

**Archbald Borough Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Randy Grandinetti. A moment of Silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Tomassoni, Mancuso, Hart, Owen, Shnipes, Jr. and Munley present. Mayor Barrett was in attendance.

**Public Input**

Nancy Edmunds 752 Lori Drive wished every a Merry Christmas and asked if there will be any more public hearings on the gas plant. Mr. Grandinetti stated there will be. Ms. Edmunds asked what the purpose of hiring Atty. Daniel A. Spitzer is. Mr. O'Connor stated Mr. Spitzer specializes in that particular area of the law, he is also going to recommend Environmental Engineers for the borough to retain. Ms. Edmunds would like any or all of council to go to her home and look at the fence that prohibits her to get propane to her tank for home heating.

Bob Paone wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked if the Historical Society could use a room upstairs to store item in. Mr. Grandinetti asked him to talk to Mr. Giordano on Thursday.

John Mellow suggests the borough have public meetings on the gas plant. Mr. Mellow also stated he gave Erin articles of host agreements.

Paula Ralston spoke about a storm drain on Delaware Street. She stated after a couple of days after the meeting the pavement was repaired but the storm drain itself was not. Mr. Mancuso stated the storm drain has to be lower than the road.

**Council Reports**

Mayor Barrett stated a copy of the police report is in councils folders. Mayor also stated the Police and DPW did a great job with the ice storm on Saturday and Mayor would also like a copy of Mr. Lemoncelli's rental report.

Hart wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked the Police and Mr. Harvey for their help during the ice storm.

Mancuso wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Shnipes, Jr. wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Tomassoni stated the Santa Train was a big success and the Crime Watch will meet at the Eynon Fire Dept. on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. Miss Tomassoni wished everyone a blessed Christmas.

Munley wished every a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Owen stated Planning voted for the plans on the condition the plans would be approved. Mrs. Owen feels the views of the power plants will affect people purchasing homes in the borough. Mrs. Owen stated Staback parks cost estimates are \$48,973.00 and feels the costs can be brought down to \$20,343.00. She feels the host agreement should bring costs down even lower.

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Mrs. Owen asked Hart and Munley why the Chestnut Street Grant was never written. Mr. Hart stated it could be submitted anytime and stated it is the Pike Street Park they are looking at.

**Motions**

Motion by Munley, second by Hart to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2016 regular Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried,

Motion by Munley, second by Tomassoni to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector, and Mayor’s Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Mancuso authorizing payment of November General Fund bills totaling \$237,400.77 and Capital Projects Fund bill in the amount of \$3,705.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to appoint John Binner, Matt Carter, Lewis Chirico, Patrick Chelland, Gene Cholish, Joseph Farrell, Joseph Laboranti, Anthony Mercado, Turique Patrick, Edward Perechinsky, Matt Petrie, Alan Wright and George Weitz Special Police from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 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 Tomassoni, second by Owen to adopt a Resolution authorizing the 2017 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$450,000 with The Honesdale National Bank at an interest rate of 0.89% per annum. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Owen to adopt the FY2017 Budget. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Owen to enact the 2017 Real Estate Tax levy Ordinance fixing the tax rate at 21 mills. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Hart approving 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the police. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen, second by Munley to adopt a Resolution eliminating Police Pension member contributions for the calendar year 2017. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Owen, second by Munley to have the Borough Solicitor prepare an Ordinance amending the Police Pension Ordinance to allow Service Increments. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to engage the services of Atty. Daniel A. Spitzer of the firm of Hodgson Russ LLP. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Tomassoni to begin a "Hero" Banner Program. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Mancuso to authorize a fee of \$20.00 per month per slot for gym usage. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Shnipes, Jr. to rescind Motion of November 9, 2016 requiring written guaranties by December 31, 2016 that the state will provide \$30,000 and county will provide \$10,000 per year toward the upkeep of Staback Park. Roll call vote, Munley, Owen, Shnipes, Jr. and Grandinetti for it, Tomassoni, Mancuso and Hart against. Motion carried by a 4-3 vote.

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

ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH



Dawn Rudalavage  
Borough Secretary-Treasurer



Maria Tomassoni  
President of Council

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