

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 15, 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 followed by Roll Call: Mr. Ossont, arrived at 7:15 P.M., Mr. Burke, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Mancuso, Mrs. Owen, Mr. Moran, Mayor Barrett- **attended Via Phone. Mr. Gilgallon was absent.**

Public Comment:

Guy Julian, 128 Oakhill Drive, Archbald wanted to thank Borough Manager Dan Markey, for an excellent job well done at his house, with regards to the Archbald Borough DPW workers, and leaf pickup. Guy did address the pot holes on his street, as of now they are not filled in. Guy asked council what is going to happen if they don't get the H2O Grant, to pave the roads. How does the Borough move forward with this project.

Marie Andreoli, 174 Pine Street, Archbald Marie wanted to thank Borough Manager Dan Markey, and Archbald Brough Council for keeping his word on getting a better speaker system in Chambers. Marie said now those who are hearing impaired can hear council, the other residents, when speaking.

Victor Bolcavage, 112 Old Ridge Road, Archbald Victor asked Council why does the Archbald Borough give AC Field \$5,000.00. Mr. Moran replied to the question. Archbald Borough does own the land but the volunteers do cut the grass, and maintain the land and the building. Mr. Moran spoke and said Council is given qualified expenses from them and council gives monies to help with the expenses.

Larry West, 209 Laurel Street, Archbald Larry asked about the flags in the Borough, or the lack of. He wants the Christmas lights taken down, and more flags on the poles. He suggested getting a veteran's committee together. Larry asked about the fireworks Ordinance. Larry complained about # 5 Hill he met with Tony Grazantti he was not impressed with the work. Larry asked about the permit that was in the paper concerning Mr. DeNaples if his producing power why hasn't the Borough received any revenue. Larry can meet up with Sgt. Trently in regards to the print out of the speed monitor. Larry would like to see a copy of the Zoning permit that was issued to the Welcome to Eynon sign. Larry addressed the problem at the high school with parking issues, the parents dropping off their children are blocking the road. Chief Trently spoke and said it's a public road you cannot stop them from picking up their children or dropping them off. Chief Trently spoke and said that was a gesture to let the buses go ahead of them so they can do their bus run.

Correspondence: Mr. Moran received a letter in regards to the Archbald Ambulance from Mr. John Trently, and Rescue Squad, to apply a one-half mill tax in support of the ambulance and rescue squad service throughout the state are experiencing a financial crisis in part due to

COVID-19, and the rising economical costs. Mr. Trently explained that they are at the point where they must consider discontinuing employment of paid EMT's and return to their volunteers. Mr. Trently asked that it is imperative that this millage increase be applied starting January 1, 2024. Patrolman Dan Evans has handed in his resignation to Chief Trently stating his last day of employment as an Archbald Borough Police Officer is October 21, 2023. Allison Hibbs has resigned from the Archbald Borough Planning Commission she stated that she was available for the November 1, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

Solicitor Report: Attorney O'Connor spoke and addressed the fireworks ordinance; He will have a copy ready for Larry on Thursday afternoon. Attorney O'Connor explained to Larry that the State's Statue is very restricted, the times for fireworks and the dates. Attorney O'Connor had written up a proposal for pave cuts. Attorney O'Connor has spoken to Mr. Narcooni's attorney and will advertise the Ordinance.

Borough Manager's Report: Mr. Markey spoke on the Yellow Yard Waste containers those residents who did not receive one with last year's Grant monies did receive one this year. If you would like an additional container, they are available for \$65.00. each. There will be a conditional use hearing on December 6, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in chambers for The Century Development Property on the Council is required to attend, the property owners have been notified as well it will be advertised in the paper on November 19th and the 26th. Regarding the resignation letter from Allison Hibbs, the Planning Commission can either advertise for the empty spot or they can go with the next applicant. Mr. Markey asked that if you schedule an appointment to see him and you are going to be late that you, please send him a text or a phone call stating that you will be late or need to cancel. Mr. Markey is looking into getting a new IT, Phone services for the Archbald Borough. The person is a former police officer he has worked with the Jessup Borough and Police, and Blakely Borough and Police. It will be a cost effective in the future. Mr. Markey asked that council consider between now and December's council meeting charging small businesses, and bars in the town a recycling fee, it is not cost effective and we could use that tonnage towards the recycling grant. Mr. Markey sent out a letter to all private road owners Archbald Borough will no longer be plowing privately owned roads until the roads are dedicated and accepted by the Archbald Borough.

Mayor's Report: Resident Mary Ellen Hosie who resides at 610 North Main St. Archbald, J. P. Mascaro hasn't been picking up the trash at lots 610,612,614. The mayor suggested Mary Ellen contact Mr. Markey. Mr. Markey replied he will take care of the situation. Mayor Barrett received a phone call from Louis Ruspi of Eynon of his concerns on Edwards Court there are holes to be filled in. Mayor Barrett asked the status on the Police secretary, Mr. Moran, Mr. Markey will convey with the mayor on this matter. Mayor Barrett asked about a 501-C for the Borough. Mr. Moran replied he, Mayor Barrett, and Solicitor Jay O'Connor will discuss the matter.

