

## ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

400 Church Street Archbald, PA 18403

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President John Shnipes at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by Roll call: Guman, Lewis, Shnipes, Owen, Mayor Barrett. **Absent were Brian Gilgallon, Francis Burke, and Council President Dave Moran.**

**Executive Session-** Solicitor Jay O'Connor announced that prior to tonight's meeting at 6:30pm, Council met in Executive Session on Personnel issues.

**Lackawanna County Community Relations: Mark Cordelli-** Mr. Mark Cordelli- **was absent at tonight's meeting.**

**Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)- none**

**Correspondence-** There will be a ribbon cutting; grand opening for a salon SULTANAH'S 2 Kennedy Dr, Archbald, on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Jacob D. Piazza formally resigned from the Archbald Police Dept. effective 5/30/2024.

John Marsili a resident of Archbald asked that the banners be put back up.

Brian Wrightson- a member of the (CDEC) is volunteering his time to create an ADOPT A SPOT for Wi-Fi in the High School Plaza.

**Engineer's Report-** Tony Grizzanti spoke on the 2024 Paving Project. It will start on June 24, 2024. James Way will be put out to bid, and there will be a pre-bid conference on July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. The oil House is a work in progress. Tony reported he is working on the punch list for Forrest Drive.

**Mayor's Report-** Mayor Barrett spoke to Chief Trently on the traffic with the buses at the school. Archbald Police have been patrolling more frequently now that school is out, and more patrolmen are available. Police are enforcing the speed limit. There have been drug investigations. Officer Mark Waters has handed out twenty-five (25) citations. Mayor has been getting calls about the addresses problem on Rt. 6 in Eynon. There is a problem with truck traffic. She suggested that new signs be put up, so the trucks know to get to the highway, and not go through town, as the underpass is too low for some trucks.

**Solicitor Report- Solicitor** Jay O'Connor spoke on updating the recycling ordinance to charge a recycling fee for businesses. General obligation notes of \$1MM with the Honesdale National Bank.

**Reports of Committees - Rich Guman-** gave an update on the DPW workers. They are working hard at cutting grass at the playgrounds, busy with recycling, overall busy. Rich gave an update on the street signs; they are still a work in progress.

**Laura Lewis-** Thanked everyone for all their hard work with the Memorial Day Parade, especially Congressman Matt Cartwright. Laura also thanked Marie Andreoli for helping with the cooking. Laura spoke on the Wi Fi in the park, that Brian Wrightson will install Laura is in favor of it. Laura announced

that the The Community Development & Economic Committee will hold a meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

**Erin Owen**- Erin announced that the Veteran's Monument Park Committee did not host a meeting in June; it will take place in July. Erin spoke on the Gravity Slope Colliery – Oil house is a work in progress, she also asked Borough Manger Dan Markey on the Abandon Mind Reclamation Grant. Dan spoke with our grant writer on this matter. Erin spoke on the budget meeting; everything is on track. Erin asked Borough Manager Dan Markey if there is an extra slide at the DPW Garage, Dan replied yes, he will look into it.

**John Shnipes**- John spoke on the DPW workers, they are very busy. John spoke on the Public Safety meeting it will be held Thursday at 6:00 P.M. John spoke, on the in-house Safety Committee he will be taking over for Chairperson Francis Burke, while is is out.

**Borough Manager Report**- Archbald Borough Manager-Dan Markey spoke on the shredding event that will be held July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 A.M.- Noon at the Valley View School. Archbald Borough Admin, and DPW, Senator Rosemary Brown, and Rep. Kyle Mullins will be attending. In May it was on the agenda Archbald Resident Mike Rogan 901 Ann St. Daystrom Ave, had approached the last Borough Manager about curbing by his home, Dan asked Council if they have a decision as what to do. Council did not make a decision as of today. Dan spoke of the recent trip to the PSAB conference in Hershey with Rich Guman, and Dave Moran. President Moran received his Certified Borough Official Designation. Archbald Borough was named Business View Publishing's Best of 2024 - Best Managed Borough's. Archbald Borough Manager Dan Markey spoke on harassment, he will not tolerate it, with any of his worker's or himself, if you are being harassed you are to call Dan and he will call the police. Dan spoke on the Active Alert (911) and lamResponding alert, as Borough Manger, Dan would like if he had knowledge of where the people who are responding to those calls are at, being they are under the borough's Worker's Compensation Insurance, and in case an emergency arises where he must be present. Archbald Borough will host the County Commissions July 3, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in council chambers. TOPS -taking off pounds sensibly would like to use chambers on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 A.M.- 9:00 A.M. Dan spoke on the General Obligation note from HNB Bank.

