

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 20, 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. 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: **Tony Longo**, 123 Oakhill Drive, Archbald spoke on the water, road conditions. What can be done. Mr. Moran spoke the Borough is waiting on a H2O Grant. The Grant will be used on Maria Blvd, and Oak Hill Drive. Mr. Moran, and Mr. Markey replied DPW will be patching the roads.

Guy Julian, 128 Oak Hill Drive, Archbald addressed council on the water, road conditions, on Oak Hill Drive. What can be done. Mr. Moran spoke the Borough is waiting on a H2O Grant. The Grant will be used on Maria Blvd, and Oak Hill Drive.

Marie Andreoli, 174 Pine Street, Archbald spoke on the pavers at the park they are dirty. Erin Owen spoke and said she will power wash them. 308 Wayne Street, Archbald has debris in the yard. Marie asked why there were no curbs on Laurel Street after the paving project. At Wayne and Pine Street there is a Bush that is obstruction vision. Marie also asked if there can be a speaker system installed. Mr. Markey spoke he is looking into a speaker system for the hearing impaired. Marie asked why the Borough Building is not opened to the public.

Joann Alunni, 281 Laurel Street, Archbald asked on the status of the yellow yard waste containers. Why is there construction at the bottom of the Archbald Mountain. After the paving project there were no curbs installed by her address 281 Laurel Street. Mr. Moran spoke and said yes, they are cleaning the land for development. The Laurel Street paving project was not budgeted for curbs.

Victor Bolcavage, 112 Old Ridge Road, Archbald addressed council on the start time of the meeting why are people waiting outside. Victor asked about the meeting minutes not posted. Mr. Markey spoke and said we are working on this matter. Victor asked for a speaker system for the hearing impaired. Mr. Moran spoke the last estimated was \$9,000.00 dollars. Victor also asked how much money was in the account for the Veteran's Monument Park. Mike Ossont replied \$40,000.00 right now, there is an event this weekend, the balance is surely going to change.

Larry West, 209 Laurel Street, Archbald Larry asked if there was an update on the fire works ordinance. Larry asked if there was an update on the trees that were obstruction on Hickory Street. Mr. Markey said they are taken care of. Larry asked about the flag in Jermyn. Larry asked where is the welcome to Archbald Borough sign.

Rena Bevilacqua, 118 Maria Blvd, Archbald would like to know when the road in front of her house will get black topped. Rena said its icy in the winter. Mr. Moran spoke and said he will get with Borough Manager, Dan Markey and Roadmaster of our DPW Mike Zielenski and look at the road. Rena asked who is going to pay for a new mailbox hers was destroyed from the water problem that exist on her road.

Veteran’s Monument Park Bid Openings: Phrases 3 & 4

Stafursky Paving Company: Base Bid \$1,001,713.25- Add alt \$1,175.00
Scartelli Construction Base Bid \$ 988,326.00- Add alt \$ 1,350.00

Solicitor Report: Jay O’Connor spoke the DROP program and the Police Pension. They are Motion 4 and 5 tonight. In regards to the Hemlock St. property, and Mr. Narcoonis, Solicitor Jay O’Connor said council can vote on it tonight, being all the rightful property owners were notified.

Borough Manager’s Report: Dan Markey spoke on the Police Pension. The 2024 Paving Project Snow Plowing roads in the Borough that we do not get liquid fuels. Mr. Markey is looking into moving some of the offices. Mr. Markey will look into the Oak Hill Drive Road complaints, the Speaker System for the hearing impaired, Pine Street trees, Fire works ordinance. Mr. Markey spoke on the applications for the DPW job, Zoning Officers position they hope to hire within the month. Mr. Markey spoke with a representative from Barry Islett & Associates they are not taking responsibility for the job done on Daystrom Avenue. Pike Street Playground equipment installation is complete.

3rd and 4th Street Paving Project. The Pike Street Playground, waiting on Wayco Inc, to finish. Mr. Markey is working on Pave cut ordinances, and a Resolution for Borough fees for the upcoming year. The Archbald Borough Parking lot to be paved. The yellow yard waste cans are ordered from the 902-Dep grant in the amount of \$ 327,213.00 that will purchase a new DPW truck, a chipper, and two years’ worth of calendars.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor spoke on the flu shots. She asked Borough Manager Dan Markey if he could coordinate with Karen Spataro.

