6. Motion by Mancuso, second by Moran Motion to advertise in the Scranton Times to hire a full time DPW Public works employee. Starting rate of \$44,495.20 yearly with benefits. qualified people applying for the job. It will be advertised in the Scranton Times for five days.The cost will run \$3,000.00 Roll call vote, Mrs. Owen against. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Owen, second by Burke Motion to increase the Borough Manager's salary at \$74,000.00 a year Roll call Mr.Mancuso was against it. Roll call votes, Motion carried.

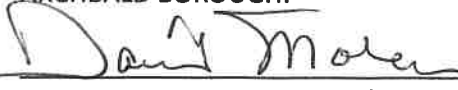
8.Motion Ossont,second Burke Motion for the SCS grant to improve the Riverside sidewalks \$825,830.75 Roll call votes, Motion carried.

9.Motion to Adjourn, Motion by Ossont second by Moran Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Loff, Borough Secretary  
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David Moran, President of