

**Archbald Borough Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

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, Hart, Owen, Shnipes, Jr. and Munley present. Mancuso not in attendance. Mayor Barrett was in attendance.

Public Input

Nancy Edmunds asked why the borough is hiring an engineer firm. Mr. Grandinetti stated the firm will help the borough negotiate more with the Energy Plant. Ms. Edmunds asked when the audit for 2016 done by Brian Kelly will be completed. Mr. Giordano stated the audit should be done by March. Ms. Edmunds asked who owns Staback Park. Mr. Munley stated the state owns the park and Archbald Borough has a contract to maintain it. Gerard Hetman from Lackawanna Community Relations Department stated his department is getting into the planning process for 2017 and hope to attend each council meeting to distribute information on upcoming events.

Council Reports

Mayor Barrett read the crime report and stated she will put a copy in each council person's mailbox. Mayor Barrett stated there are incidents late at night with zoning violations but no one from zoning is available late at night. Mayor Barrett stated Chief Trently writes up incident reports and gives them to zoning but noting is being done. She stated the police will continue to do this, but asks if there is something that can be done at the time of the incident. Mr. O'Connor stated to continue to write up these reports and give to zoning but also the council should be given a report at every monthly meeting on all incidents so council can be made aware that zoning is handling these issues. Mayor Barrett stated the Hoise family asked about the bench that was discussed for Lenny Hosie. Mr. Giordano and Mr. Grandinetti stated the family was supplying the bench. Ms. Tomassoni stated she was in contact with the Hosie family. The family was given books of benches to look at but never got back to Ms. Tomassoni about it. Ms. Tomassoni stated the borough would supply the plaque but the family would have to supply the bench.

Hart stated the Boy Scouts Troop 41 will have a pasta dinner at the VFW in Eynon on Sunday, January 29, 2017 noon to 5pm.

Shnipes, Jr. stated Chief Trently looked at areas in town that were dark and recommended street lights for these areas.

Tomassoni stated she was happy to help out Ms. Edmunds. Ms. Tomassoni stated Mr. Shnipes, Jr. is doing a great job with crime watch and the next meeting is January 18, 2017 at the Eynon Fire Department at 7pm. Topic of discussion will be the opioid addition in the area.

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Munley stated he is working on the grant for Pike Street Playground and contacted Bill Davis who is director of parks and recreation for Lackawanna County. Mr. Munley asked Mr. Davis to email information of where they got their equipment for the bottomless playground so we can include that in our grant request.

Owen stated everyone has information in front of them on Birdsboro power plant. She stated the same plant that is being discussed in our borough is also in Birdsboro. Mrs. Owen stated some of the host agreements are \$800,000.00 impact fee within 15 days of the build permit, \$135,000.00 towards a new paver within 90days, and receiving a yearly fee of \$250,000.00 once the plant begins. Mrs. Owen stated there are no stop signs in Powell Develop. Mr. O'Connor stated we will have to look at the plans that were submitted and if they are on the plans the borough can pull permits.

Motions

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni to accept Mr. Grandinetti relinquishment of the position of President of Council. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Hart to elect Maria Tomassoni as new President of Council. Roll call vote. Owen and Munley against, Tomassoni, Shnipes, Jr., Hart and Grandinetti for it. 4-2 vote, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016 regular Council Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hart, second by Grandinetti to accept Reports – Treasurer, Building Inspector and Mayor's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Hart authorizing payment of December General Fund bills totaling \$181,534.70. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to engage the services of the engineering firm Arcadis US, Inc. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to authorize a 3% salary increase for the Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to retain the services of Brian Kelly, CPA to conduct the audit of Borough accounts for the year ending December 31, 2016. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Owen to reappoint Gary Caljean to the Archbald Planning commission to a four year term expiring December 31, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to reappoint David Lamereaux to the Archbald Planning commission to a four year term expiring December 31, 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Hart to reappoint Tom Picchini to the Archbald Zoning Hearing Board to a three year term ending December 31, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes, Jr. to reappoint Dave Moran to the Archbald Vacancy Board to a one year term expiring December 31, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Owen, second by Shnipes, Jr. to reappoint James McLauhlin to the Archbald Civil Service Commission for a six year term ending December 31, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hart, second by Grandinetti to reappoint Cindy Houser to the Archbald Recreation Commission to a three year term ending December 31, 2019. Munley, Tomassoni, Shnipes Jr., Hart and Grandinetti for it, Owen against. Motion carried.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Shnipes, Jr. to reappoint Pat Munley to the Archbald Recreation Commission to a three year term ending December 31, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Hart to reappoint Thomas Picchini to the Gravity Slope Colliery Authority to a five year term ending December 31, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Owen, second by Grandinetti to reappoint David Lamereaux to the Gravity Slope Colliery Authority to a five year term ending December 31, 2021. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Grandinetti, second by Hart to Jerry Heid to the Gravity Slope Colliery Authority to the unexpired term of Daniel Heid ending December 31, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

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Motion by Munley, second by Grandinetti to reappoint Edward Levandowski to the UCC Board of Appeals for a one year term expiring December 31, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Owen to reappoint Kevin Marion to the UCC Board of Appeals for a one year term expiring December 31, 2017. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, second by Owen to install streetlights at 121 East Street and corner of Simpson and Pierce Streets. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Attest:

Archbald Borough



Dawn Rudalavage
Borough Secretary-Treasurer



Maria Tomassoni
President of Council

Minutes prepared by Dawn M. Rudalavage, Borough Secretary-Treasurer