

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mrs. Owen, Mr. Ossont, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mancuso, Mr. Burke, Mayor Barrett, President Moran attended the meeting Via Phone. Mr. Gilgallon was absent.

Council met in executive session on personnel matters.

Community Development and Economic Committee Report: The committee accepted the resignation of Tamara Misewicz-Healy effective September 21, 2022.

Bid Openings-Archbald Borough Veteran's Monument Park Project Phase III

EBI LLC 520 Cemetery Street Mayfield, Pa 18433	Total bid \$ 128,642.00 / Add alt- \$425.00 per linear feet/ No deductions
Linde Corporation O' Hara Industrial Park 118 Armstrong Road Pittston, Pa 18640	Total bid \$284,237.00 / Add alt-\$1,7500.00/ deductions \$935.00
Scartelli Construction Services and General Contractors Inc. 1202 South Mail Ave. Scranton, Pa 18504	Total bid \$ 243,126.00 / Add alt- \$840.00/ deductions \$670.00
D&M Construction Unlimited Inc 107 N. Turnpike Road P.O. Box 132 Dalton, Pa 18414	Total bid \$ 518,200.00/ Add alt- \$ 3,450.00 / deductions \$ 3,450.00
Minichi, Inc Ziegler Street Dupont, Pa 18641	Total bid \$ 241,000.00/ Add alt- \$ 1,500.00/ deductions \$ 1,200.00
T. Brennan Heavy Equipment 66 Crystal Lake Road Fell Twp, Pa 18407	Total bid \$ 261,500.00 / Add alt- \$ 1,200.00 per linear feet/ no deductions

Committee members for the Archbald Borough Veteran's Monument Park Project Phase III

Dave Moran, Rob Turlip, Erin Owen, Francis Burke, Thomas Mancuso. The committee will make a recommendation and present it to council. Time and date (TBD)

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Bid Openings-Archbald Borough Storm Water Drainage Improvement Project

Stafursky Paving Company Inc. 3 Export Lane Archbald, Pa 18403	Total bid \$ 686,996.00 / Add alt- \$115,614.50
Linde Corporation O' Hara Industrial Park 118 Armstrong Road Pittston, Pa 18640	Total bid \$ 780,373.00 / Add alt- \$108,910.00
James T. O' Hara, Inc. 205 Old School House Road Covington Township, Pa 18444	Total bid \$ 761,197.00 / Add alt- \$ 83,040.00
M & J Excavation Inc. 1618 Spruce Street Bloomsburg, Pa 17815	Total bid \$ 954,200.00 / Add alt- \$ 95,712.00

Committee members for the Archbald Borough Storm Water Drainage Improvement Project: Dave Moran, Erin Owen, Laura Lewis, Francis Burke, Rob Turlip. Time, and place (TBD). The committee members will make a recommendation and present it to council.

Public Input:

Joe Kauczka, 201 Kennedy Drive, Archbald, Pa 18403
 Michael Bershefsky, 400 Kennedy Drive, Archbald, Pa 18403
 James Dougherty, 300 Kennedy Drive, Archbald, Pa 18403
 Justine Anderson, 501 Kennedy Drive, Archbald, Pa 18403

The floor was open to the (18) residents who received a letter stating that their address due to emergency, Fire, EMS, and mail service & Package delivery might be changing. The residents listed above did speak and they voiced their opinions on the change. All were against the change of address.

Unfinished Business:

1. Senior Housing Committee- United Neighborhood Centers. The packet is completed. Working with Kriger Construction. Mr. Turlip is working on getting funding for this project.
2. 2021-2022 The 2022 Paving Project -All is completed with Pennsy Supply. They will receive their final pay. American Asphalt did come back as they are not finished. They need to repair Bel Air Drive and complete Daystrom Avenue.
3. 4th Street Flood Mitigation Project-Archbald Borough received four bids.
4. Hill Street and Rock Street Project-The bid was awarded to Stafursky Paving Company.
5. EMS Study- Rescheduled to October 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM.
6. Police Regionalization Study-Those municipalities that have completed the study will meet Monday, September 26, 2022 at the Jessup 911 Center. Please be advised there are two different times available, 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM to receive the final report.