Council Report: **Mr. Burke**, spoke on the Santa Train which will be held on December 2, 2023 at the Gravity Slope Train Station. Santa will arrive at 11:30 am there will be food, and refreshments, you can get your photo with Santa. Mr. Burke wanted to thank Jeff Munley, Christopher Marion, and Steve Hosie for all the hard work they put into this for the local kids. Thank you to the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron post #328 for donating coffee, donuts. The Auxiliary post #328, for water, juice, and candy. Thank you to Quinn's Market for donating the hot dogs and buns, Damage Control, gave a monetary donation, and Ace Beverage also gave a monetary donation. The Committee will meet on Friday at 6:00 PM to fill the candy bags, if anyone would like to volunteer.

Mr. Mancuso, received a text with a picture by Donny Muschal's house (Nebraska section) residents are just placing cardboard, along the sidewalks DPW did pick it up but the residents should be made to place it in containers or bundle it. Mr. Mancuso said the DPW workers should not have to waste time picking up loose cardboard. Mr. Mancuso said if the residents can't put it in containers, or bundle it, they should be cited.

Mrs. Lewis, spoke on the Santa Train, she presented the advertisement for the Santa Train, there will be whistles handed out to the children, there is a box at the Archbald Borough Building, for Toys for Tots if anyone would like to donate an unwrapped toy. Mrs. Lewis thanked all involved in helping her. John Snipes, Erin Owen, Dawn Rudalavage, Dave Moran, and Dan Markey.

Mike Ossont, spoke on the Budget that is a motion tonight it will be advertise in accordance with the statue, let council know if changes need to be made before the December council meeting.

Erin Owen, spoke on the in-house Safety Committee, that took place on 11/14/2023, The committee got their recertification. Erin spoke on the Protestant Cemetery in Archbald, which is now in the possession of Mrs. Mary Grace Young, Mrs. Young can no longer take care of the cemetery and there is no one to take it over, Erin asked that the Archbald Borough take it over, Attorney O'Connor spoke and said no, it is private property. Mr. Markey spoke, he sent out an application for the prisoners to help with the grass cutting. Mr. Markey will be in contact with Tim Mc Dermott from the prison. Mr. Markey will be the liaison. Erin asked who is on the Community Development and Economic Committee: Mr. Gilgallon, Mr. Wrightson, Mr. Kane, Mrs. Cornell, and Mrs. Grayson. Erin thanked the budget committee, Nancy Edmunds, Dawn Rudalavage, and Borough Manager Dan Markey. Erin asked about the garbage tax, and street lighting. Mr. Ossont explained the tax increase, if the delinquent taxes and refuse taxes were being paid, the borough would most likely not be raising taxes in 2024. Erin would like a copy of the proposed fireworks ordinance,

Dave Moran, A meeting was held on Wednesday, November 8th on the budget. Council has until December 20th, to look at it make changes or proposals. Dave addressed the issue on the flags, with mixed feelings, he would definitely like a flag on every pole, but doesn't like to see

them ripped, and dirty. KBA Engineering did look at #5 hill. They found no issues. Dave asked Attorney Jay O'Connor about the power plant. Dave addressed the parking at the school. He suggested that Larry West go to a school board meeting.

Controller Report: ABSENT

Motions:


1. Motion by Owen second by Lewis to approve work session minutes from October 11, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to approve council meeting minutes from October 18, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, second by Burke approve October 2023 Bills Payable: HNB General Fund-\$235,743.10, East Street Culvert Grant- \$14,305.00 Accreditation Grant-\$5,199.34 902 Recycling Grant-\$126,590.00 PIB Loan- \$6,341.00 Police Pension Fund-\$167,442.00 for a total of \$555,620.44. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to Accept the Resignation of Allision Hibbs from the Planning Commission, with regret. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to Accept the Resignation of Parttime Patrolman Dan Evans Effective October 21, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to Pass Resolution #14-2023, Authorizing LSA Grant Application for a New Salt Shed. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to Pass Resolution #15-2023, Authorizing LSA Grant Application for Police Equipment. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to Pass Resolution #16-2023, Authorizing the Application to Lackawanna County Community Reinvest Program for a Digital Repeater, Digital Radio, and Battery Backup. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to Pass Resolution #17-2023, Authorizing Installation of LED Lighting in Archbald Borough. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Ossont, second by Lewis to Advertise Preliminary Budget. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Ossont second by Lewis to create & advertise Ordinance #04-2023, Setting Tax Millage for 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to advertise Ordinance #05-2023, The Archbald Borough Pave Cut Ordinance. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF ARCHBALD:



Mary Loff, Borough Secretary



David Moran, President of Council