

## ARCHBALD BOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 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, Shnipes, Andreoli, Owen, Moran, Mayor Barrett. **Absent: Laura Lewis.**

President Moran announced before the Wednesday, December 18, 2024 Council meeting Council met in Executive Session on Personnel issues.

**Lackawanna County-Mark Cordelli-** spoke there will be a free Blood Lead Screening for One-year olds-6-year-olds. Appointments available 9 A.M.- 3 P.M. at the Pennsylvania Department of Health Lackawanna State Health Center 100 Lackawanna Ave Room 110 Scranton, Pa 18503 Please call (570) 963-4567.

Countywide Internship Program- **Apply today** [www.lackawannacounty.org](http://www.lackawannacounty.org).

**Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)-** Larry West 209 Laurel Street, Archbald Pa, 18403. spoke on the Budget. Mr. West spoke on the Union. Mr. West opinion is that the Borough Administration, Police, DPW workers make too much money.

Correspondence -none

### Archbald Borough Gravity Slope Colliery Recreation Park

#### Building and Site Improvements KBA File NO-6206

Contractor:	Base Bid:
Kobalt Construction, Inc.	\$523,965.50
Stafursky Paving Co., Inc.	\$367,495.00
Wodock Construction, LLC	\$503,406.00
Rutledge Excavation, Inc.	\$566,915.00
Pioneer Construction	\$638,917.75
Linde Corp.	\$693,399.50
Multiscape, Inc.	\$571,963.00
Scandale Assoc, Builders	\$616,000.00
Sean Byrne Construction	\$572,230.63

KBA Engineering will receive the bids. The Bids are now closed.

**Motions:**

1. Motion by Guman, second by Burke to Approve Council Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2024 & continued council meeting minutes from November 25, 2025. All in favor, Motion carried.
2. Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes to Approve November bills payable in the amount of \$575,946.04. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, second by Andreoli 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 Owen, second by Guman to Adopt Final 2025 Budget. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Owen, second by Andreoli to Pass Ordinance #04-2024, Setting the 2025 Tax Millage Ordinance. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Shnipes, second by Guman to Pass Ordinance #5-2024, Abolishing the Position of Controller from Archbald Borough. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to Hire Blayse Cholish as Part Time Police Officer Effective December 18, 2024, Pending Background Check. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Hire Vaughan Black Jr. as Part Time Police Officer Effective December 18, 2024, Pending Background Check. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to Appoint James Dougher to Community Development & Economic Committee to an Unexpired Term Expiring December 31, 2024. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to Allow Borough Manager to Retain An –Unpaid Intern from the University of Scranton to Assist with Public Relations, social media and Similar Projects. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Owen, second by Andreoli to Authorize Borough Administration to Make Online Payments when Appropriate. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Owen, second by Andreoli to Authorize Holiday Bonuses for Borough-Employees at a Rate of \$75/Full Time Employee & \$40/Part Time Employee. Roll call vote. Richard Guman Abstained-spouse is a Part Time employee and stands financial gain from his vote. Motion passes 5-0.
13. Motion by Guman, second by Andreoli to Purchase and Mount Flag Poles at the Borough Building and Train Station. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Shnipes, second by Guman to List Police Utility Cap from 2018 Ford F-350 Super Duty Pickup on Municibid. Roll Call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Owen, second by Guman to Award Hills of Archbald Stormwater & Paving Project to Stafursky Paving Company, Inc. at the bid amount of \$507,872.80. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment (General Items)-** Larry West 209 Laurel Street Archbald, Pa 18403- addressed council on #5 Hill. Grants, EOC Accounts.

**Council Comment-** Erin Owen asked Borough Manager Dan Markey what the status was on the Jr. Council Person. Dan replied he has reached out to the potential Jr. Council Person. Dan has not received confirmation back. Erin asked what the proper procedure was to hang the hero banners. Erin wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Mayor Barrett-** spoke to Borough Manager Dan Markey if there is money left from the flag pole money she said they can use it towards the new one, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Borough Manager Dan Markey Thanked Mayor Barrett.

**President Moran** – Wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

**John Shnipes-** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**Marie Andreoli-** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**Francis Burke-** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**Rich Guman-** Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

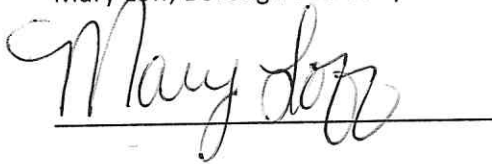
16. Motion to Adjourn- Motion by Owen, second by Guman. All in favor, Motion carried.

**Meeting end time: 7:33 P.M.**

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

Mary Loff, Borough Secretary



Dave Moran, President of Council

