

ARCHBALD BOROUGH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 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.

President Dave Moran announced that the August continuation meeting was canceled. Council met in executive session on September 11, 2024 at 7:15 PM on Personnel issues.

Lackawanna County- Mark Cordelli-

Riverfest- September 21, 2024- Sweeney's Beach Recreation Are 11:00 A.M. -5:00 P.M.- Duck Race 3:00 P.M.

2024 Summertime Special Events the Electric City Trolley Museum, Meet & Greet Elsa & Anna (Frozen) September 21, 2024.

Senior Community Center Art Show- Friday October 4, 2024 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Lackawanna County Government Center 123 Wyoming Ave, Scranton.

Electric Trolley Museum- October 4, 2024 featuring art show from students from Abington Heights High School. Taking up Space film festival presented by Park Multimedia, Scranton Fringe & The Black Scranton Project. December 6, 2024 Celebrating the Holiday at the museum featuring entertainment plus voting for your favorite tee in Trim -A-Tree Challenge.

Lackawanna County Recovery Walk & Celebration- Sunday September 22, 2024 at Nay Aug Park Schedule: 11 :00 A.M.-registration, Noon-walk, 1:00 P.M. celebration.

2024- OUSA Nationals- October 11-13,2024-Day 1- Sprint Championship at Nay Aug in Scranton. Days 2 and 3 Longs Championships (WRE, NRE) at Merli Sarnoski County Park for more information go to the website- <https://www.dvoa.org/2024-ousa-nationals/>

Festival of Trees 2024- A Cartoon Christmas. Where- Lackawanna County Courthouse, Biden Street, Scranton Pa. when- Thursday December 5, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Trees must be set up by December 4th, 2024. It will close January 12, 2025. Cost is \$25.00 funds will be matched by Lackawanna County and donated to Toys for Tots. The Theme is Cartoon Christmas.

Now Open- Community Project Grant Application July 5th, it will close on October 18, 2024. For more information phone- 570-963-6590- Ext. 3176

All information can be found on the Archbald Borough website and the bulletin board.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)- None

Engineers Report- Tony Grizzanti was absent sent a report via email to Borough Manager Dan Markey.

James Way Small Water and Sewer Grant Project- Stafursky has all the pipe and inlets ordered, work will begin as soon as materials are delivered. Most likely the first week in October. **Hills of Archbald H 2**

O Grant Project- Plans are complete. KBA has drainage layouts done, finishing up spec and ready for bid

next month. **Gravity Slope Oil House Project-** Plans and Specs are almost complete and ready for bid next month. **Valley View Intermediate School Sidewalks Project-** Preliminary Plans are complete. KBA are working with PennDOT through the ECMS system to prepare for bidding by the department **2024 Paving Project-** work is in progress. Drainage is installed on North Miller, Cemetery, and Edwards Court. mill and overlay are complete in the Eynon section. Archbald Borough Projects that KBA is handling- Multimodal sidewalks on Main Street from Monroe to Old Ridge. This portion is designed and ready for PennDOT permitting. The Borough is attempting to secure additional fundings to extend the project.

Correspondence- Letter addressed to Council and Chief Tim Trently- Eugene Cholish jr. has given his resignation as part time police officer with the Archbald Borough effective September 14, 2024.

Borough Manager Dan Markey received a letter of Resignation from Donald P. Muchal Jr. 1 Muchal Lane, Jermyn resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately.

Borough Manager Report- Borough Manager Dan Markey spoke on the Emergency Operations Center plans to move forward. Mr. Markey met with the architects, who submitted everything FEMA needs to begin the Environmental planning and historic preservation study. Chief Trently and Mr. Markey will be meeting with County EMA, who seems to have an interest in assisting with the project.

Mr. Markey met with DCNR and Lackawanna County regarding Staback Park and the Archbald Pothole.

Mr. Markey visited the University of Scranton Marketing/Advertising class and this semester Archbald Borough is the focal point on the course syllabus. The class is split up into two projects. One project is on how to bolster the image of the Archbald Pothole State Park and attract visitors. The second project focuses on increasing recycling and reporting efforts on businesses in Archbald. Mr. Markey was the guest speaker at the September 5, 2024 class.

Resulting from the September 5, 2024 class at the University professor advised Mr. Markey there is a commuting student from the area who is interested in an internship with the Archbald Borough to help roll out some social media ideas that come from the course. Mr. Markey confirmed the understanding this is an unpaid internship.

