

ARCHBALD BOROUGH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

400 Church Street Archbald, Pa 18403

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Moran 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by Roll call: Burke, Guman, Lewis, Shnipes, Owen, Moran, Mayor Barrett. **Brian Gilgallon was absent.**

March 13, 2024 at 8:00 P.M. council met in executive session on personnel matters.

Lackawanna County District Attorney's Office- Brian Gallagher, Esq. 1st Assistant DA:

Mr. Brian Gallagher introduced himself, as the Lackawanna County District Attorney DA, Mr. Gallagher spoke on the programs that are available to first time offender. Mr. Gallagher spoke on the resource programs that are available, School Resources Officer training, and Prom Safety. A non-profit Addiction Program is available for non-violent offenders with a substance abuse. Mr. Gallagher spoke on the ARD Program for first time offender who can help the borough with painting, cutting grass, cleaning up after church picnics etc., Mr. Gallagher would like the boroughs input, on how the DA's Office can improve.

Lackawanna County Community Relations: Mark Cordelli-

Mr. Mark Cordelli, introduced himself as the new Community Relations contact for Lackawanna County. Since covid the program was halted. The Commissioners are starting the program again and Mr. Cordelli would like the borough's input. Mr. Cordelli gave some examples of the up-and-coming events that will be going on in Lackawanna County. March 24th and the 30th, The Easter Bunny will be on the Trolley both days. May 4th Star Wars, April 22nd Earth Day, May 18th Armed Forces Day Parade. Mr. Cordelli also brought dog license applications.

Public Comment (Agenda items only)- none at this time

Correspondence – none at this time

Solicitor Report- none at this time

Borough Manager Report- Dan emailed a copy of a listing of financing a new Police car, and a new DPW truck, the old ones will go out on municibid, Dan asked that council look it over and have an answer for the April work session. Erin Owen, Dan Markey and Mary Loff will be going to the Jessup 911 call center to a meeting on recycling on March 21st 2024. Dan spoke on the Yellow Yard Waste cans they will be available to residents Dan did distribute a list of possible grants he asked that council look them over and pick their top 5.

Police Report- Chief Trently spoke about recent grants received on traffic safety and enforcement. Chief also stated that officers received training on gang awareness, and education. Chief spoke about on-going public safety efforts within the community.

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Approve Council Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2024. All in favor, Motion carried.

2. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Approve February, 2024 Bills Payable: HNB General Fund- **\$178,578.47**, Accreditation Grant- **\$5,004.77**, Lackawanna County SWAT Vest- **\$19,096.00**, Gravity Slope Colliery Grant- **\$6,486.00**, Pike Street Playground-**\$5,099.65**. for a **total of \$214,264.89**. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Shnipes, second by Guman to Accept Treasurer's Report, Tax Collector Report, Planning Commission Report, Work Session Notes, and Reports from Committees. Roll call vote, Burke in favor, Guman in favor, Lewis in favor, Shnipes in favor, Owen Against, Moran in favor, Motion passes 5-1
4. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Award 2024 Archbald Borough Paving Project to Stafursky Paving Inc., to include Base Bid Plus Alternated #2 & #3 (Legion Alley, Salem Road). Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to Award Copier services to Fraser Advanced Information Systems for a Monthly Base Price of \$297.40, effective 3/21/2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to Re-Appoint John Shnipes Sr. to the Zoning Hearing Board, Term Expiring 12/31/2026. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to Re-Appoint Donald Muchal to the Zoning Hearing Board, Term Expiring 12/31/2026. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Re-Appoint Kayleigh Cornell to the Community Development and Economic Committee, Term Expiring 12/31/2026. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Lewis, second by Shnipes to Appoint Marie Andreoli to the Community Development & Economic Committee, Term Expiring 12/31/2026. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Re-Appoint John Mazza to the Planning Commission, Term Expiring 12/31/2027. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Re-Appoint Robert Nolan Sr. to the Planning Commission, Term Expiring 12/31/2027. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to Re-Appoint Ed Levandowski to UCC Appeals Board, Term Expiring 12/31/2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Re-Appoint Tony Grizzanti to UCC Board, Term Expiring 12/31/2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Guman, second by Owen, to table Motion 14, to request PennDOT conduct a Traffic Study the intersection of Columbus Drive, and the Eynon – Jermyn Road. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Accept Bids for Property & Casualty and Worker's Compensation Insurance and to Allow Borough Manager to Assign Broker of Record Lettes as Appropriate. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to have Pickleball Lines Painted on Tennis Courts at Staback Park, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 Dollars. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried
17. Motion by Lewis, second by Burke to Allow up to Three Council Member and Borough Manager to Attend the PSAB Annual Conference in Hershey, Pa June 2nd – 5th at a cost of \$4,116.88. Roll call vote, Burke in favor, Guman in favor, Lewis in favor, Shnipes in favor, Owen against, Moran in favor. Motion Passes 5-1.
18. Motion by Guman, second by Burke to Advertise to Hire Three Seasonal DPW Laborers for up to 180 Days at a Rate of \$16/hr. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Allot a \$3,000.00 Bonus to Chief Trently. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment (General Items) –