**Motions:**

1. Motion by Guman, second by Owen to Amend Motion #1 to include May 15, 2024 council meeting minutes and include SALDO hearing minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Guman, second by Owen to Approve council meeting minutes from May 15,2024 including SALDO Hearing minutes. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion by Lewis, second by Guman to approve May 2024 Bills payable in the amount of \$284,038.77. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to accept Treasurer's Report, Tax Collector Report, Planning Commission Report, Zoning Report. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Motion by Lewis, second by Guman to Accept & Approve 2023 DCED Audit. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Pass Ordinance #01-2024- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried,

7. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Pass Resolution #5- 2024 Authorizing a Junior Councilperson. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to Accept Proposal from Kimmel- Bogrette, Inc. for Architecture and Engineering Services from Emergency Center Operations Grant for \$277,500.00 Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to pass agreement between Archbald Borough and Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority for an easement at the Gravity Slope Oil House. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to Accept Resignation of Part Time Police Officer Jacob Piazza effective May 30, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Ratify Hiring of Shane Kearney as Temporary DPW Employee at \$16/hr. effective May 30, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen. Second by Lewis to Ratify Aiden Kearney as Temporary DPW Employee at \$16/hr. effective June 5, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Ratify Hiring of Logan McConnell as Temporary DPW Employee at \$16/hr. effective June 17, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Appoint Robert Guman to fill Open Seat on Zoning Hearing Board, with Term Expiring on December 31, 2025. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to Advertise to Hire one Full Time DPW Employee. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to Advertise to Hire a Part Time Police Officer. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Guman second by Owen to Advertise Request for bid for Garbage contract for Three (3) Year Term and Five (5) year term with options for (2) one year Extension each, and Alternate Bid to handle comingle, paper, and cardboard recycling. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis Allow solicitor Jay O'Connor to draft and advertise Ordinance Repealing Office of Controller. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Allow Brian Wrightson of CDEC to install Wi-Fi at High School Plaza at no cost to the Borough. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment/ Council comment (General items)**

Marie Andreoli 174 Pine Street, Archbald, Marie spoke and said she has been approached by members of the community and they would like to know when there will be activity started on the Veteran's Monument Park. Council Person Erin Owen spoke, it will start in July.

Larry West 209 Laurel Street Archbald would like to know where the CBDG Grant money was being used for. He would like to see it used on #5 Hill, take the curbing out. Mr. West asked about a Royalty tax. Mr. West addressed Borough Manager Dan Markey; he knows the harassment statement was aimed towards him for the way he addressed the Borough DPW workers, Mr. West argued that his ornamental grass was not cleaned up and DPW workers should pick them up off the street.

Nancy Edmunds 752 Lori Drive, Archbald asked that if Juneteenth fall on a Wednesday next year that Council not hold their meeting that day, as it is a federal holiday. Ms. Edmunds asked if the

Beautification Committee received their 501-C 3 as of today. Ms. Edmunds asked if the Wi-Fi is installed in the park who gets to use it and do the neighboring houses get it for free.

20. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis meeting Adjourned. All in favor. Motion carried

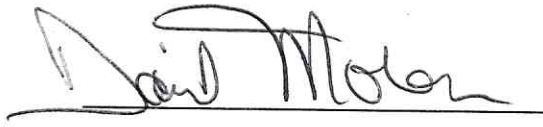
Council meeting ended at 8:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:



Mary Loff, Archbald Borough Secretary



Dave Moran, President of Council