

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 20th, 2023
400 Church Street Archbald, Pa 18403

The meeting was called to order by President David Moran at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call: Mrs. Owen, Mr. Ossont, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mancuso, Mr. Burke, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett. **Brian Gilgallon was absent. Controller: Doc Steven Krahl absent**

Public Input: **Marie Andreoli**, 174 Pine Street Archbald, Thanked everyone for all their hard work throughout the year, Archbald Borough Manager Dan Markey, the staff, and council. Marie loves the new calendar it was a great idea.

Guy Julian, 128 Oakhill Drive, Archbald, wanted to thank Brough Manager Dan Markey for getting the H2O grant that will improve the roads in the Hills of Archbald and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Correspondence: **Mr. Dave Moran** received a letter from Blakey Borough asking the Archbald Borough to join in on their gas program- Archbald Borough would purchase gas from Blakely Borough Dave spoke and said that a committee will be formed this would be a topic for 2024. Dave received a letter from Archbald Borough Chief Robert Harvey, he will make copies and get them out asap.

Dave received a letter from Chief Timmothy Trently asking that a full-time police clerk be hired.

Solicitor: **Attorney Jay O'Connor** spoke on the ordinances that are on tonight's agenda for passage. Includes the tax rate of 2024, pave cuts, and the Hemlock St. property.

Borough Mangers Report: **Mr. Dan Markey**, spoke on the 2024 calendar that has gone out for distribution to the residents of Archbald, the calendar committee was thanked and especially DPW workers for doing a great job on getting them delivered so promptly. Dan spoke on the taxes the staff is working with our own tax collector and the county solicitor to insure they are mailed out properly. Dan renegotiated magistrate's rental by \$900.00 dollars. Dan is working on cost cutting on First Aid Cabinets, switching IT vendors will be cost effective in all departments. Archbald Police department is getting switched over now, the other departments will follow. Update on energy supplier there will be a saving of two cents per kilowatts. The LED lighting is ready. In the upcoming 2024 year- Mr. Markey will be looking into cost effective on such items as phones, and Healthcare. Mr. Markey spoke on paying bills on line which will save on stamps, paper, and envelops. The bills will be signed off as they have been in the past. Archbald Borough received a H2O grant for a total of 1.5 million, which will be used on the roads in the Upper Hills of Archbald. Mr. Markey will set up a meeting with KBA Associates. The goal is to start this the first weekend of the new year, updates to follow.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Barrett would like to thank Mr. Thomas Mancuso for all his years of being a councilman and Mr. Mike Ossont. Merry Christmas to all.

Council Report: Erin Owen, spoke on the safety committee meeting, the new by laws will be handed out for the new year. Erin has concerns of the gray door in the foyer, she would like it so that it's only accessible to employees only. Erin spoke on the Borough Association they meet every 3 months she would like to see a more positive outcome of attendance than in the past. Erin thanked everyone who helped out with the Santa Train. There is a new committee for signs a committee was formed: Dave Moran, Dan Markey, Hank Peters, Brian Dulay, Rich Guman, and Erin Owen. The new signs will reflect at night. Update on Gravity slope construction will take place in the spring. Erin thanked the mayor for swearing her in and Laura Lewis for being her witness. Erin had questions for motions 9 and 10 on the recycling fee. Erin thanked Mike Ossont, and Thomas Mancuso for all their help, and years of service with the Archbald Borough Council. Erin welcomed new council members Rich Guman and John Shnipes. Erin wished everyone a merry Christmas. **Mike Ossont**, Mike thanked everyone in the community, and he feels he had a positive four years with council. Mike wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy new year. **Laura Lewis**, Laura wanted to thank everyone who helped out with the Santa Train the Archbald Police, DPW workers, council members, Dan Markey, Dawn Rudalavage, Dave Moran, Mike Ossont, Thomas Mancuso, Erin Owen, Mayor Barrett, Francis Burke. Quinns Market, Damage Control, Gina's School of dance, and the VFW, Lion's club, Valley View Band, the Marine's for helping out with Toy's for Tot's, and John Shnipes and Lexie Iyob for all their help. Laura wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **Thomas Mancuso**, DPW is doing a great job on delivering the calendars and keeping the roads clear of snow and ice. Tom addressed Borough Manager Dan Markey, basically he came into this job position inheriting a lot of unsolved issues, he wished Dan well and told him what an excellent job he was doing. Tom wished everyone a Merry Christmas. **Francis Burke**, Francis started off by saying thank you to Thomas Mancuso and Mike Ossont for all the years they have served on council. Francis thanked everyone for another successful Santa Train. Quinn's Market, the Guman family, Wayne Owen, Chris Marion, Ambrose Revels Post #328. Ladies Auxiliary Post # 328. Francis welcomed new council members John Shnipes and Richard Guman. **Dave Moran**, addressed Thomas Mancuso and Mike Ossont, true assets to the Archbald Borough Council, they were heavy in making decisions and participated with the budget, and DPW. Dave would like to welcome to council John Shnipes and Richard Guman. Dave addressed Dan Markey congratulating him on all his hard work getting the H2O grant for 1.5 million was outstanding. Dan was working with Pa State Representative Kyle Mullins and State Senator Rose Mary Brown. **Brian Gilgallon was absent.**

Presentation: At this time there was a presentation to: Mr. Thomas Mancuso received a plaque for all his years of dedication to the Archbald Borough Council and DPW. Mr. Mike Ossont received a plaque for all his years of dedication to the Archbald Borough Council, and a member of the budget committee.

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen, second by Burke motion to approve meeting minutes from November 15, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to approve November, 2023 bills payable: HNB General Fund **\$270,464.53**, Flood Mitigation Grant- **\$62,500.00** Accreditation Grant-

\$5,197.50, 902 Recycling Grant- **\$11,00.00**, American Rescue Plan **\$444,159.53**, **Totaling \$793,321.56**. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

- 3. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to accept resignation of Part Time Patrolman Joe Laboranti, with regent. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to Adopt the 2024 Budget. Roll call vote, 5-yea - Francis Burke, Laura Lewis, Mike Ossont, Erin Owen, Dave Moran. 1-Nay Thomas Mancuso the ayes have it. Motion passes.
- 5. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to Pass Ordinance #04-2023, setting Tax Rate for 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to Pass Ordinance #05-2023, Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 7. Motion to Pass Ordinance #06-2023, vacating a portion of a certain unopened street abutting Hemlock Street. Motion Died.
- 8. Moton by Ossont, second by Mancuso Appoint Brian Kelly, CPA, and Associates, LLC to perform the 2023 DCED Audit. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 9. Motion to Charge Recycling Fee for Business & Organizations using Borough Recycling Services at \$ _____/ year. Motion was tabled. All in favor.
- 10. Motion to Allow Businesses & Organizations to continue to Use Borough Recycling Services at No Charge. Motion was tabled. All in favor.
- 11. Motion by Owen, second by Ossont to Grant Conditional Use Application of Century Development, Pursuant to Findings of Solicitor. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
- 12. Motion by Mancuso, second by Owen. Motion to adjourn. All in favor. motion carried. THE MEETING START TIME: 7:00 P.M. CONCLUDED. -7:45 P.M.

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