### ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes, DECEMBER 11, 2013

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: Barrett, Durkin, Propst, Grandinetti, Munley and Simon present. Williams was not in attendance. Mayor Fairbrother was in attendance.

### Public Input

Mr. Tom Taylor would like an update on the eyesore on Pierce and Beverly Drive. Mr. O'Connor stated he spoke to Mr. Stafursky. Mr. Stafursky is waiting on a flood plan approval so he can continue to build. Mr. O'Connor stated he does not see any health or safety issues.

Arlene Burok from Thomas Street stated the hill she lives on is icy during the storms. Ms. Burok asked the borough to please be sure the hill is clear. Mr. Simon stated the borough clears the hills first before doing the other roads. Ms. Burok would like to know if there is an ordinance for the removal of Halloween decorations after Halloween. Mrs. Barrett stated the borough does not have an ordinance on this matter. Mr. O'Connor stated the borough cannot tell the homeowner when the decorations must come down.

### **Council Reports**

Mr. Munley stated the Santa train went very well and would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Grandinetti stated there was a very good turnout for the Santa train. Mr. Simon stated he would like to make a line item in the budget for the Santa train. Mr. Grandinetti would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mr. Grandinetti would like to thank Mrs. Barrett for all of her years on Council.

Mr. Propst would like to thank everyone who bagged the candy for the Santa train. He would also like to thank the Valley View. Mr. Propst would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Barrett would like to know if the borough heard anything about the guard rail on the bottom of Rock Street. Mr. Giordano stated he will make a follow-up call on this matter. Mrs. Barrett would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

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#### **Motions**

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Barrett to approve the minutes of November 13, 2013 Council Meeting. All ayes.

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

Motion by Durkin, second by Grandinetti authorizing payment of November General Fund bills totaling \$132,411.47 and Grant Checking Account bill (TreeVitalize Grant) in the amount of \$1,749.00. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Propst, second by Durkin 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 January 1, 2014 to January 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 ayes.

Motion by Durkin, second by Barrett to adopt the FY2014 Budget. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Munley, second by Durkin to enact the 2014 Real Estate Tax Ordinance fixing the tax rate at 19 mills. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Propst, second by Durkin to adopt a Resolution authorizing the 2014 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$400,000 with First National Bank. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Motion by Durkin, second by Munley to accept Mrs. Barrett's resignation from Council effective January 5, 2014. Roll call vote, all ayes. Barrett abstains.

Motion by Durkin, second by Propst authorizing President of Council to execute a 3-year Agreement with E-Collect for auditing and collection of delinquent Business Privilege, Mercantile and Local Services taxes. All ayes.

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

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ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH

Dawn M. Rudalavage

**Borough Secretary-Treasurer** 

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**President of Council** 

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