The Borough Managers from Jessup, Blakely, and Archbald met with Valley View High School Principal and guidance to discuss the Junior councilperson program. It was a productive meeting a form will be drafted for students.

A resident from 111 Hickory Street requested permission to cut down two evergreen trees on borough property-one of which the roots were damaging his driveway blacktop. After granting permission an adjacent property owner from 159 Monrow Street voiced their concern about both trees being cut down. Borough Manager Dan Markey spoke with spoke with both residents the tree does not pose a threat or nuisance the roots do not intrude in the borough roadway. The resident proposed, a compromise, to allow her neighbor to cut a potentially dangers threat on her property, if they keep the evergreen closed to the road. After both residents agreed to the compromise Borough Manager Dan Markey revoked permission for the tree closest to Monroe/Park St. intersection, but still granted permission to the tree abutting Hickory Street.

Borough Managers from Archbald, Blakey, Dickson City, and Dunmore met with and received a proposal from Waste Management in Dunmore to receive comingle, paper, and cardboard recyclables at a rate of

\$72.82/ton. This is a 39% decrease from \$120/ton. Borough Manager Dan Markey will ask council to make this a motion for the October council meeting.

Borough Manager Dan Markey provided information on the Ordinance #01-1989 provides stoppage of service for residents that are delinquent in paying garbage fees. As of Monday, outstanding garbage fees for Archbald are \$335,890.26.

Borough Manager Dan Markey has been informed from September 30, 2024 until October 21, 2024 the entire Salem Road underpass beneath Route 6 Casey Highway will be closed. Borough Manager Dan Markey reached out to PennDOT to see if they would reconsider and keep a lane open, but they are not open to this. Borough Manager Dan Markey asked if they could keep a shoulder open for emergency vehicles to pass through. Mr. Markey is awaiting on a response from PennDOT.

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Approve Council Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2024. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to Approve August bills payable in the Amount of \$351,626.92. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Shnipes, second by Andreoli to accept Treasure's Report, Tax Collector Report, Police Report, Zoning Report, Unsafe Structure Report, Work Session Notes. All in favor, Motion carried.
4. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Appoint Attorney Robert Moran as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor at a rate of \$150/hr. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to Accept Resignation of Part time Police Officer Eugene Cholish from the Archbald Police Department effective September 14, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to Accept Resignation of Don Muchal from Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Owen, second by Andreoli to Allow Borough Manager to enter into five-year agreement with Revize for website redesign, initial payment \$9100, with hosting fees of \$1800/year for the next 4 years. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to send Borough Manager to fall PSAB conference in Lancaster, Pa at a cost of \$441.78. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Shnipes, second by Lewis to hire Richard Ercole as part time crossing guard at a salary of \$80.00/week. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to Accept non-uniformed employee pension 2025 minimum municipal obligation in the amount of \$49,367.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Owen, second by Andreoli to Accept Police Pension 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$288,518.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to Authorize up to \$1500 to New Look Line Striping for Crosswalks & Stopbars. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to Appoint Wendy Evans to Zoning Hearing Board for Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2026. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment (General Items)- Erika Dutka 159 Monroe Street, Archbald Pa- addressed council on her concern on the evergreen trees to be cut down. At the request of an Archbald resident at 111 Hickory Street to cut down two evergreen trees on borough property- one of which the roots were damaging the resident’s driveway blacktop. Borough Manager Dan Markey got with both residents and they came to a compromise. The tree that was relatively healthy and did not pose a threat or nuisance and the roots of the tree do not intrude in the borough roadway will stay. The tree that is a danger will be cut down.

Lillian Mc Cormick 1220 Towin Street, Jessup Pa- Lillian addressed council on her concerns on the Veteran’s Monument Park.

Council Comment- Erin Owen gave an update on the **Veteran’s Monument Park-** there were grants that needed to be redone, \$350,00.00 was spent on underground plumbing. Leo Zini will do the foundation. Erin gave an update on **Gravity slope Colliery-** a meeting will be held on Monday in chambers at the borough building. **A Recycling Committee** meeting was held on Monday September 16th at 9:30 am council received a list of businesses that Archbald Borough DPW picks up and they do not pay a fee. Erin asked should small businesses be exempt. The Recycling issue will be discussed at the next work session.

Laura Lewis- Special Events- The Harvest Fest will take place at the AC Field from 1 P.M.-4 P.M.

Dave Moran- Archbald Borough will turn 150 years old in 2026. President Dave Moran asked that council start getting ready. Cindy Houser an Archbald resident has volunteered to help with the event.

Motion 14. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

David Moran, President of Council