Nancy Edmunds 752 Lori Drive, Archbald – Miss Edmunds spoke on the role of the Borough Council in PA; Miss Edmunds stated she was amazed that members of the borough council are more worried about painting lines on pickle ball court, and hesitate to send council members to training. The role of the Borough Council person in Pa; maintain the peace good government and welfare of the borough and to protect the health safety morals and general welfare of its inhabitant's. As an inhabitant of pin number #1040801001514 Miss Edmunds would like to know why inhabitants who have not paid their taxes of garbage for 2022-2023 do not suffer any consequences, specifically in both 2022-2023, Miss Edmunds stated taxes and garbage fees were increased Miss Edmunds stated she had paid hers on time. So why are we still picking up garbage and plowing the streets of those individuals? If this noncompliance is any member of council, how can they vote on any motion that references a financial expense on the tax payer. They have no right not morally or ethically and should simply abstain. Miss Edmunds stated she can't understand why an ordinance, or resolution cannot be passed that the borough of Archbald will no longer pick up garbage or maintain roads of people who simply refuse to pay their taxes.

Donnie Cirba 813 Oak Street Eynon, Pa – Donnie was representing Eynon, Sturges Hose Co. He introduced himself as President of the hose company he is asking that council raise the allotment for the hose company he expressed that equipment, and apparatus have doubled in price. Dave Moran spoke this will have to go into next year's budget.

Guy Julian 128 Oakhill Drive Archbald, Pa- Guy asked for an update on Oakhill Drive, Dave Moran spoke the Borough did receive two grants, Jamesway is in the process of being surveyed, then the upper hills, the bid should be out by June, award in July, Oakhill will take longer.

Thomas Owen- Introduced himself as a resident of Archbald, and President of the Valley View School Board, He then pointed at a resident Miss Nancy Edmunds, and said he has 4-5 Properties in this town, and he doesn't always pay his taxes on time, he does pay the penalty that Pennsylvania has of 7%, -8% Pennsylvania offers a payment plan, he spoke and said Miss Edmunds is an ignorant person and she should be fired for going to a school board meeting and giving a pin number. Mr. Owen stated he pays \$35,000.00 dollars a year, more than the person who lives on Lori Drive.

Glen Clark- spoke it's a joy to be at the meeting and listen to all the updated on the roads and the grants that the borough has received, and due to the new speaker system, actually hear what's going on.

Robert Harvey- Chief Harvey spoke he met with Insurance Service Office the reason why Donnie Cirba is looking for monies for the Hose Company's the money will go towards having hoses tested, ladder tested, pumped certified.

Larry West- 209 Laurel Street Archbald, Pa Larry spoke on the LST tax 25% of the monies should be going to the hose companies, split the four ways, Larry brough up the street light was out by his house he spoke he had seen a PP&L worker asked if they would look at the bulb and sensor, the PP&L person did change it. Larry spoke on the list of questions he handed into council, he spoke and said all the answers to him were negative, and asked why no member of council called him to sit down and discuss his questions.

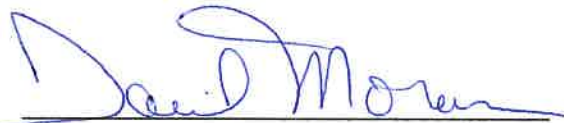
Motion:

- 20. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis meeting Adjourn. All in favor, motion carried
Meeting start 7:00 P.M.- Meeting end time 8:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH

Mary Loff, Borough Secretary



David Moran, President of Council