

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

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: Mrs. Owen, Mr. Gilgallon, Mr. Ossont, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mancuso, Mr. Burke, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett was present Via Phone.

Council met in Executive Session on Real estate and personnel matters.

Community Development and Economic Committee Report:

Mr. Gilgallon spoke on the new restaurant that opened in Archbald Borough, Chop Top's Burgers and Malts. Archbald Borough Council were invited to the ribbon cutting of a soft opening last night but had to decline due to previous engagements. Archbald Neighborhood Association were there to represent Archbald Borough Council.

Public Input:

Mr. Eugene Cholish resides at 313 Columbus Drive, Archbald Pa, 18403 Mr. Cholish addressed Council. He asked that two sections of guardrails be removed at 102 Jones Street Eynon, Pa 18403. Mr. Cholish gave Council an example: So the resident can take out the trash and utilize the front of the residents. Mr. Cholish realizes it is beneficial for safety reasons to have the guardrails up he is asking that only two levels of the guardrails be removed leaving 30 feet of the guardrail standing for safety reasons. Mr. Cholish addressed Council on the property at 601 Main Street, Eynon Pa, 18403. A suggestion was made that Mr. Cholish have the property looked at by an engineer and a land developer due to water issues. Mr. Cholish did in July. Mr. Cholish attended the August Planning Commission meeting where it was signed off. Mr. Cholish ask that Archbald Borough Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Brian Dulay look at the land to see if the water issued is corrected.

Christine Sestili resides at Daystrom Ave, Archbald Pa, 18403. Ms. Sestili addressed Council of her displeasure of the construction on her street. (Daystrom Ave) Ms. Sestili said she spoke with UGI, Krieger Construction, Mr. Turlip and Mayor Barrett of her concerns of her newly paved driveway and retaining wall. Ms. Sestili said had she known of the construction that would occur she would have held off. Mr. Turlip spoke out and said this was a project that was due back in 2021. Mr. Mancuso spoke out and said it was on the agenda in 2021 it was just bad timing with plants shut down it was difficult to get materials and concrete. Mr. Turlip and Mr. Mancuso both spoke out and said this project had been scheduled on the 2020-2021 agenda. Mr. Turlip spoke out and said due to 2 gas leaks on Daystrom Avenue, it was imperative that UGI needed fix two gas leaks on Daystrom Ave. Mr. Turlip spoke out and said the construction being done on Daystrom Ave was public knowledge it was announced in the newspaper and posted on the Archbald Borough website. Mr. Turlip assured Ms. Sestili that her driveway will be restored to the original way it was before the construction on her street. Mr. Turlip, Mr. Mancuso, and Mrs. Owen did apologize to Ms. Sestili for her troubles.

Mr. Narcoonis addressed Council he owns a home and 3 lots. There is a 162x20 lot he would like to obtain. The property is L shaped, grown in, and an alleyway. Council agreed to verify if

the property is a paper street. (It is plotted in a subdivision plan, but then for whatever reason is never opened by the municipality (or) lot owner.

Unfinish Business:

1. Senior Housing Committee- United Neighborhood Centers. There is a contract with Mr. Kreiger for a 5-acre parcels.
2. 2021-2022 Paving Project-2021-Paving Project. Daystrom Ave is the last road to be completed. Mr. Turlip told American Asphalt to continue with the paving. The 2022-Paving Project is completed. December's Council meeting will have a list of the roads going out for bid.
3. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Mitigation (Stormwater Drainage Improvement) Project- This project 100% grant funded. Mr. Turlip is meeting with Mr. David Stafursky on Friday November 18, 2022. This project may get pushed until spring weather permitting.
4. Hill Street and Rock Street Project- This project was awarded to Stafursky Paving Company Inc. Mr. Stafursky will be starting the stormwater project estimated two weeks. Rock Street Project-Mr. Turlip received a CBGD Grant for a total of \$140,000.00. Mr. Turlip will put in for another grant to help with this project.
5. 2023 Calendar Committee – The 2023 calendar is completed. It is going to print the calendar should be back in two weeks. Mr. Turlip is looking for volunteers delivering the calendars. Mr. Turlip also thanked the Calendar Committee- Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Lewis, and Mr. Burke for all their hard work.
6. 2023 Budget- The proposed budget is completed and balanced. It will be posted on Archbald Borough website and in the newspaper. Changes can be made up until the next meeting.
7. 2023- Tax Anticipation Note- \$450,000.00. Three bids were received the lowest was with HNB @ a rate of 3.15%.
8. Santa Train- December 3, 2022- Mr. Ossont, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Owen are working on this event. It will take place at the Gravity Slope Train Station. Mrs. Owen spoke and thanked all the sponsors who made this possible each year especially the Sons of the Legion Post 328 for the past 26 years.
9. Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan- A public hearing is set for January 3, 2023. The hearing will be advertised in the newspaper any changes can be made until the next council meeting on January 18, 2023.
10. COVID-19 ARPA Small Water & Sewer Grant-Deadline is December 21, 2022. Mr. Turlip asked that Council make a motion in order to get the grant submitted. The amount of the project is \$423,606.00. This will be used for Jamesway.
11. COVID-19 AR A H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer, and Storm Water Project - The Grant-Deadline is December 21, 2022. Mr. Turlip is working on getting the cost estimated on this project. This project includes Upper Hills, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> street, Pierce Street, and Hill Street.

