

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes, February 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Joseph Simon. A moment of Silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Tomassoni, Grandinetti, Munley, Shnipes, Jr., Williams, Durkin and Simon. Mayor Barrett was in attendance.

Public Input

Barry Tevelin stated someone is taking the aluminum cans on Columbus Drive Tuesday nights. Mr. Simon stated he will notify the police and have them look into this.

Paul Chorba from Archbald Youth Baseball stated there are new rules for joining their organization, anyone attending Valley View can play for Archbald Youth. Mr. Chorba stated their origination has a lot more children now and is requesting sole rights to the Sturges Field. He would like to utilize the concession stand also. Mr. Simon if there are no teams in Eynon this will not be a problem. Mr. Simon stated if a team does come forward we may need to make a schedule.

Bid Opening for sale of used 2001 Ford F-550 cab and chassis. Minimum bid of \$5,000.00.

1. Joseph Zielinski bid amount \$5,125.50 accompanied by a check in the amount of \$512.55
2. Frank Roman bid amount \$6,650.00 accompanied by a check in the amount of \$665.00
3. Frank Koskovich bid amount \$7,000.00 accompanied by a check in the amount of \$700.0

Motion by Munley, second by Grandinetti to award Frank Koskovich as the highest bidder of the used 2001 Ford F-550 cab and chassis. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business – Garbage contract. Joyce Hatala stated we went with Blakely and Jessup Boroughs for the last contract Joyce stated she did not speak to either borough yet, but is confident they will want a joint contract again. Ms. Hatala has the bid specs from last time, she will work with Jack and make any changes. Mr. Grandinetti stated maybe we can add more boroughs. Ms. Hatala stated we may get a better price with more boroughs together. Ms. Hatala said the more information we give about our borough the better off we are. Ms. Hatala's price will be the same as last time.

First Street Eynon culvert. Mr. Simon stated there may be people interested in putting townhouses on the West side of First Street, before Joyce Electric. Mr. Simon stated we may have to go ahead and replace the culvert ourselves. Mr. Giordano stated he spoke to Mr. West and there may be a grant available, the borough would need a good

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engineering cost estimate. Mr. Simon stated we may need to hire an engineering company. If the townhouses go through this will be pressing and need to be done.

Council Chambers Use Policy. Mr. Simon stated Mr. Durkin, Mr. Williams and Ms. Tomassoni worked on putting together a policy. Mr. Durkin stated they put together a policy and it could be voted on next month.

Odor Problem. Mr. Simon stated there is a perceived sewer odor and the borough is getting calls from the Riverside section, Crestwood Drive and hills of Archbald. Mr. Giordano stated he spoke to the sewer authority and they had checked all of their culverts and found no problems. Mr. Giordano also stated the borough had checked its connectors and found no problems. The gas company was contacted and no problems were found either. Mr. Giordano stated he did receive a call back from DEP and was told it is a sulfur odor coming from the Simpson mine fire. Mr. Giordano stated they are doing air-quality monitoring, it is not a harmful odor, it is definitely a nuisance odor and nothing can be done right now. Mr. Giordano stated we will be posting this on their website and any phone calls the borough receives we will let them know.

Council Reports

Ms. Tomassoni would like to thank Mike Zelinski in the DPW for a beautiful job on snow plowing. She would also like to thank Brian Munley for doing a great job with the CCD traffic on Sundays. Ms. Tomassoni stated she attended the Boy Scout Troop 41 pasta dinner and it was a beautiful job. Ms. Tomassoni would also like to thank Mr. Williams and Mr. Durkin for getting together and coming up with the Council chamber policy. Ms. Tomassoni would like to wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

Mr. Munley stated anyone involved in the state contract has been having difficulty getting salt with the new supplier. Mr. Munley stated we have received several loads and are well prepared for the upcoming storm.

Mr. Williams has nothing at this time.

Mr. Grandinetti stated he would just like to know when the meeting will be with Joyce for the garbage contract so he can be available for it.

