

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 21, 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 was present via phone, **Brian Gilgallon was absent.**

Council met for an executive session on February 15, 2024 and February 21, 2024 on Personnel matters.

Archbald Borough 2024 Paving Project Bid Opening 2/21/2024: The bid will be awarded at the March Council Meeting.

COMPANY	BASE BID	ALTERNATE 1	ALTERNATE 2	ALTERNATE 3
H&K Group	1,058,100.14	203,331.08	66,290.40	186,372.20
Wayco, Inc.	735,954.05	156,881.46	40,830.26	136,232.04
Pennsy Supply	702,137.92	156,592.58	38,126.00	136,937.00
Stafursky Paving, Inc.	670,555.72	165,075.04	42,210.20	151,776.90
M & J Excavation, Inc.	787,351.50	172,767.00	19,672.00	143,290.00
Kobalt Construction, Inc.	971,716.75	216,107.25	55,204.00	180,760.00
American Asphalt	831,812.50	174,306.90	51,388.00	157,645.00
New Enterprise Stone & Lime	803,770.22	150,361.64	39,439.76	131,349.00
Kruger Construction	731,043.77	135,498.69	32,850.96	122,780.40
Pioneer Construction	1,890,438.65	234,069.35	60,961.60	217,192.00

The Bids will be given to the Engineer to review and make an award recommendation to council.

Public Comment- (Agenda) Marie Andreoli, Pine Street Archbald, requested to look at the bids for the 2024 paving project, she asked if that required a Right to Know. Marie also asked if the borough gets paid for the electronic recycling.

Correspondence - Gravity Slope is requesting the borough to donate \$2,000.00 Dollars for the purpose of Creating By-Laws and a 501 (C) (3).

Archbald Borough received a letter from Fell Twp, this was handed over to our Code Enforcement Officer Brian Dulay and Borough Manager Dan Markey.

Solicitor Report- Solicitor Jay O'Connor has approved the Records Retention Resolution that is on the agenda for tonight.

Borough Manager Report- Dan received an agreement from Adams Cable and sent to the Solicitor for review. Dan met with representation from Barry Isett & Associates for outstanding bills. The new door is installed. Dan gave council the updated 2024 bid thresholds for PA municipalities. Dan also met with Engineer Jeff Roback and PennDOT. Archbald Borough is looking for state funding for Salem and Laurel Streets, it is considered a Red Detour. Dan spoke it is on the agenda for tonight for tonight a Resolution for records retention.

Mayor's Report (Police Matters)- Mayor Barrett asked about a 501- (C-3) Mayor would like to know what happens to the money once it is donated to the fishing Derby where does it go, who is handling the money.

Reports of Committees- John Shnipes, is on the **Buildings and Grounds Committee-** John gave a report on the furniture that is currently stored in a trailer. John spoke and said it has mold on it, and can be harmful it needs to be disposed of. John asked Dan about the light that is out on Betty Street, Dan replied Roadmaster Mike Zielinski calls Joyce Electric on a daily basis about the light.

Laura Lewis- Laura is on the **CDEC Committee-** as their Liaison, Laura is looking for new members. The next meeting is March 14th, at 7:00 P.M. Laura is also on Special Events- she is looking for help with the Memorial Day Parade, John Shnipes volunteered to help.

Rich Guman- is on the **DPW Committee**, there are 1,600 extra yellow yard waste containers at the DPW garage, council will make a decision as how to distribute them. Rich is also on the **Street Signs Committee-** The new street signs are completed on #5 Hill are completed. Salem and Nebraska (section of Jermyn) are next.

Francis Burke- Francis is on the **Special Events Committee**, Francis spoke on the Fishing Derby that will be held on April 13, 2024 at the Aylesworth Park 511 Hudson St, Jermyn, Pa. it starts at 8:00 A.M. thru 12:00 P.M. Post # 328 The Son's of the American Legion provide Breakfast and

Post # 869 will provide Lunch. Donna Groysman owner of Queen of Tart's would like to have movie in the park, Archbald Borough would provide all the festivities, and Donna would volunteer her time. Francis spoke on Coach Mills having 70 or so kids come to our baseball fields and play. Archbald Borough will supply the dirt that needs to be replaced.

