

## ARCHBALD BOROUGH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 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, Andreoli, Owen, Moran, Mayor Barrett.

August 14, 2024- Council met in executive session on personnel matters after the work session at 8:45 P.M.

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

**Grant Application: Lackawanna County Arts & Culture-** July 5- October 18, 2024. Phone 570-963-6590 Ext: 3176.

**Fridays in the Park:** 570-963-6710-Ext-1450

**Take the Trolley to the Game:** 570-963-6590

**Electric City Trolley Museum:** 570-963-6590

**2024 OUSA Nationals:** <https://www.dvoa.org/2024-ousa-nationals/>

**Tire Recycling Drop-Offs:** The information will be posted on the bulletin board

**Engineers Report-** Tony Grizzanti spoke on **James Way small water and Sewer Grant Project-** bids were opened on July 17, 2024. **Hills of Archbald H 2 O Grant Project-** Preliminary plans are complete, drainage layouts are completed, they are looking into utility conflicts. **Valley View Intermediate School Sidewalk Project-** Preliminary plans are completed. KBA is working with Penn DOT through the EMS system to prepare for bidding by the department. **2024-Paving Project-** Drainage is installed on North Miller, Cemetery and Edwards Court. Mill and overlay are in process. **Archbald Borough projects by KBA Engineering-** Multi-modal sidewalks on Main Street from Monroe to Old Ridge Road- that portion is designed and ready for Penn DOT permitting. Archbald Borough is attempting to secure additional funding for this project.

**Public Comment (Agenda items only)-**

**Nancy Edmunds-**752 Lori Drive Archbald, spoke on the new street sign for Marion L. Munley Way, the cost of the sign, the cost of the Solicitor to advertise it, the salary of the worker. Nancy is not in favor of the new street sign. Nancy spoke on the change of address issue and why council should look into fixing the issues, so that EMS responders can find the person in distress quicker, and feels that's a more important subject than signs, flower pots, and mulch.

**J.P. Mascaro & Sons-** Samuel Augustine, and Albert DeGennaro, spoke on the garbage contract. J.P. Mascaro & sons were awarded Municipal Solid Waste Bid a Three-Year Contract at a total cost of \$2,404,968, with Two One-year options.

**Correspondence** – **Mike Ossont** requested changing the addresses on Kennedy Drive to make it easier on 911 dispatch to get to the resident.

**Archbald Ambulance and Rescue Squad**- wrote a letter they are in favor of the renumbering the addresses on Kennedy Drive.

**Father Ryan**- requested paving Gilmartin Street.

**Marie Andreoli**- Marie resigned from the CDEC committee as Chair but will attend the meetings as a resident.

**Motions:**

1. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to Approve Council Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2024. All in favor, Motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Approve July 2024 Bills Payable in the amount of \$233,808.64. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Shnipes, second by Lewis to accept Treasurer's Report, Tax Collector Report, Police Report, Zoning Report, Unsafe Structure Report, Work Session Notes. All in favor, Motion carried.
4. Motion by Andreoli, second by Guman to accept resignation of Marie Andreoli from CDEC. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to hire Mason Perechinsky as new DPW Laborer at a rate of \$23.39/hour effective August 26, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to award municipal solid waste bid to J.P. Mascaro & Sons to a three-year contract at a total cost of \$2,404,968 with two one-year options. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to award Pa small water and sewer grant project for Jamesway to Stafursky Paving Inc. at a cost of \$301,505.90. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Andreoli, second by Shnipes to enter into a two-year agreement with Muni Consult Consulting effective September 1, 2024, as a cost of \$2,000.00/ month. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Owen, second by Lewis to allow Solicitor to create and advertise an Ordinance to rename a portion of Salem Ave. from Church St./Laurel St. to the Railroad Tracks to Marion L. Munley Way. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Guman, second by Burke to apply for a Mine Reclamation Grant to upgrade Shifting Shanty and Fan house renovations. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Shnipes, second by Andreoli apply for Lackawanna County Reinvestment Grant for Gravity Slope Oil House renovations. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen, second by Andreoli apply for Lackawanna County Arts & Cultural Grant for two sculptures for Gravity Slope improvements. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Andreoli to advertise to hire up to four Crossing Guards at a rate of \$17.00/hour. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Shnipes, second by Guman to accept resignation of C.J. Mustacchio as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor effective August 14, 2024, with regret. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to appoint Daniel Markey as Assistant Borough Secretary. On the Question: Council Person Erin Owen asked President Dave Moran will Mr. Markey be

getting a pay increase? Or any financial gain? President Moran answered not at this time. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

- 16. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to spend up to \$12,000.00 dollars for a DPW Hydraulic Lift. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment (General Items)-**

**Genevieve Lupini-** Mrs. Lupini a resident of Jessup has been attending council meetings and working with chiefs of police with a project she and her late husband Ron Lupinin started, Calling All Abandoned Cars & Trucks. Mrs. Lupini asked that if anyone has an old Car, Truck, Camper, etc. that they consider donating to the project all monies raised go to the Valley Library.

**Patrick Sweeney** 743 Chestnut Street, Archbald addressed council with Zoning and Code Enforcement issues. Mr. Sweeney spoke of Mr. Dulay speaking to an elderly person whose grass was too high. Mr. Sweeney addressed to council asking if Mr. Frank Farina has any law enforcing training? Was Mr. Farina hired as a favor? Mr. Sweeney expressed he feels the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officers are intimidating residents of Archbald.

**Council Comment-**

**Council member Erin Owen-** Erin spoke on why she is in favor of renaming the street Marion L. Munley Way Street, Erin spoke on accomplishments made throughout the Era on many great women in History, especially Mrs. Munley she was the first woman to have her portrait in the State Capital. Erin addressed the flag issues; we hang flags to honor our Veterans. Erin asked why should council members have to paint fire hydrants, clean weeds, and sweep sidewalks it's absurd when DPW should be doing it.

**Council President Dave Moran-** Dave spoke on the Kennedy Dr. address change right now council person John Shnipes is working on that. Dave addressed the Marion L. Munley sign he is in favor. Dave spoke on the streets on Foxtail Circle, Archbald Borough DPW, will not be plowing those roads, they are privately owned. President Dave Moran asked that the meeting be continued, August 26, 2024 at Noon in Chambers to discuss Agenda item replacing Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor C.J. Mustacchio.

No Adjournment at this time. Meeting ended 8:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

David Moran, President of Council