7. Kennedy Drive and Main Street Eynon Address Change- The floor was open to the (18) residents who had received the address change notification letter. Those who did attend the meeting did voice their opinions. Mr. Turlip and council did listen to the residents and what their concerns were. Police Officer Carter spoke out on his concerns on not finding the right address- residence in the case of an emergency whether it is Police, Fire, or EMS. Councilman Mike Ossont spoke out on his own experience when he needed EMS at his residence. He also spoke on how his neighbors at times do receive wrong mail and packages which can turn into a nuisance among those residents who have complained about these situations.

New Business:

1. 2023 Tax Anticipation Note- \$ 450,000.00 is the goal.
2. 2023 Budget- It is a work in progress.
3. Santa Train –The Santa train will be held on December 3, 2022. Mr. Ossont, Mrs. Lewis, and Mrs. Owen will help with the organizing of this event.
4. Department of Environmental Protection, Act 101, Section 902 Recycling Grant- This is a two-year grant. Archbald Borough did receive the grant two years ago which was used to purchase the new truck, new yellow yard waste bins, and two years of calendars.
5. Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan- The next stage of the plan is to have a public hearing which will take place November 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM. This announcement will be in the newspaper.

Council Members Reports:

Mayor Barrett would like to congratulate Officer's Fenton and Carter on getting certified in becoming instructors. Now they can bring their knowledge back and instruct other officers. Mayor Barrett spoke of the welcome sign that will be in the intersection of Main Street and Kennedy Drive in Eynon. This will be a school project for next year's shop class. They will be making and painting the sign. Mr. Burke stated the Veteran's Monument Park Project will be hosting a Gun Bingo at the AC Field on Saturday 24, 2022 starting at 1:00 PM. Mrs. Lewis will like to remind everyone of the special event that will take place at the Radzelovage Park on October 16, 2022 from 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM. There will be music and refreshments. The Santa Train will be held on December 3, 2022 from the Gravity Slope Train Station. Mr. Mancuso stated the DPW is doing a great job. He also stated they are shorthanded and that job posting will be on Facebook. Mr. Ossont stated there was a budget meeting on September 27, 2022. Mrs. Owen stated the safety meeting was postponed. Mrs. Owen would like to thank Mayor Barrett for helping with the painting of the fire hydrants. Mr. Moran asked Mr. Turlip if a study can be done on the train station. Mr. Turlip stated he would inquire into getting estimates on replacing the wood floor with concrete.

Controllers Report: Dr. Steven Krahl stated the budget is doing well barring any unforeseen events. Items to watch are police overtime. They are over budget by 12%.

Motions:

1. Motion by Mancuso, second by Burke to approve the August 17, 2022, Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
 2. Motion by Lewis, second by Burke motion to authorize the approval of the August 2022 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$167,038.91, checks from the Memorial Park account totaling \$89.00, checks from the DCED GTRP James Radzelovage Park Grant totaling
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- \$14,375.00, and checks from the PIB Paving Project Loan totaling \$397.38 for a total of \$181,900.29. Roll call vote, all in favor. motion carried.
3. Motion by Lewis, second by Burke motion 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 motion to approve a 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the Archbald Police. The motion was tabled. All in favor, motion carried.
 5. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to make a motion to table a 3-year Collective Bargaining agreement with Archbald Police Department Employees; terms of agreement January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.
 6. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis motion to approve Duda Actuarial Consulting calculations of the 2023 Minimum Obligations for the Archbald Borough Non-Union Pension Plan in the amount of \$ 43,130.00. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.
 7. Motion by Lewis, second by Moran motion to accept the resignation of Tamara Misewicz-Healy from the Community Development and Economic Committee effective September 21,2022. All in favor, motion carried.
 8. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis motion to appoint Donna Groysman as a member of the Community Development and Economic Committee effective September 21, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.
 9. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso motion to hire a part-time Department of Public Works Laborer at a rate of \$16.00/ hour not to exceed 180 days with no benefits effective October 23, 2022. This motion was tabled. All in favor, motion carried.
 10. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis motion to add a motion to agenda to accept the address change from Eynon to Archbald. Roll call vote, Owen, opposed, Ossont, in favor, Lewis, opposed, Mancuso opposed, Burke, opposed, Moran opposed. 1- in favor 5- opposed. Motion did not carry.
 11. Motion to adjourn, I Mancuso, move to table this motion to Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Second by Burke. This motion was tabled. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:



Mary Loff, Borough Secretary



David Moran, President of Council