

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Continuation Council Meeting from November 20, 2024

Monday, November 25, 2024

400 Church Street Archbald, Pa 18403

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Moran at 1:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call: Guman, Burke, Lewis, Andreoli, Shnipes, Owen, Moran, Mayor Barrett.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)- Chief Tim Trently spoke on the importance of the Fire, and EMS in the Borough a very good example was Friday November 22nd, 2024. A snow storm came through our area our Police, Fire, and EMS and Archbald Borough DPW helped with the task of attending to Medical Emergencies, and power lines down. Local Fire departments also opened their doors as a warming station and if anyone needed to charge their phone, or simply stay out of the elements.

Larry West- 209 Laurel Street Archbald, Pa 18403- Larry addressed council on his concerns with the LST Tax- (Local Service Tax) and the Wage Tax- Larry suggested anyone over a certain age should be exempt.

Correspondence- Archbald Borough Council received a letter from Clyde Brown 125 Maria Blvd., Archbald, Pa. 18403. Clyde wrote to council and expressed his concerns on the letter Post #328 American Legion. Stopping pick up of recycling.

Motions:

1. Motion by Owen, second by Burke to Adopt Proposed 2025 Budget. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to Allow Solicitor to Draft and Advertise the 2025 Tax Millage Ordinance. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Guman, second by Lewis to Continue Current 2024 Recycling Practices into 2025. On the Question Owen asked to vote on the nonprofits today the Ambulance, Hose Co, Legions, and VFW. President Moran explained you have to vote on motion #3 before you can make another motion. President Moran spoke to council you are voting on motion #3- to continue current 2024 recycling practices into 2025. Roll call vote, Guman, Burke, Lewis, Andreoli, Shnipes, Moran-yes. Owen-no. Motion passes 6-1.

2025 Proposed Budget Narrative

26.5 Mills General Purpose- Increase of 0.5 Mills

Special Taxes:

1.5 Mill Paving-Increase of 0.5 Mills

1 Mill Street Lighting- No Change from 2024

0.5 Mill Recreation- No Change from 2024

0.5 Mill EMS-No Change from 2024

Increase Fire Company Distribution as Follows:

Eynon-Sturges, Black Diamon, East Side-All \$17,000 Each

Archbald Fire & Rescue (Fire Company) \$12,000

Archbald Fire & Rescue (Ambulance) will remain ½ Mill (Approx.) \$30,500)

Contributions include \$2,000 Stipend for Auto Insurance & each company will obtain their own auto insurance prior to borough renew of 6/1/2025

Garbage fee \$375.00 increased from \$300.00 in 2024

This Budget accounts for 89% of taxes and fees collected. 1 Mill = \$61,000.00

Includes 2 Grants Archbald Borough will receive for Police

Removal of borough office cleaning service. Will now be handled in house

Archbald Borough will be enforcing Ordinance 1 of 1989, if delinquent prior to 2024 or not paid within the 1st quarter of 2025 (for 2024), we will stop picking up garbage until paid (lock list)

Administration continues to monitor the Lackawanna County tax duplicate to be sure every resident is being charged a garbage fee

Budget includes 25% of Police Sick. Vacation, Personal & Holiday owed.

In 2024 Archbald Borough has introduced a lot of cost saving measures and we will continue to do so in 2025.

Public comment (General Items Only)- None at this time

Council Comment- Erin Owen asked President Dave Moran is the gate to Staback Park be locked. President Moran referred the question to Francis Burke who is on Parks & Recreation.

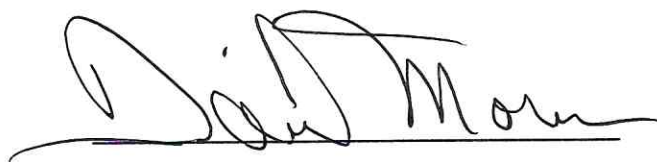
4. Motion by Guman, second by Shnipes to Adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting end time: 1:51 P.M.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

President of Council

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