Erin Owen- Erin welcomed the public to the council meeting, Erin spoke on the fence in Eynon getting fixed so quickly she asked that the signs be take down. Erin would like to form a 2025 calendar committee. Erin spoke on the Easter Egg Hunt, March 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Archbald Ambulance building. Erin spoke on the sirens people are complaining. Erin spoke anyone who participates at an event needs clearance. Erin spoke on the dog license; it was stopped when Covid-19 hit. Erin asked how much money was given to the borough through PEMA, FEMA, to go towards the 911- Emergency call center. Erin is on the **Finance Committee**; the next meeting is April 9th. Erin is on the **Recycling Committee**; she would like another meeting set up. Erin spoke on the Veteran's Monument Park, she spoke with Rob Turlip, they are just waiting on approval from the Conservation for clearance, then they can go ahead and remove all the stumps.

Dave Moran- Dave spoke on the fence that was just repaired in Eynon, advertising signs need to come down. Dave announced the bids for the 2024 paving project will be ready by the work session in March. Council is now going to take questions on the agenda first. Then public comment (general items) will be at the end of the council meeting. Dave spoke on the extra yellow yard waste containers that are currently at the DPW Garage. Anyone who wants an additional container will be put on a list.

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Approve Council Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Approve January, 2024 Bills payable. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, second by Guman Moton to Accept Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to hire CNA, Inc. to serve as Engineers for Forest Dr inspection of Street and infrastructure prior to acceptance of dedication. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to allow Joseph Laboranti to purchase his former weapon from the Borough for the cost of a new replacement weapon for the police department. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to apply for a PCCD Grant for police records management software, at a cost of \$99,375.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to apply for Bureau of Justice Grant for Body Worn Cameras. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Shnipes, second by Lewis to Appoint Cliff Capuano to the Planning Commission, filling the unexpired term of Allision Hibbs, expiring on December 31, 2027. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to Pass Resolution #03-2024-Archbald Borough Records Retention Resolution. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Guman, second by Burke to allow Borough Manager to sign Broker of Record Letter Record Naming Swift-Kennedy as the Broker of Records for Health Insurance Proposals. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to contract with RRS to hold an Electronics Recycling Event on April 16, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to hire Sandy Guman as Part Time Staff Assistant @ 15/hr., 20 hours /week effective February 26, 2024. Roll call vote, Burke in favor, Guman, abstain, Lewis in favor, Shnipes in favor, Owen in favor, Moran in favor. Motion passes 5-0 with one abstention. Conflict/ Reason for Abstaining (spouse was hired as part-time Staff Assistant /15/hr. 20/ hrs. a week.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Pay Bills up to \$2,000.00 for Gravity Slope Colliery committee for the Purpose of the Bylaw and 501 (c) 3 creations. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment (General items) – Marie Andreoli Pine Street, Archbald asked when is the agenda made. Borough Manager Dan Markey replied it is made up 24 hours before the Regular Council Meeting.

Jerry Munley-Giardina Drive, Archbald asked that if the Borough have any shelving, they can donate to the Church Father Ryan would appreciate it. Jerry spoke if anyone has any fairly worn clothing than can donate that to the church also. The church has reopened the kitchen, and also the food pantry.

Larry West –Laurel Street, Archbald asked who collected the wage taxes, he did receive a reply that it is Berkheimer. Larry asked about the monthly distribution that the fire houses receive. Larry handed a list of questions that were distributed to council, that will be addressed in the future.

Victor Bolcavage- Old Ridge Road, Archbald asked why the residence only have five minutes to speak. By Ordinance, there is a 5-minute time limit.

Nancy Edmunds Lori Drive, Archbald announced she was speaking as a tax payer, and wanted to know why the mayor didn't give a police report. Mayor Barrett spoke about a 501 (c) 3 for the fishing derby. Nancy also asked why Councilman Erin Owen spoke on the Lion's Club activities Ms. Edmunds what does that have to do with taxes, that she pays on time.

14. Motion by Guman, second by Owen, to Adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting start time 7:00 P.M.- Meeting end time 8:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

David Moran, President of Council