

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes, January 8, 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. and Simon. Williams was not in attendance. Mayor Barrett was in attendance.

Public Input

Barry Tevelin commended the DPW for the great job they did on snow removal during the past storms.

New Business

Mr. Simon stated the easements from the gas station in the Riverside section are done and ready to move sewage pipe forward. Mr. Simon stated the borough is waiting on easements for the Nebraska section. Mr. Simon also stated Mrs. Snell or other residents of the Nebraska section may help to get easements signed.

Council Reports

Ms. Tomassoni would like to congratulate everyone who won the election. Ms. Tomassoni would like to thank Shirley Barrett for being Mayor also Mayor Fairbrother for his years of service in the past. Ms. Tomassoni congratulated Mr. Simon on President and Mr. Grandinetti and Vice President she also congratulated the new Council, Mr. Munley and Mr. Shnipes, she stated they will do a very nice job. She also congratulated the Tax Collector Katie Noldy and the new Controller Cindy Houser. Ms. Tomassoni said she would love to work with everybody. Ms. Tomassoni stated the first thing that is very important here is about the community and to make all the residents of both Archbald and Eynon very happy. Ms. Tomassoni is very grateful to be on Council tonight. Ms. Tomassoni would like to appoint Kenny Propst the new Council seat if we can. Mr. Simon stated he did not put that on the agenda, for the reason that he did not have a commitment from everyone that they are going to be here this evening. Mr. Simon stated that will be discussed in an executive session. Mr. Grandinetti stated Council made a major decision on Monday with the same amount of people. Mr. Simon stated he did not feel it was fair to the new Council members to come in and vote and did not have a chance to discuss. Mr. Grandinetti stated Council should take a poll on this and see where it goes. Mr. Simon stated it is not on the agenda for this evening. Mr. Grandinetti stated it is a matter of just putting it in. Mr. Grandinetti stated if everyone polls on it and we will see what the majority says and we can move forward. Mr. Munley stated he feels Council should take more time on this. Mr. O'Connor stated the chair entertains the motions. Mr. Simon stated at this time he did not feel it fair to Ms. Tomassoni or Mr. Shnipes to have to make a decision after one day and not being informed of how Council works. Mr. Simon stated we are lacking one councilman. Mr. Grandinetti stated he will honor Mr. Simon's decision on that but, said it should have been the same way for President and Vice President. Mr. Simon stated the law requires Council to

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appoint President and Vice President. Mr. Simon stated Council has 30 days to fill the seat. Mr. O'Connor stated the first Monday of the year is the reorganization meeting and Council has to elect President and Vice President by law. Mr. Shnipes stated he has no problem with voting tonight but if it is the President's decision that's fine. Mr. Simon stated it is his decision not to vote this evening. Ms. Tomassoni wants to thank Chief Trently, his wife Jamie and our Borough Manager, Mr. Giordano for helping her on Monday when her car was frozen. Very generous to stay and help. She is very grateful to them. Ms. Tomassoni would like to thank the community who voted her in.

Mr. Munley stated the Archbald Youth Baseball Association would like permission to convert the Sturges baseball field into a multiuse baseball field. It would be the first of its kind in the area. This field would be a bridge between little league and teener league. The pitcher's mound would be 50 feet and the bases would be 70 feet. Mr. Munley stated he would go over moving the fence but still be able to use for a Little League field. A portable fence was mentioned for this field. The Archbald Youth Baseball Association would kick in financially for this field. By making this a teener league field, it would help the kids mature into Little League. Mr. Grandinetti asked if we will take over cutting the grass when it is done. Mr. Zielinski stated we already maintain the field. Mr. Zielinski stated the borough just ran the storm pipe down the baseline. Mr. Zielinski stated we will see where the storm pipe is and make sure we can accommodate it. Mr. Simon stated we will get it marked out, if it interferes with the pipe, we are not going to this. Mr. Munley stated there may be an area of the Staback Park to construct a field also. Mr. Simon stated we will take a look at it and move this project forward soon.

Mr. Grandinetti would like to thank the DPW, they did a fantastic job for all these years. The storm we had they were out there for 20 some hours and did a great job. Mr. Grandinetti also thanked Mr. Zielinski for taking care of the ice problem on Second Street. Mr. Grandinetti stated the ice was about 6 inches thick. Mr. Grandinetti stated we have a serious water problem on Second Street and hopefully when we get the grant money we can get second Street all straightened out. Mr. Grandinetti would like to thank Mr. Zielinski for all his help there. Mr. Simon asked Mr. Zielinski to send the truck out to Jamesway for the ice problem they have there. Mr. Zielinski stated the truck was there today.

Mr. Shnipes, Jr. would like to congratulate everyone on their new positions. Mr. Shnipes, Jr. would like to thank the DPW and the police department for all their work, he is looking forward to working with everyone. Mr. Shnipes, Jr. would like to thank everyone for their support and looking forward to a good year.

