

**ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**  
**400 Church Street Archbald, Pa 18403**

The meeting was called to order by President David Moran at 7:00 P.M. followed by The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence. Roll call: Mr. Mancuso, Mr. Ossont, Mr. Burke, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett, Mr. Gilgallon was absent

Council met in executive session on personnel matters before tonight's council meeting.

**Public Input:**

**Guy Julian**, 128 Oakhill Drive, Archbald had questions on the paving on Oakhill Drive, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets, and Pierce Street. Guy asked who was the Grant application for Oakhill Drive submitted to, what specific grant application was used, when was it filed, how much do you expect to get for repairs, how much is the estimated cost to complete, and when do you expect to get a decision on getting the grant. Guy proceeded to ask who was the grant application for 3<sup>rd</sup> street submitted to, what specific grant application was used, when was it filed, when did you get the grant, how much is the estimated cost to complete, and how much did you get. Guy wants to know who is next on the list to be paved. What streets are next to be paved. What is the estimated cost, was there a grant involved for them, if so what grant, how much did you get, and when was it filed. Guy asked if you don't get the grant for Oakhill Drive, soon how do you plan on funding the repairs.

**Marie Andreoli**, 174 Pine Street, Archbald Marie wanted to address council and thank them for having the bush cut down that was obstructing visual on Pine Street. Marie asked about the house on Pine Street is the house sinking. Marie asked about the microphones, and if the absent council member can be removed from their position. Marie asked if the bricks at the pocket park can be power washed one more time or make it a few times a year. Marie asked about finding for the Archbald Ambulance.

**Victor Bolcavage**, 112 Old Ridge Road, Archbald Victor asked when the meetings are held for the Veteran's Monument Park, when, and where do they take place. He asked for a copy of last month's meeting minutes, it was explained they can not be posted until they are approved by council, Victor asked about the microphone for the hearing impaired.

**Larry West**, 209 Laurel Street, Archbald Larry asked about the flag in Jermyn, and if a banner could go up. Larry asked about the update on the firework's ordinance. Larry asked the mayor if he could have a copy of the monitor that was placed on Laurel Street. He asked about the co-gen plant what aren't they paying taxes.

**Correspondences: None at this time**

**Solicitor Report:** Attorney O' Connor spoke and addressed the fire works ordinance, he said he will get a draft by November's council meeting. Atty O' Connor spoke after being contacted by

Mr. Narcosis's Attorney O'Connor did not readvertise. Attorney O'Connor will get a status on the PP & L lights.

**Borough Manager's Report:** Dan Markey was given a price of \$20,000.00 dollars for a speaker system that price was for Chambers only. Mr. Markey found on line a 6- piece microphone system. Which included a 2-12" speaker system, which is expected to arrive on 10/20/2023. Mr. Markey addressed Mr. West concerns on the #5 Hill Paving Project. Mr. Markey addressed Mr. West on the Zoning Ordinance which can be found on the Archbald Borough website, or you can purchase the book. Mr. Markey is assembling a list of items for 2023-2024 he's working on getting prices and coverages that include but not limited to: Phones, internet, Health-care coverage, insurance, electricity, and IT Services. Mr. Markey spoke on the Gravity Slope Colliery Grant, that paperwork is due on Friday 10/20/2023 by 2:00 PM, Mr. Markey asked for Erin Owen's help with this task. Mr. Markey did receive a list of privately owned roads in the Borough of Archbald. Mr. Markey will be sending a letter to those residence, a letter advising them Archbald DPW will not be plowing privately owned roads. Mr. Markey spoke on the applications for crossing guard's positions, there was only one application he asked them to fill out an application the person never responded.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor addressed Mr. West, he can stop by the Borough Building and get a copy of the report from Sargeant Trently, print out of the monitor.

**Council Report: Francis Burke,** addressed the residents and asked if anyone had anything good to say about the Borough and have a positive response to anything. Mr. Burke spoke on the Santa Train that will take place on December 2, 2023 at the Gravity Slope Colliery Trian Station Santa will arrive at 11:30 am. Mr. Burke spoke on the Turkey dinner that will be at the post in Riverside on November 5<sup>th</sup> it starts at noon.

**Thomas Mancuso,** DPW is doing a great job on the parks and playgrounds keeping up with all the grass that needs to be cut. Mr. Mancuso did get a complaint the wet leaves on the ground at Staback Park. He thanked Mr. Zielinski DPW Roadmaster for keeping up with this growing town.

**Laura Lewis,** Mrs. Lewis spoke on the Santa Train. Mrs. Lewis addressed the residents and invited them all to the December 2, 2023 event and it will be a great time.

**Mike Ossont,** Mr. Ossont spoke on the finance committee; they are doing a great job, they will meet on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 He thanked Roadmaster Mike Zielenski and Borough Manager Dan Markey for conducting the interviews for the positions that are to be filled.

**Erin Owen,** Mrs. Owen gave an update on the Safety Committee she asked if there was money in the budget to order a purple K fire extinguisher for the DPW Garage. Mrs. Owen spoke on the water rescue equipment that we would potentially need if ever we had a flood in the Borough. Mrs. Owen spoke on the oil house they are working on a 501c3 3 Grant. Ther will be

Thanksgiving Day Dinner hosted by the Lion's Club and October 29<sup>th</sup> a Trunk or Treat from 4-6 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas church, on Schurch Street in Archbald.

Dave Moran, Mr. Moran replied to the Archbald Ambulance question, Archbald Borough council is looking into funding the Ambulance. Mr. Moran replied to Victor Bolcavages question the meetings for the Veteran's Monument Park is not part of the Borough, it is not a Borough project. He replied to the question on the Co-Gen it will get looked into. Mr. Moran did congratulations Francis Burke on getting inducted to the hall of fame for the Archbald Borough Athletic Club at Kenny's Bar.

**Controller Report: Absent**

**Motions:**

1. Motion by Lewis, second by Burke to approve work session minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup> 2023. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Moton by Owen, second by Mancuso to approve Council Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to approve 2023 bills HNB General Fund- \$208,155.20, ARPA Pandemic Fund- \$293.00 American Rescue Plan -\$316,384.06 Pike Street Playground DCDNR- \$31,408.00, PIB Loan -\$87,551.84. for a total of \$643,792.10. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to accept 2024-non-uniform MMO amount of \$50,870.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to accept 2024 Police Pension MMO in the amount of \$252,327, at a 6.75% interest rate. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Owen, second by Mancuso to Hire Frank Farina as Zoning Officer, at a starting rate of \$16.83/hr. effective 10/23/23. Roll call vote, Mancuso in favor, Ossont against, Burke in favor, Owen in favor, Lewis in favor, Moran against. Motion passes in favor 4-2.
7. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to Hire Brandon Minelli as a DPW Laborer, at a starting rate of \$22.76/hr. effective 10/20/2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to apply for a LSA Statewide Grant for New Police Tasers. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to apply for a LSA Statewide Grant for New DPW Salt Shed. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to reject all bids for Archbald Borough Veteran's Monument Park Phases 3&4. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

11. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to remove Controller Dr. Steven Krahl from bank account signature cards. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to donate \$5,000.00 dollars to the AC Field. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to hire Zachary Wargula as a Part-time Police Officer at rate of \$24/hr. Pending successful completion of Officer training program & background checks. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to Pass Resolution #13-2023 CDBG Grant funds in the amount of \$131,268.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont Motion to Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM. 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