

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday June 21, 2023**

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: Mr. Gilgallon, Mr. Mancuso, Mr. Ossont, Mr. Burke, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett.

Council met in Executive Session on Personnel Matters. May 10, 2023

**CDBG- Presentation-** Joseph Rovinsky per zoom meeting, spoke on the Community Development Block Grant. It is a grant that is used to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment for persons with low-and moderate income, a blight, or a threat to state or the community. There is a CDBG grant in progress on Hill Street Archbald Phase I. Phase II will start next year with Rock Street Archbald. Joe Rovinsky spoke and said he is available by email if anyone has any questions.

**Public Input:**

**Glenn Clark:** Thanked Council for their efforts on getting the street lighting resolved in the Highlands. For the police patrol in their neighborhood. and to all the DPW workers who do a great job.

**John Lees:** Resides at 398 Kennedy Drive, Archbald he purchased his home 5 years ago and has problems with getting mail and packages due to a duplicate address. Mr. Lees concerns are also EMS and Police assistant at his residence when necessary.

**Kayla Hanicak:** Resides at Lisa Drive, Archbald on January 2023 on the main line there was sewage blocked up. The damage cost was \$10,000.00. Mrs. Hanicak asked if Archbald Borough could help with the cost. Solicitor Jay O'Connor suggested she seek legal counsel.

**Drew Daiute:** He is working on his Eagle Scout Project\_Drew noticed that the town has picnic tables and a gazebo that need to be repaired.

**Larry West:** Mr. West asked council why the Hill Street Paving Project does not include the whole Hill. He asks if Council could write an Ordinance or a Resolution that a person over the age of 70 do not pay a wage tax or work tax. Mr. West asked why is council hiring 2 more full-time police officers.

**Victor Bolcavage:** Addressed to Council on his concerns of not having access to the Agenda before a Council meeting. Mr. Bolcavage was assured the agenda is posted on the website before the meeting. Solicitor Jay O' Connor addressed Mr. Bolcavage and asked him to list his specific concerns to see if they can't be accommodated.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing at this time.

**Council Report:** Erin Owen spoke on the monthly safety meeting. Erin also addressed the audience and spoke of Brian Dulay on his heroic efforts to extinguish a house fire that occurred in the borough this past week.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Barrett spoke on the Borough wide yard sale that will take place July 8, 2023. Mayor Barrett along with Mrs. Owen painted fire hydrants. The cleanup that occurred last month they collected 118 bags of trash total. Mayor Barrett gave the MS4- to Brian Dulay. Mayor Barrett was contacted by Craig Sweeney from the Valley View School. He would like to teach his life skills class how to recycle. Mayor asked if containers could be dropped off.

**Controller's Report:** Nothing at this time

**Motions:**

1. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Burke motion to approve the May 17, 2023 Regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen second by Lewis to approve the May 2023 HNB Fund bills totaling \$648,914.79, PA Accreditation Grant bills totaling \$1,779.00, and Pike Street Park DCNR-4-2020 C2P2 bills \$3,717.00 for a total of \$654,410.79. 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 Report, and Planning Commission Report. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon to accept Civil Service Commission Report. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Owen, second by Gilgallon to accept an extended Police Services contract between the Valley View School District and Archbald Borough Police Department. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to hire Edward Perechinsky as a full-time Police Officer at a starting rate of \$26.75/hr. effective July 30, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to hire Ryan Calciano as a full-time Police Officer at a starting rate of \$26.74/hr. effective July 30, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Mancuso to hire Dan Markey as the Archbald Borough Manager at a starting rate of \$65,700.00 per year effective July 5, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Gilgallon, second by Lewis to hire Joe Reno as Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer at a starting rate of \$34,981.00 per year effective July 10, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to adopt a Resolution to appoint the Borough Manager as the Pension chief Administrative Officer. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Owen, second by Gilgallon to sign the Memorandum of Agreement 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan with Lackawanna County. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to approve Duda Actuarial Consulting calculations of the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Archbald Borough Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$ 167,442.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso motion to make a motion to remove Dawn Rudalavage as the Right to Know Officer. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon to remove Dawn Rudalavage as the Right to Know Officer for Archbald Borough. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke authorizing the Borough Manager to be the Right to Know Officer for the Archbald Borough. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon to approve a memorandum of agreement between the SEIU Local 668 and Archbald Borough effective January 1, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to award the Pike Street Playground Project to Wayco, Inc. for a base bid of \$186,185.50. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to make a motion to allow Drew Daiute to be able to repair picnic tables and gazebo in the Borough Parks and supply the materials necessary to complete the project. All in favor, motion carried.
19. Motion by Ossont, second by Gilgallon for approval to allow Drew Daiute to be able to repair picnic tables and gazebo in the Brough Parks and supply the materials necessary to complete the project. All in favor, motion carried.
20. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont motion to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH

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Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

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David Moran, President of Council