New Business:

1. Zoning Hearing fees: A Zoning Hearing Board fee for Archbald Borough is \$1,000.00 there is a rising cost across the boards. So that the Archbald Borough not be burdened by these cost increases Mr. Turlip will write up a Resolution for Council to pass. It can be passed at the next Council meeting on December 21, 2022 if Council approves.
2. High Street: Archbald Borough received a request from Jessup Borough's solicitor stating they would like to make High Street a one way coming out of Winton Village. Archbald Borough will send a letter respectfully declining the request. Mr. Turlip also spoke out and told Mr. Munley who resides at Giardina Drive, Archbald that the project on his street will start next week weather permitting.

Council Members Reports:

Mr. Francis Burke spoke he said the Christmas lights look great. There was a coin drop it was very successful. Poppies were sold for Veteran's. Mr. Mancuso spoke and said Archbald Borough DPW is very busy and are shorthanded interviews were conducted by Council members, Borough Manager, and DPW Roadmaster for a new employee. Mrs. Lewis spoke and said she is very happy to help with the Santa Train. Mrs. Lewis hopes it is a wonderful time. Mr. Gilgallon would like to welcome a new business in town Chop Tops' Burger's and Malts they did have a soft opening tonight. Representing Archbald Borough were Archbald Neighborhood Association. Mr. Gilgallon also spoke on getting pamphlets together to welcome new businesses in Archbald Borough. Mr. Gilgallon ask that Mr. Turlip talked about his experience on his trip to Charlotte, North Carolina on behalf of The Community Development and Economic Committee and the Neighborhood Works Association. Mr. Turlip spoke of his trip to Charlotte, North Carolina where you had low to moderate income housing with Townhouses and High-income houses in the same development. Mr. Turlip explained they used what was a Brownfield. It is land that at one time was contaminated. The contaminants are taken out of the ground and rebuild it. Mr. Tulip said the next step is for the Committee to come up with a project for the town which will be grant funded. Mr. Ossont spoke on the budget which is on track. He would like to thank Dawn, Rob, Tom, and Nancy for helping with the budget. Another meeting is scheduled for December. Mrs. Owen spoke and said if anyone is in need or knows someone in need of a Thanksgiving dinner the Eynon Archbald Lion's Club will deliver. Mrs. Owen also spoke she suggested that when the residents are here to pay their taxes, they should be allowed inside the Archbald Borough Building Mrs. Owen wants the Archbald Borough back opened to the public. Mr. Turlip and Mr. Moran both agreed it should be brought up at the next safety meeting. Mrs. Owen also spoke about the clock in Eynon Mrs. Owen said it looks terrible with a bag on it and it should be turned off. Mayor Barrett thanked DPW for all their hard work putting up Christmas lights. Mayor Barrett spoke and said the Police Department is very busy. Mayor Barrett spoke and said she has a Christmas swag to decorate North Main Street for those residents who will not have a lighted Christmas decoration on their pole.

Controller Report: Dr. Steven Krahl spoke and said nothing new to report at this time.

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen, second by Burke motion to approve the October 19, 2022 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Lewis motion to approve the October 2022 HNB General Fund bills totaling \$312,980.16, checks from the Lackawanna County Municipal Grant totaling \$500.00, checks from the DCED GTRP James Radzelovage Park Grant totaling \$111,483.24, checks from the PIB Paving Project Loan totaling \$362,707.90, checks from the 902 Recycling Grant totaling \$11,000.00, and checks from the Flood Mitigation Grant totaling \$4,525.00, for a total of \$803,196.30. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, 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 Mancuso, second by Ossont motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the 2023 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$450,000 with HNB at the interest rate of 3.15% per annum. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to adopt the 2023 Proposed Budget. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Owen, second by Gilgallon motion to pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA), to designate as deteriorated the parcel of land east of U.S. Route 6, known as The Governor Robert Casey Highway, more fully identified in the metes and bounds description attached to this Motion as Exhibit "A" for LERTA tax exemption to be determined by the Archbald Borough Council. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Mancuso, second by Burke motion to hire Ryan Young as a full-time Department of Public Works Laborer at a rate of \$44,595.00/year with benefits effective December 4, 2022 Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Ossont motion to accept the resignation of Mark Gallagher from the Community Development and Economic Committee effective November 3, 2022. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon motion to authorize to advertise for one (1) Community Development and Economic Committee Member and two (2) Community Development and Economic Committee Alternate Members. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon motion adopting a Resolution authorizing submission of a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Fund Multimodal Program Grant application in the amount of \$700,032.00. for the North Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Project. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Ossont motion to reject the bids submitted on July 20, 2022 for Department of Conservation and Natural resources (DCNR) Community Parks and Recreation Grant, Pike Street Park, BRC-PRD-26-139 due to being excess of the current budget. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen, second by Gilgallon motion to accept the resignation of Edward Hughes, Planning Commission effective January 1, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to authorize to advertise for (1) Planning Commission Member. All in favor, motion carried.
14. Motion to make a motion for an Authorized a submission of an ARPA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant from the Commonwealth Finance Authority Stormwater Program in the amount of \$423,606.00. Motion by Owen, second by Gilgallon. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon motion to Submission an ARPA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant from the Commonwealth Finance Authority Storm Water Program in the amount of \$423,606.00 to be used on Jamesway Boulevard. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion to make a motion to Reject participating in Police Regionalization presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and explore other options with other municipalities. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried
17. Motion to Reject Participating in the Police Regionalization as presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to explore other options with other municipalities. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion to adjourn. Motion by Mancuso, second by Gilgallon. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

  
David Moran, President of Council