Mr. Shnipes, Jr. stated there will be a neighborhood watch meeting on February 24. Anyone interested may attend this meeting. Mr. Shnipes also stated there are some streetlights out in Wildcat Ridge, he will go and try to get some poll numbers. Mr. Shnipes stated there are areas in Archbald and Eynon that need to be looked into for rezoning. Mr. Giordano stated Power

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Boulevard and Main Street in Eynon. Mr. Simon stated he will propose this to the planning commission to look at. Mr. Shnipes stated the Legion in Eynon would like to know about the concrete pad in the cemetery on Main Street. The Legion in Eynon has stated they have received a donation of an aircraft and would like to put it on the concrete pad in the cemetery. Mr. Giordano stated he is looking in to the owners of the cemetery. The borough was supposed to take a quiet title for the property but Mr. Giordano cannot find anything done on a quiet title. Mr. Simon stated that they will have to wait a little bit until we find out who owns it. Mr. Shnipes stated he would like a meeting with Chief Harvey on February 19 at 6 PM with the Chiefs and Presidents of the fire companies.

Mr. Durkin has nothing at this time.

Mayor Barrett stated the borough has eight signs coming in that need work. She would like to know if she should look into someone who can paint them. Mr. Giordano stated the person who did the sign out front has been contacted. Mayor Barrett stated the borough has been buying the candy for the Eynon Archbald Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt and is wondering if the borough will still be purchasing. Mr. Simon stated that he has no problem continuing to do this. There is no objection from Council on purchasing the candy for the Easter egg hunt. Mayor Barrett stated the American Legion would like to put a swag across the road in Eynon from pole to pole. Mr. Giordano stated Mr. Zelinski would be able to tell you if it was feasible, but PennDOT would have to be contacted to see if it could be done. Mayor Barrett stated the items Archbald Lions Club has voted to give each firehouse, the police and ambulance \$500 as a donation. Mayor Barrett would like to thank them.

Motions

Motion by Munley, second by Williams to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014 reorganization meeting, January 8, 2014 regular meeting and January 22, 2014 Special Meeting. Munley, Williams, Grandinetti, Shnipes, Jr., Durkin and Simon for it. Tomassoni against. 6-1 vote, motion carried.

Motion by Tomassoni, second by Munley to accept Reports – Treasurer, Controller, Solicitor, Engineer, Building Inspector, Borough Manager and Mayor's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Munley authorizing payment of January General Fund bills totaling \$180,255.11, Eynon Christmas Lights Account check in the amount of \$10.34 and Pickard Light Fund check in the amount of \$64.09. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Durkin to appoint Tom Butler, John Binner, Christian Capone, Matt Carter, Travis Chamberlain, Lewis Chirico, Gene Cholish, Joseph Farrell, Joseph Laboranti, Corey Lucas, Turique Patrick, Stephanie Racht, John Wilson, and Alan Wright Special Police from March 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 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. All in favor. Motion carried.

Appointments to Council Committees. Special Events, chair is Tomassoni, co-chair is Shnipes, Jr. Recreation, chair is Durkin, co-chair is Munley. Finance, chair is Williams, co-chair is Durkin. Blight and Crime Watch, chair is Shnipes, Jr., co-chair is Tomassoni.

Motion by Munley, second by Tomassoni to adopt Ordinance setting forth revised parking ticket fines. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by Tomassoni to engage the services of Joyce Hatala to develop bid documents for solicitation of solid waste collection. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Williams authorizing the President of Borough Council to execute a letter to PennDOT indemnifying and holding harmless the State and the Department from any liability associated with the temporary closing of Wayne Street on Saturday, June 14, 2014 for the LHVA "Heritage Explorer Bike Tour". All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by Munley to reappoint Tony Crea to the Archbald Planning Commission to a four year term expiring December 31, 2017. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by Munley to appoint Ed Fairbrother to the Archbald Civil Service Commission for the unexpired term of Richard Chorba ending December 31, 2014. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Durkin to appoint Robert Guman to the Archbald Civil Service Commission to fill the vacant position due to Mr. Williams' resignation and term to expire December 31, 2018. Roll call vote, Munley, Williams, Grandinetti, Shnipes, Jr., Durkin and Simon in favor, Tomassoni against. 6-1 vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Williams to appoint Cindy Houser to the Archbald Recreation Commission to a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Roll call vote, Munley, Williams, Grandinetti, Shnipes, Jr., Durkin and Simon in favor, Tomassoni against. 6-1 vote. Motion carried.

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Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Grandinetti to appoint John Shnipes, Sr. to the Archbald Zoning Hearing Board for the unexpired term of Hubert Murray ending December 31, 2014. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

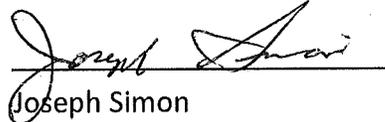
Motion by Munley, second by Grandinetti to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH



Dawn Rudalavage
Borough Secretary-Treasurer



Joseph Simon
President of Council

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