

## Archbald Borough Meeting Minutes

400 Church Street

Archbald Pa, 18403

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Moran 6:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by Roll Call: Erin Owen, Marie Andreoli, John Shnipes III, Laura Lewis, Richard Guman, Francis Burke, Dave Moran, and Mayor Shirley Barrett.

**President Moran** announced on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. and July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 P.M. council had a work session on Personnel issues.

**Lackawanna County-** Mark Cordelli- spoke on the upcoming events Lackawanna County has to offer.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items Only) – None currently.**

**Borough Manager Dan Markey-** In June Borough Manager Dan Markey attended the PSAB and was approached to do a commercial for Archbald Borough at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting council, and the residents were able to watch it. Great Job!!

**Correspondence** – A letter from the State Auditor General: Fire Fights Relief Association - there were no findings.

### **Motions:**

1. Motion by Shnipes, seconded by Owen to Hire Alan Wright as a Full Time Police Officer at a rate of \$30.18 per Hour, Effective October 6, 2025. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Swearing in of Officer Wright** Mayor Barrett administered the Oath of Office to Officer Wright. A brief recess om the meeting occurred to allow for photographs.

**Chief Timoth Trently-** Chief spoke and congratulated Officer Alan Wright on his Full-Time position with the Archbald Police. He has been a Part-Time Officer with the Archbald Police for 22 years, Chief thanked The Civil Service Commission the Oral Board, and the Physical Fitness consultant. The Chief is proud of the 36 years he has served with the Archbald Police Department and built a great Police Force.

2. Motion by Owen, seconded by Andreoli to Approve Council Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion by Owen, seconded by Lewis to Approve Special Meeting Minutes from July 10, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Guman, seconded by Burke to Approve Bills Payable in the Amount of \$372,465.55. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Shnipes, seconded by Andreoli to Accept Police Report, Work Session Notes, Tax Collector Report, Planning Commission Notes, Treasurer's Report. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Andreoli, seconded by Owen to Allow Solicitor to Draft and Advertise Updated Stormwater Management Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion by Owen, seconded by Andreoli to Allow Solicitor to Advertise Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendment. John Shnipes- Abstained. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Owen, seconded by Andreoli to Allow Solicitor to Draft and Advertise Codification Ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Guman, seconded by Shnipes to Pass Resolution #11-2025, Authorizing Application for PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for the Upper Portions of Hill & Rock Street. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Guman, seconded by Lewis to Allow Borough Manager to Attend Pennsylvania Association of Municipal Administrators Annual Conference at a Total cost of \$935.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Owen, seconded by Shnipes to Live Stream Work Sessions and Council Meetings. Rol call vote. Owen Yes, Lewis Yes, Shnipes Yes. Andreoli No, Guman No, Burke No, Moran No. Motion fails 3-4.

#### **Public Comment (General Items)**

**Cathy Gillette**- 111 N. Cougar Drive Archbald, Pa 18403 Cathy addressed council on the public meeting for the purposed Data Center.

**Fran Stepkovich** 107 Krystal Circle Archbald, Pa 18403 addressed council on the paving of Krystal Circle. Fran addressed council on having music in the park.

**Carolyn Mizanty** 834 Chestnut Street Eynon, Pa 18403- Carolyn addressed council on what the proposed Data Centers will use cooling, what stage are they in meaning the Data Centers, and are residents able to look at maps of the area in which the Data Centers will be placed.

**Council Comments- Mayor** Shirley Barrett spoke on the Blue Mass Sundry August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, it starts at 10:30 A.M. at Saint Thomas Aquanis Church.

**President Dave Moran**- President Moran gave comments to the Public Comment General Items- The Archbald Borough Solicitor is in the process in re-writing the Zoning Ordinance. There is no set date for the public meeting for the purposed Data Center, the reasons can be the Data Center plans change. No permits have been issued. The Planning Commission meets at the Borough Building on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. You can sign up for public comments and ask questions. Borough Manager Dan Markey spoke on the Geothermal for the cooling of the proposed Data Center.

**Paving** – Borough Manager Dan Markey will ask the Engineer if they have a time frame for the paving on Krystal Circle.

**Dumping Grass**- Mayor Barrett suggested getting the license plate of the vehicle of who is dumping the grass and bringing it to the Police Department.

**Music in the Park**- President Moran is in favor of it. However, the country no longer has an Art's & Cultural Grant.

12. Motion by Guman, seconded by Shnipes to Adjourn. All members are in favor.

Council meeting End Time: **6:45 P.M.**

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH:

Mary Loff, Borough Secretary

Dave Moran, President of Council

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