

Archbald Borough Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Maria Tomassoni. A moment of Silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Owen, Mancuso, Munley Shnipes, Jr., Grandinetti and Hart present. Mayor Barrett was in attendance.

Public Input

Nancy Edmunds stated the person at 750 Lori Drive still is not recycling. Mrs. Owen stated the borough has sent letters to this address. Ms. Edmunds would like issues in the borough addressed as Archbald Borough not Eynon, Riverside, Frog Town etc. Ms. Edmunds asked if allowing the zoning office to accept only checks or money orders was discussed. Miss Tomassoni stated a motion will be made tonight. Ms. Edmunds asked why the borough paid Winners Circle #1,237.50. Treasurer Rudalavage stated it is for the plaques in chambers. Ms. Edmunds also asked why the borough paid Rosenn, Jenkins \$292.50 Mr. O'Connor stated it for labor council. Ms. Edmunds stated if Staback Park is a major issue in raising taxes, can a referendum be added. Ms. Edmunds stated there was an article in newspaper about rules for Jermyn Borough Tax Collector that stated Jermyn Borough passed an ordinance to charge the tax collector if set hours are not filled.

Henry Peters Sr. stated his granddaughter is in attendance to observe and write an essay on the council meeting.

Council Reports

Mayor Barrett read the police report. Police monthly breakdown 2/9/17 to 3/8/17. Abandon vehicles 3, Accidents 15, Alarms 11, Ambulance assist 22, Animal calls 10, Assaults 1, Motorist assist 6, Fire calls 5, Burglary 2, Criminal mischief 2, Traffic control 2, Disorderly conduct 4, Domestic violence 7, Public intoxication 2, DUI 2, Dumping complaints 1, Mental health 1, Escorts 3, Fights 1, Fraud 1, Gun calls 2, Harassment calls 5, Hazardous 5, Hit and run 4, Investigations 15, Juveniles 1, Landlord tenant dispute 2, Missing persons 1, Motor vehicle violations 7, Neighbor disputes 3, Nuisance complaints 1, Ordinance violations 1, Other type calls 41, Protection from abuse incidents 1, Parking complaints 5, Police assist 1, Phone messages 58, Property 3, Stolen vehicles 2, Suicide attempt 1, suspicious vehicles 7, suspicious persons 5, Shoplifting 1, Thefts 2, Threats 1, Traffic stops 14, Trespassing 2, Vehicle Repo 1, Weapons type calls (not guns) 0, Warrants 9, Welfare checks 2, Transports 4 and Criminal Arrest 11. Mayor thanked Chief Harvey and all of his volunteers who helped out during the power outage. Mayor Barrett stated Police Chief Trently and Officer Munley will receive an award from the American Red Cross on March 23, 2017 at Mohegan Sun for helping deliver a baby. Mayor suggested pulling the plants at the end of Kennedy Drive and replanting them at the borough parks. Mayor Barrett stated the new police vehicle. 2017 Ford Explorer has arrived and the aggressive driving grant will begin March 20th on Betty Street and Salem Road. Mayor Barrett stated ex-mayor Jim McLaughlin will be the president of the 2018 St. Patrick's Day parade and would like to discuss having a float in the parade.

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Hart reminded everyone to change their clocks this weekend and it is a good time to check your batteries in your smoke detectors and co detectors.

Grandinetti stated he will be discussing putting money aside to fix up playgrounds and make them handicap accessible. He stated he will be looking into grants.

Shnipes, Jr. stated the camera system is up and running, Mr. Shnipes, Jr. asked Chief Trently to speak a bit about the cameras. Chief stated they would like to start an adopt a camera program for local businesses. This would allow the police to monitor and record incidents in town and would be able to help problems and situations in town. Mr. Shnipes Jr. stated there will be a Crime Watch meeting March 15th at 7pm at the Eynon Firehouse.

Mancuso asked President Tomassoni to look into what is being done about Krupovach's business on the Eynon Jermyn Highway. He stated this has been going on for a while and would like to know what is being done about this.

Munley stated there was a meeting with the park committee which consist of Mr. Mancuso, Mrs. Owen and himself. They spoke about reducing the time DPW spends in the park, possible grants, and seasonal help working the park. Mr. Munley stated he spoke to Mark Waters about equipment needed to make the park work more effective. Mr. Waters stated a 0 ratio turn 72" deck mower, a 48" deck riding mower would help not only in Stayback Park but also cut down time spent on other parks in the borough. Mr. Munley and the committee will meet with Mr. Waters at Stayback Park before the next meeting and have time and cost reductions. Mr. Grandinetti stated he spoke to Ken Powell and Mr. Powell would do anything to help. Mr. Munley stated he will speak to Mr., Powell and discuss this along with making sure this is within our contract. Mr. Munley stated he would like to cut the time spent working on the park to 1 ½ or 2 days. This would save money.

Owen had nothing at this time.

Motions

Motion by Munley, second by Mancuso to add an additional "Public Input" agenda segment prior to the adjournment of all Council meetings. Roll call. Owen, Mancuso and Munley for it. Shnipes, Jr., Grandinetti, Hart and Tomassoni against. Motion denied.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Hart to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 regular Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Owen to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector and Mayor's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

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Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Grandinetti authorizing payment of February General Fund bills totaling \$126,481.95 and Capital Projects Account bill in the amount of \$23,244.12. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

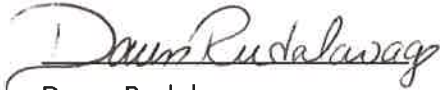
Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to have the zoning office accept only checks or cashiers check when receiving money for permits. All in favor, motion carried,

Before adjournment Mr. Munley asked why council members voted no on the first motion. Mr. Hart stated his concerns public input is given before meetings and if there is a meeting with 200 people we would be obligated let them speak before and after leading to a meeting that could last all night.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Shnipes, Jr. to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Attest:

Archbald Borough



Dawn Rudalavage
Borough Secretary-Treasurer



Maria Tomassoni
President of Council

Minutes prepared by Dawn M. Rudalavage, Borough Secretary-Treasurer