

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes, APRIL 9, 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, Shnipes and Simon. Mayor Barrett was in attendance. Williams, Munley and Durkin not in attendance.

Public Input

Maria Hubal 719 2nd Street asked if there are any updates on the storm drains for 2nd Street. Mr. Simon stated the borough did put in for a grant for 2nd Street but it did not qualify. Mr. Simon stated part of the road to the high school and the American Legion was approved. Mr. Simon stated the borough has been submitting LSA grants for the last 5 years and this is the first year the borough was approved. He stated the borough will continue to apply.

Diane Coniff asked if council knows why 2nd Street was rejected or did council even bother to ask why. Mr. Simon stated they don't tell us why it was rejected. He stated 4 ½ million dollars is spread between Monroe, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike counties. Monroe County has priority then the municipalities in Monroe, Lackawanna County then the municipalities in Lackawanna County, Wayne and Pike counties. Mrs. Coniff stated it seems all the projects in Archbald were approved and Eynon was not. Mrs. Coniff stated it is a shame what the DPW has to put up with. Mr. Simon stated this is the first time in 5 years the borough received any funding. Mrs. Coniff said she hopes all the people here remember this when it comes time to vote. Mr. Simon said the borough works very hard for the projects to get funded adding the borough even hired a special grant writer out of Scranton to write the grant for 2nd Street and it still did not qualify. Mr. Simon stated the borough will put another application in. Ms. Tomassoni asked when the borough can put another application in. Mr. Giordano stated the borough can apply again in September. Mr. Simon stated when this council came on they started applying for grants, before that none were applied for. Mr. Simon stated the council started with Columbus to make the road safer for the children. Mr. Grandinetti asked to put aside the school road and only submit a grant for 2nd Street. Mr. Simon stated the borough is not guaranteed any grants. Mr. Grandinetti stated if the borough only submits one we may receive it. Mr. Simon said if it does not meet the criteria the borough will not receive it. Mr. Grandinetti said he feels it will meet the criteria. Mr. Grandinetti stated it's a onetime deal that the borough only puts in for one grant. Mr. Simon stated suppose the borough does not get the 2nd Street grant. Mr. Grandinetti stated he is almost positive the borough will get it. Mr. Grandinetti stated he would rather put the effort into 2nd Street. Mr. Simon asked if the borough should skip the road for the children and do 2nd Street. Mr. Grandinetti stated nobody got hurt on the access road. Mr. Simon stated the borough will get 2nd Street patched. Mr. Simon stated the borough should write 3 grants like we are allowed to do. Mr. Grandinetti stated he would rather work on 2nd Street because people are paying taxes.

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Jim Casey wondered if we had asked other boroughs to help the borough with the school road. Mr. Simon stated the other boroughs do not want anything to do with this road, stating the other boroughs won't even write a letter to support this road. Mr. Grandinetti stated he spoke to Mr. Farina and Mr. Blake and they will both do what they can. Mr. Giordano stated both Mr. Farina and Mr. Blake submitted a letter on their behalf for the last grant submitted. Mr. Casey asked if the borough can submit 1st Street and 2nd Street together. Mr. Giordano explained they are two different kinds of grants.

Council Reports

Tomassoni would like to apologize to the residents of 2nd Street and hopefully we can rectify this problem. Tomassoni stated on April 23, 2014 there will be a Special Events meeting at 6pm in Chambers. She invites all council to attend. Tomassoni also wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

Grandinetti asked what will happen to the plaque on the Laurel Street Bridge. Mr. Giordano stated they may try to incorporate the plaque into the new bridge.

Mayor Barrett stated she had a Business Route 6 meeting. 22 people were in attendance and many great ideas were discussed. Mayor Barrett stated Larry West, George Kelly and Frank Farina will speak at the borough's May 7th work session. Mayor Barrett wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

Motions

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to approve the minutes of March 12, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to accept Reports – Treasurer, Controller, Solicitor, Engineer, Building Inspector, Borough Manager and Mayor's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Tomassoni, second by Shnipes, Jr. authorizing payment of March General Fund bills totaling \$174,246.17. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

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Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni 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 May 1, 2014 to May 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. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to approve Resolution adopting PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust Joinder Agreement for the Borough of Archbald Police Pension Plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to approve amendment to Lease Agreement for Magistrate Turlip's Office extending the term of the lease to December 31, 2017 and increasing the monthly rental amount to \$1,600.00. Incorrect amount, rescind motion.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to approve amendment to Lease Agreement for Magistrate Turlip's Office extending the term of the lease to December 31, 2017 and increasing the monthly rental amount to \$1,200.00. Roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Shnipes, Jr. authorizing the submission of a 50-50 DCNR grant application for the surface treatment of the basketball and tennis courts in Staback Park. The Borough's contribution is to be in-kind services. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni authorizing an additional 8 hours per week in part time police wages for an officer to assist in Zoning and Code Enforcement issues for trial months of May, June and July. Roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to abate a safety problem caused by overgrown trees in an unnamed, unopened alley located at the rear of Henry Street; rights-of-entry to be procured from abutting property owners before any action to be taken. Motion carried.

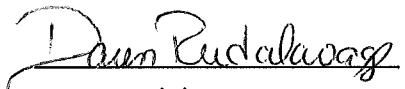
Motion by Grandinetti second by Shnipes, Jr. to apply for only one (1) Local Service Grant that being 2nd Street Eynon. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to adjourn. Motion carried.

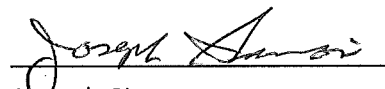
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ATTEST:

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Dawn Rudalavage
Borough Secretary-Treasurer



Joseph Simon
President of Council

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