

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
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: Burke, Guman, Lewis, Shnipes, Owen, Moran, Mayor Barrett. **Absent was Gilgallon.**

Executive Session- President Dave Moran announced council met in executive session before tonight's regular council meeting to talk about Personnel issues.

Public Input: Marie Andreoli, Pine Street Archbald, Marie asked what was council going to do with all the furniture that is on the 3rd floor of the Borough Building. Marie would like to see some of it used for crafts, or yoga classes. Marie also asked why is it that a Council member does not have to report to do his duty at a voted in council member.

Correspondence: Nothing at this time

Solicitor: Attorney Jay O'Connor- Nothing at this time

Borough Manager's Report: Mr. Markey spoke on the front door that is to be replaced by a new one from Mesko Glass. The door was made at 36" the current door is 42". Brian Dulay who is the Code Enforcement Officer for Archbald Brough stopped construction. Brian wants to get with the Commercial Building Inspector to clarify that the proper permits are done correctly at a building code stand point. Dave Moran spoke on the new door he will get with Dan Markey, Brian Dulay, and Erin Owen on this matter. Dan spoke on the 2024 Paving Project for the Hills of Archbald and Jamesway the grants would take more time prior to going out to bid. internal employee committee the goal is to get cost savings benefits for the Borough. Dan also spoke on the SEIU- non-uniform employees they are preparing for contract talks. Dan spoke on the fence on Betty Street in Eynon, there is an open claim of the driver of the vehicle, there was a bit of a rush to order the fence being it will no longer be in production. Dan also handed out to borough council a list of grants that have been awarded or awarded in the past. Dan will update grants on a quarterly basis. Resident Victor Bolcavage spoke and would like a copy of the grant report. President Dave Moran asked that Victor be given a copy of the grant report. Dan also spoke on the topic of liquid fuels, there are three developers in the town of Archbald which the Brough has been plowing their roads. The Borough is not getting liquid fuels towards those streets and they will no longer be getting plowed by the Borough. Dan also spoke on the 2.25-million-dollar grant Archbald Borough was awarded for the Emergency Operations Center Dan Markey, Dave Moran, John Shnipes, and Rich Guman will meet with Larry West Jr. who is affiliated with PEMA.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Barrett, spoke on the Scranton shooting on officer Kyle Gilmartin's. Mayor Barrett asked what is going on with the furniture, Dave Moran spoke and there is a committee for that Grounds and Buildings Committee he will hand this matter over to them. Mayor Barrett is looking into getting flags and possibly hanging them from spring until the fall. Mayor Barrett gave an update on the Beautification welcome to Archbald sign; she is just waiting on a response from Chet Merli.

Council Report –Francis Burke- would like to Thank everyone on all their contribution whenever there is an event in the town. The fishing derby will be another success. The 2024 Santa Train, there will be no dogs allowed this year. He's looking forward to the year to come. **Rich Guman** has been working on the new street signs it will start with #5 Hill in Archbald, Goers Hill and Cougar Drive. Rich took a survey of the color of the signs will stay green, there are not a lot to change color they will stay the same. DPW is doing a great job. **Laura Lewis** is on the Community Development and Economic Committee- looking for people to join. Special events committee- thank you for helping out whenever an event happens. **John Shnipes** is a member of the DPW he spoke and said they have a great team. He is also a member of the Building and Grounds he's looking into a way to put to use the furniture on the third floor. John is also a chairman of the Public Safety. **Erin Owen** asked about motion #6 lowering the police pension to 4 %. It was explained to Erin by Dave and Dan that the police contribution 4% annually, but must be done by a Resolution each year. **Dave Moran** spoke on the committees that were formed and what each council person will be assigned to:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COMMITTEES- MEMBERS-2024

Council Members	Dave Moran	John Shnipes	Erin Owen	Laura Lewis	Francis Burke	Rich Guman	Brian Gilgallon
COMMITTEES							
DPW		CHAIR				MEMBER	
Special Events				CHAIR	MEMBER		
Finance			CHAIR				MEMBER
Parks & Recreation			MEMBER		CHAIR		
Buildings& Grounds		CHAIR				MEMBER	
Personnel	CHAIR					MEMBER	
Employee Safety		MEMBER			CHAIR		
Barrett							

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COMMITTEES							
Beautification-Mayor Barrett			MEMBER			MEMBER	
Public Safety		CHAIR		MEMBER			
Recycling			CHAIR				MEMBER
CDEC				LIAISON			
Gravity Slope			LIAISON				
Planning							LIAISON

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Approve council meeting minutes from December 20, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to Approve Organization Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Approve December 2023 Bills Payable: HNB General Funds-**\$187,072.50**. Accreditation Grant **\$169.31**, 902 Recycling Grant-**\$54.59**. PIB Project **\$277,989.88**. For a total of **\$465,286.28**. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Accept the resignation of Dr. Stephen Krahl, Controller, effective January 3, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to Pass Resolution #1-2024, Authorizing the Archbald Borough 2024 Fee Schedule. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Pass Resolution #2-2024, Lowering the Police Pension Employee Contribution to 4%. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Shnipes second by Lewis to Advertise for Planning Commission Opening on Website & social media. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Shnipes, second by Guman to Authorize KBA Engineering to place the 2024 Paving Project for bid. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to table #9. To hire Sandy Guman as part time police secretary @15/hr. 20/hrs. week. Roll call vote, Burke, Lewis, Shnipes, Owen, Moran, Guman-abstain. Motion passes 5-0 with one abstention.
10. Motion by Shnipes, second by Lewis motion to make a motion to advertise for a part time staff assistant @15/hr. 20 hours/ week. Roll call vote, Burke, Lewis, Shnipes, Owen, Moran, Guman, -abstain. Motion passes 5-0 with one abstention.

- 11. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to advertise for a part time staff assistant @ 15/hr., 20/hours /week. Roll call vote, Burke, Lewis, Shnipes, Owen, Moran, Gumasn-abstain, Motion passes 5-0 with one abstention
- 12. Motion to adjourn. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

David Moran, President of Council