

ARCHBALD BOROUGH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15th, 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: Guman, Lewis, Shnipes, Moran present, Owen, Mayor Barrett attended the meeting via phone, **Burke, and Gilgallon were absent**

Executive Session-

Present Dave Moran announced that council met for an Executive Session on May 8th, 2024 on Personnel issues. Prior to tonight's Council Meeting on May 15th, 2024 Council meeting in Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

Lackawanna County Community Relations: Mark Cordelli- Mr. Cordelli spoke on the upcoming events for Lackawanna County.

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 20th, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Thomas Aniska- Mr. Aniska has resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board- Effective May 12th, 2024

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Jay O'Connor is working on the paving loan. Dave Moran asked if they could schedule a loan payment the first or second year to help with the interest. Solicitor O'Connor spoke and said that is something that needs to be discussed with the bank.

Borough Manager Report- Archbald Borough Manager: Dan Markey spoke he is working on Garbage bid specs. Dan received a request from Archbald Borough Mayor Shirley Barrett for a blight form complaint. Dan informed council of a free app if you downloaded the app gov alert you can submit your concerns, Dan will post all the information on the website. Dan addressed council, Microsoft 365 is completed you are having any issues to please contact Dan. Dan was contacted by Archbald resident Mike Rogan 901 Ann St Daystrom Avenue, Archbald Mr. Rogan approached the last borough manager of the curbing by his home and would like the borough to cut the concrete curbing, Archbald DPW is not equipped to do so. Dan announced this will be talked about at the work session next month. Dan was approached by David Stafursky who recently purchased land in Eynon near the church, he would like it if the borough could lower the pipe and extend the pipe about 150 feet so the water is not backed up on his land.

Motions:

1. Motion by Shnipes, second by Guman Approve Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motin to Approve April, 2024 Bills Payable: **HNB-General Fund- \$168,721. Accreditation Grant- \$5,920.48 James Way Small Water & Sewer Grant- \$2,884.00 Valley View Sidewalk MTF Grant \$2,794.00 (5) American Rescue Plan Fund \$360.00 (6) PIB Loan \$3,894.00 (7) Recreation Tax**

- Account \$ 1,576.00 (8) Refuse Fund \$ 47,682.00 (9) PA DEP 902 Recycling Grant \$633.00 for a Total of \$234,464.91.** Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Lewis, second by Shnipes to Accept Treasurer's Report, Tax Collector's Report, Planning Commission Report, Zoning Report, Mayor's Report, Work Session Notes, and Reports of Committees. All in favor, motion carried.
 4. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Award Property & Casualty Insurance to Trident Insurance Through Joyce Insurance/Risk Strategies at an Annual Premium of \$68,543. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 5. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to Reimburse Eynon/Sturges Volunteer Hose company in the Amount of \$2,915.00 for auto insurance Premium. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 6. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to Award COSTARS Contract to D&M Construction for construction of Pavilion at Archbald Borough's Veteran's Monument Park at a cost of \$266,000.00, with an Amount of \$238,958.00 to be paid through LSA Grant and \$27,042.00 to be paid by Archbald Borough Veteran's Monument Park Association. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 7. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to carry over \$9,300.00 from 2023-Budget to 2024-Budget for street signs and hardware. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 8. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Accept Resignation of DPW Employee J.P. Simon effective May 17th, 2024 with regret. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 9. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to allow KBA Engineering to advertise for bids for the Gravity Slope Colliery Oil House Building and site improvements. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 10. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to approve replacement of central air unit in council chambers by White's Mechanical LLC, cost of \$8,000.00 dollars. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 11. Motion by Shnipes, second by Lewis to allow Solicitor to advertise subdivision and land development ordinance. All in favor, motion carried.
 12. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to direct Solicitor Jay O'Connor to draft an agreement between Archbald Borough and the Archbald Borough Veteran's Monument Park Committee. All in favor, motion carried.
 13. Motion by Shnipes, second by Guman to accept resignation of Tom Aniska from Zoning Hearing Board effective May 12, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 14. Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to advertise for an Open Zoning Hearing Board and Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Positions. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 15. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to advertise for open Community and Economic Development Committee Position. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
 16. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to advertise for Archbald Community Yard Sale to be held on July 13, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment/ Council Comment- (General Items) –

Nancy Edmunds 752 Lori Drive, Archbald –Ms. Edmunds addressed to council she is a 10- year resident of Archbald Borough. Ms. Edmunds addressed council on the attendance of council members present in order to meet quorum, she expressed that her vacation time is scheduled so she is present for meetings. Ms. Edmunds spoke on the Lion's Club accepting donations from the Archbald Borough for hot dogs and refreshments that were served to volunteers who are part of the Beautification Committee, the Beautification Committee does not have a 501-C 3 Ms. Edmunds

suggest they get one. Ms. Edmunds addressed council on the ordinance in which if you do not pay your taxes that your garbage not be collected, if you are in the arrears. Ms. Edmunds as a tax payer suggest you not be allowed to vote, to spend tax payer's dollars in the amount of \$234,461.91 if they themselves are not paying their own taxes.

Erin Owen- via telephone, Erin spoke on the volunteering of the Lion's Club, they are part of the Beautification Committee they help clean up Archbald Borough, they take the time to volunteer. Mrs. Owen feels it's just a nice gesture to serve them refreshments at the end of the day.

Dave Moran- Mr. Moran spoke on the Beautification Committee, it is nice to have the volunteers of the Lion's Club to help clean up the Borough, Mr. Moran spoke he feels it's a nice gesture to serve refreshments as well.

Laura Lewis- Mrs. Lewis address the residents and spoke on Council person Francis Burke; to inform them Francis was not present at the council meeting, he was hospitalized. Mrs. Lewis went on to say if you are known someone in need Francis was always there to help. Mrs. Lewis asked that you keep Francis and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Motion:

17. Motion by Guman, second by Owen meeting Adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting end time 7:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:



Mary Loff, Archbald Borough Secretary



Dave Moran President of council