Council Report: **Francis Burke**, spoke the resident’s who live on Maria Blvd, Francis feels the residence should come to a council meeting and address their concerns, and have DPW; attend the council meetings since they are patching the roads.

Thomas Mancuso, DPW is busy cutting grass, soon they will be plowing snow, they are very busy and short a worker. Thomas would like the state to take Ed Staback Park over. Thomas acknowledged that the roads on Maria Blvd. are a concern but DPW only patches, they do not black top. Thomas asked how much money does the Borough have. Does the Borough have enough money to pay off all the paving project’s that are ongoing.

Laura Lewis, thanked everyone of the residents for coming to the council meeting. Laura spoke on the gun bingo that would take place Saturday September 23, 2023 at the AC Field. The bingo is to benefit the Veterans Monument Park, also there is a chicken BBQ at the Eynon Hose Co.

Mike Ossont, Mike asked Dave Moran if he had gotten a response from Chief Harvey, Mr. Moran's response that chief is drafting a letter. Mike addressed the residents; Our new Borough Manager, Dan Markey is only in his position since July. Mr. Markey is dealing with past, present, and future issues that were left behind from previous Borough Manager's, there is a running list of issues, some have been in existence for a long time. Mike also addressed the issues of the budget; he replied the budget can be found on line.

Dave Moran, Mr. Moran is aware of the issues on Maria Blvd, and the poor storm system. Dave wanted to assure that this problem is being addressed. Dave has put together a committee for renewal of street signs: Erin Owen, Rich Guman, and Hank Peters. The Land at the end of Archbald Mtn. is owned by Chamber of Commerce they are emptying it to put up a building. Mr. Clark addressed council on the hearing impaired also, he suggested a talk to text, closed caption. The executive session will now be held in the back room.

Erin Owen, Erin gave an update on the Safety Committee meeting on elevator safety. Erin thanked Joyce Hatala for helping with the 501-3-C, Erin spoke on the oil house it needs cameras it is being vandalized. Erin thanked people who belong to a committee. Erin asked what roads in the Highlands are plowed. Erin spoke on the Crossing Guards. Erin asked if there is an update on Doctor Thomas's issue. Erin asked if there needs to be a sticker placed on an old mattress that is put out for the garbage. Erin spoke on the Pike Street Park. Erin asked for an update on the new door for the borough building what was the cost. Erin would like a corkboard put in the foyer with information such as the meeting minutes, agenda, work session for the residents. Erin asked Mr. Markey if he would have one of his two secretaries get an estimate on a speaker system for the hearing impaired. Erin asked for a calendar meeting. Erin asked if the Borough has any empty land they can sell and make a profit and use that money to take care of the roads that need attention.

Controller Report: Absent

Motions:

1. Motion by Ossont, second by Burke to approve work session minutes from August 9, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Lewis, second by Burke to approve Council Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to approve August 2023 bills HNB General Fund, \$299,040.02. PA Accreditation Grant \$1,215.98. Bullet Proof Vest Grant \$16,996.43. 2022 902 recycling Grant, \$69,965.00 for a Total of \$399,788.43. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Adopt Ordinance # 02-2023, Discontinuing Police Pension DROP Program, effective for police hired on or after 1/1/2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 5. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to Adopt Ordinance # 03-2023, Amending Ordinance 07-2021, correction Police Pension Ordinance to comply with Act 600. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 6. Motion by Ossont, second by Mancuso to list on Municibid 2009 Dodge Ram, vin# 3D6WD76L89G554222 Conditionally, upon receipt of new 2023 Chevy DPW truck. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 7. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to Advertise to hire up to 5 Crossing Guards for School bus stops for up to \$90.00 a week. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 8. Motion to continue Meeting to 9/25/2023, at 6:00 PM. Motion was tabled.
 9. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen motion to make a motion to Grant a petition for the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance vacating the portion of unopened Street abutting Hemlock Street which is the subject of the petition of Edward Narcoonis which was the subject of the hearing on August 16, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 10. Motion by Ossont, second by Owen to Grant a petition for the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance vacating the portion of unopened Street abutting Hemlock Street which is the subject of Edward Narcoonis which is the subject of the hearing on August 16, 2023. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 11. Motion to adjourn. Motion by Mancuso, second by Ossont.
- Meeting start time: 7:00 PM- Meeting ending time: 9:30 PM

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:


Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

David Moran, President of Council