Mayor Barrett would like to congratulate everybody Cindy, Maria, John and congratulations to Randy for vice president and Joe for president. Mayor Barrett stated we have been working very well for the last six years on moving the borough and making decisions, the right decisions

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for the taxpayers. Mayor Barrett stated she is looking forward to working with each and every one. Mayor Barrett stated she is there if anyone needs help with projects or anything. Mayor Barrett stated she met with Chief Trently briefly to discuss some ideas. One idea that was discussed, was when police go on a domestic or drug abuse call and find problems, Mayor Barrett would like to put in place a procedure to call someone if the police see fit to. The Borough Zoning officer is gone at 1:30. Mr. O'Connor stated to look into amending the borough nuisance ordinance. Mayor Barrett stated she would like to set up a meeting once a month with Mr. Simon, Mr. Giordano, Chief Trently, Mr. Zelinski and DPW Council, to discuss matters that are happening in the borough.

Motions

Motion by Munley, second by Shnipes, Jr. to approve the minutes of December 11, 2013 Council Meeting. All ayes.

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

Motion by Munley, second by Grandinetti authorizing payment of December General Fund bills totaling \$177,973.65, Capital Projects Account bill of \$18,032.50 (CDBG Project) and Eynon Christmas Lights Account bill in the amount of \$580.00. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Tomassoni, second by Grandinetti. to appoint John Binner, Christian Capone, Matt Carter, Travis Chamberlain, Lewis Chirico, Gene Cholish, Joseph Farrell, Corey Lucas, Turique Patrick, Stephanie Racht, John Wilson, and Alan Wright Special Police from February 1, 2014 to February 28, 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 ayes.

Council appointments to Council Committees. Munley as chairman of DPW, John Shnipes, Jr. co-chair. Safety John Shnipes, Jr. and Randy Grandinetti. Planning commission Bill Williams and Maria Tomassoni. Refuse and recycling Randy Grandinetti. Mr. Simon stated the rest of the committees will be left open until the following meeting.

Motion by Munley, second by Shnipes, Jr. to reappoint Dawn Rudalavage to the position of Borough Secretary-Treasurer. Roll call vote, all ayes

Motion Shnipes, Jr. second by Tomassoni to reappoint Tim Trently to the position of Archbald Borough Police Chief. Roll call vote, all ayes.

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Motion Munley, second by Grandinetti to reappoint Robert Harvey to the position of Archbald Borough Fire Chief. Roll call vote, Tomassoni abstain. Ms. Tomassoni stated she would like to reorganize that if possible. Can we have other people? Roll call vote, Grandinetti, Munley, Shnipes, Jr. and Simon in favor. 4-1 vote, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Grandinetti to reappoint Anthony J. Giordano to the position of Borough Manager. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Munley to reappoint Bill Williams to the Archbald Planning commission to a four year term expiring December 31, 2017. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Munley to reappoint Tony Crea to the Archbald Planning Commission to a four year term expiring December 31, 2017. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion by Munley, second by Shnipes, Jr. to reappoint Tom Picchini to the Archbald Zoning Hearing Board to a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion to appoint _____ to the Archbald Civil Service Commission for the unexpired term of Richard Chorba ending December 31, 2014. Table until next meeting.

Motion to appoint _____ to the Archbald Civil Service Commission to fill the vacant position due to Mr. Williams' resignation and term to expire December 31, 2018. Table until next meeting.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Tomassoni to reappoint Pat Munley to the Archbald Recreation Commission to a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion to appoint _____ to the Archbald Recreation Commission to a three year term ending December 31, 2016. Table until next meeting.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Munley to reappoint Maribeth Cowley to the Gravity Slope Colliery Authority to a five year term ending December 31, 2018. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Tomassoni to reappoint Diana Picchini to the Gravity Slope Colliery Authority to a five year term ending December 31, 2018. Roll call vote, all ayes

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Motion by Grandinetti, second by Munley to reappoint Edward Levandowski to the UCC Board of Appeals for a one year term expiring December 31, 2014. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Tomassoni, second by Shnipes, Jr. to reappoint Kevin Marion to the UCC Board of Appeals for a one year term expiring December 31, 2014. Roll call vote, all ayes

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Munley to offer for sale to the highest bidder the following DPW Vehicle: 2001 Ford F550 (Cab & chassis only) with central hydraulics and snow plow. Minimum bid to be set at \$5,000.00. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Munley to rescind the motion of Robert Guman to the vacancy board. All ayes.

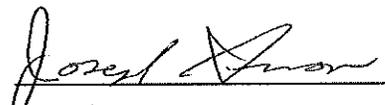
Motion by Grandinetti, second by Munley to appoint Richard Guman to the vacancy board. All ayes.

Motion by Munley, second by Grandinetti to adjourn. All ayes.

ATTEST:

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Dawn Rudalavage
Borough Secretary-Treasurer


Joseph Simon
President of Council