

**Archbald Borough Council Meeting  
Wednesday, December 13, 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, Grandinetti, Shnipes, Jr. and Hart present. Mayor Barrett was in attendance.

**Public Input**

Kevin O'Shea stated he feels Staback Park is an asset to the borough. He stated people are moving to the borough and the park is a big draw. Mr. O'Shea stated he is willing to help to keep the park with some ideas of how to collect money by asking kids to maintain the park.

Nancy Edmunds stated there is a stop sign on Lori Drive and Lisa Drive that is down if the Mayor can have an officer look into it. Ms. Edmunds asked if the borough can supply a specific line in the budget to operate Staback Park. Ms. Edmunds states she does not want to see the Park close completely but is stating that if there is money to spend, in her opinion the roads in the borough need work.

Erin McNany with Lackawanna Racing Team spoke about USA Cycling being able to use the 1.3-mile loop in the Valley View Industrial Park. He stated they are fully insured and the races would last 40-45 minutes. Mr. Munley stated council is still considering it and considering other places to hold the races.

Chris Smith Vice President Valley Youth Soccer Association stated that Staback Park is a very important part of their organization and would council to please take this into consideration when making a decision about the park.

Gina Tomassoni would like to congratulate her sister Maria Tomassoni for her 8 years of service with Archbald Borough.

Mayor Barrett and council would like to thank the 3 members of the current council who are leaving, for their years of service to the borough.

Council would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Motions**

Motion by Owen second by Mancuso to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 regular Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Shnipes, Jr. to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector and Mayor's Report. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr. second by Owen authorizing payment of November HNB General Fund bills totaling \$457,761.62 and Police Bullet Proof Vests Account bills in the amount of \$8,091.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Munley, second by Shnipes, Jr. to appoint John Binner, Matt Carter, Alexis Cechione, Patrick Chelland, Gene Cholish, Louis Chirico, Marlene Evans, Joseph Farrell, Joseph Laboranti, Turique Patrick, Edward Perechinsky, Matt Petrie, Aaron Tierney, George Weitz and Alan Wright Special Police from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 provided they are to be used only to replace a full time regular officer who cannot work due to allowable time off and not to exceed 33 shifts. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen, second by Owen to adopt the FY2018 Budget. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen, second by Hart to enact the 2018 Real Estate Tax Levy Ordinance fixing the tax rate at 21 mills. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen, second by Munley to adopt a Resolution authorizing the 2018 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$450,000 with Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank at an interest rate of 1.37% per annum. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to enter into a revised lease agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Ed Staback Regional Park. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Mancuso to approve a revised retroactive Cooperation Agreement with the Scranton-Lackawanna Industrial Building Company (SLIBCO) relative to the Chestnut Street, Eynon property designation as a Keystone Opportunity Zone. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Mancuso to hire Randy Nichols as a full time Department of Public Works employee effective immediately at a starting wage of \$18.51 per hour. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Hart, second by Grandinetti to adopt a Resolution eliminating Police Pension member contributions for the calendar year 2018. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Grandinetti to allow the Archbald Little League to use Council Chambers 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. on January 13, 2018, January 20, 2018 and February 3, 2018. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Munley, second by Shnipes, Jr. to approve amendment to Lease Agreement for Magistrate Turlip's Office extending the term of the lease to December 31, 2023 and increasing the monthly rental amount to \$1,400.00 per month commencing January 1, 2018; then increasing to \$1,600.00 per month commencing January 1, 2021. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion Shnipes, Jr., second by Hart to authorize the placement of a street light at the intersection of Fourth and Pierce Streets. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Hart to authorize the placement of a street light on First Street on pole number 59553/N49070. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to place a street light on an unnamed court that intersects with Lawrence Street and lies between Old Ridge Road and Monroe Street. To table the motion.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Munley to accept the resignation of Jerry Gilpatrick from the Archbald Civil Service Commission. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Shnipes, Jr. to accept the resignation of Brian Gilgallon from the Archbald Planning Commission. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Attest:

Archbald Borough



Dawn Rudalavage

Borough Secretary-Treasurer



Maria Tomassoni

President of Council