

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 18, 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 Mancuso, Burke, Lewis, Owen, Lewis, Moran, and Mayor Barrett were present. Gilgallon was not in attendance.

Council met in Executive Session on May 5, 2022 and also prior to this meeting to discuss personal matters.

Community Development and Economic Report Mr.Turlip stated they met last week and they are working with Penn State.

Public Input

Stan Mushow 180 Cemetery Street wanted to address blight in his neighborhood at 183 Spruce Street. Trailers and garbage around the whole house. Rodents and skunks coming from the property. Mr. Turlip stated the person at 183 Spruce as been to the magistrate. Mr. Brown stated he will gather all information and give to Mr. Turlip.

Michael Kratz 178 Cemetery Street, Kayla Kazmierski 184 Cemetery Street, and Eric Decker 184 Cemetery Street are also stating blight issues with the same address, 183 Spruce.

Unfinished Business

1. Senior Housing Committee – United Neighborhood Centers. They are currently in the process of doing an appraisal on the 5-acre parcel. When the appraisal is complete, Mr. Krieger and United Neighborhood will make a deal in the land. Once the deal is made, they can move forward with the packet.
2. Sturges Paving Project – 2021 project is American Asphalt and they are in Bell Aire right now.
3. Dutch Hill Paving Project –Pennsy is doing a great job on this project. They will be doing Columbus Dr. after school is out.
4. Fire and Emergency Services Study – DCED stated the Fire Study is complete. They would like to come June 14<sup>th</sup> to give their presentation in an Executive Session. Emergency Service is also complete but they will be giving this report at a different date.
5. 4th Street Flood Mitigation Project- Engineers are still working on this, we are hoping to have it ready to bid out next month.
6. Municipal Building Update- Archbald Borough has been put on the FY 2023 federal funding for \$3,000.000.00. We will not hear if we receive this money until March 2023.
7. Police Regionalization Study-right now the only municipalities out of the 8 who turned in their studies are Archbald Borough and Blakely Borough
8. Pre-emption System SR6 & Betty Street/Generator Emergency Receptacles- There is a motion on this agenda. This would update the two lights on SR6 and Betty.
9. Memorial Day Parade-Next meeting is May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
10. Archbald Heights Road Plowing- Archbald Borough sent a letter to Jessup Borough to see if they would be willing to send a letter to Lackawanna County Commissioners to see if they would take over the plowing on Archbald Heights Road. Letter were sent and we are hoping to hear back from Lackawanna County.

### New Business

1. Kennedy Drive and Main Street Eynon Address Change- we are working on a plan but it is not complete yet.
2. Garbage Contract- 3-year contract ends this year. The Borough has 2 option years. Mr. Turlip recommends the Borough takes the 2 option years.
3. Winter Road Maintenance on non-Borough Roads- the Borough has some roads we plow that we do not get liquid fuels for. The borough is paying to plow these roads. PennDOT charges municipalities to plow roads. Mr. Turlip feels this has to be looked at.

### Council Members Reports

Owen stated she moved the safety meeting up a week. She will have date for trainings in July. She stated they are looking to purchase 12 rescue ropes, safety vests and flotation devices for the Police. Mrs. Owen feels she would like to have safety standdown during the Police lunch.

Lewis stated she is continuing to work on the Memorial Day Parade

Mancuso stated DPW are doing a great job for being shorthanded. Mr. Mancuso stated there is still a lot of poop in the parks. He feels if the police see a dog in the field the owner should be cited.

Burke stated he was very impressed with the Fishing Derby and how everyone worked together.

Mayor – nothing at this time.

### Controller Report

Mr. Krahl stated he and Rob met last week to go over the budget. He stated the budget is in good shape for the first 4 months. Mr. Krahl stated we collected 60% of the budgeted revenues so far and we spend 48% of the expenses. Collected \$577,945.00 more then we spent.

### Motions - Agenda for Regular Council Meeting

1. Motion by Owen, second by Mancuso to approve the April 20, 2022, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen, second by Burke approval of the April 2022 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$438,484.12, checks from the Memorial Park Fund totaling \$89.00, checks from the 902 Recycling Grant totaling \$1,115.00, checks from the Pike Street Park Grant totaling \$3127.00, and checks from the PIB Paving Project Loan totaling \$204,208.64 for a total of \$647,023.76. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mancuso, second by Lewis to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector, Tax Collector's Report, Mayor's Report, and Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to hire Leahy O'Connor as Temporary Department of Public Works Laborer for no more than one hundred and eighty (180) days at a rate of \$16.00/hour with no benefits effective May 22, 2022. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

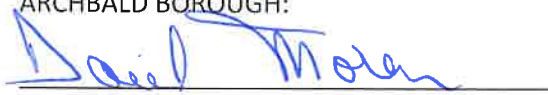
5. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to hire Mary Kuna as Borough Secretary at a rate of \$15.00/hour effective May 22, 2022. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to award the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant for the Archbald Route 6 Site/East Street Culvert Project to low bidder Wayco, Incorporated with a base bid amount of \$273,256.30. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to apply for a 2022 Municipal Arts and Culture Grant in the amount of \$500.00 for an arts or culture activity that will benefit the community. All in favor, motion carried.
8. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke adopting a Resolution authorizing submission of a DCED – Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant application in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Gravity Slope Colliery Recreation Park Project. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont adopting a Resolution authorizing submission of a Lackawanna County Re-invest Grant application in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Venosh Park Playground Project. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Owen, second by Mancuso to award the Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract to Solid Waste Services, Inc., d/b/a J.P. Mascaro and Sons for option calendar year 2023 in the amount of \$538,968.00 and option calendar year 2024 in the amount of \$551,784.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to make a motion adopting a resolution authorizing the submission of an Automated Red light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements (ARLE) Grant of \$849,321.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for traffic signal improvements as the intersections of Route 6 and Betty Street. All in favor, motion carried.
12. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of an Automated Red light Enforcement Transportation Enhancements (ARLE) Grant of \$849,321.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for traffic signal improvements as the intersections of Route 6 and Betty Street. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to make a motion to appoint Dawn Rudalavage as acting Borough Secretary until May 22, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.
14. Motion by Ossont second by Owen to appoint Dawn Rudalavage as acting Borough Secretary until May 22, 2022. Roll call vote all in favor. Motion carried.

15. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to make a motion authorizing the Borough Manager to spend up to \$10,000.00 for signage, safety lights and tonneau cover for the Borough Manager Vehicle and Zoning Vehicle.
16. Motion by Owen second by Ossont authorizing the Borough Manger to spend up to \$10,000.00 for signage, safety lights and tonneau cover for the Borough Manager Vehicle and Zoning Vehicle. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Mancuso second by Owen to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:



ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

  
David Moran, President of Council