

ARCHBALD BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 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, Munley, Williams, Grandinetti, Shnipes, Jr., Durkin and Simon. Mayor Barrett was in attendance.

Public Input

Thomas Taylor asked if there are any permits on Beverly and Pierce Street. Mr. Lemoncelli stated Mr. Stafursky has preliminary plans to construct 19 units. The plans are submitted but no permits are issued at this time. Mr. Taylor stated there is no building going on but the eyesore is still there. Mr. Lemoncelli stated he spoke to Mr. Stafursky about the pallets, Mr. Stafursky assured Mr. Lemoncelli the eyesore would be gone. Mr. Simon asked Mr. Lemoncelli to look into this matter. Mr. Taylor asked about the 400ft of dirt path between Beverley and Betty Streets. Mr. Taylor stated there should be a road there. Mr. Simon stated the street was never developed and is a paper road. Mr. Simon stated the borough will look onto this paper road.

Joseph Wargo, President of the Eynon/Sturges Fire Department presented a petition signed by 136 residents to remove the fire siren on Thomas Street. Mr. Wargo stated it's a nuance which wakes children and bothers elderly people who are sick. Mr. Simon stated the siren warns people in the community that something is going on. Mr. Wargo stated maybe they can put a time on the siren to blow between the hours of 6am and 10pm. Mr. Simon stated the petition will be presented to the safety committee and the committee will advise the borough of what they find. The petition is attached to these minutes.

Larry West stated the Susquehanna Power line made a mess in the borough. Mr. West asked why the borough allowed this to happen. Mr. Simon stated he attended a meeting in 2007, in which they presented 3 ways the lines would run. Mr. Simon was told this was the most unlikely route it would go, but that is what PPL did. Mr. West stated UGI put a 5.7% raise on gas and asked why this has happen. Mr. Simon stated this is the first he is hearing of this but the borough can send a letter on behalf of the people. Mr. Simon stated Mr. West should approach Mr. Blake or Mr. Farina on a State level. Mr. West feels the Valley View access road should be turned back over to the Valley View School District so the other towns can also pay for it. Mr. Simon stated Archbald Borough took the roads over and is not sure if the roads can revert back to Valley View School District.

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Chief Tim Trently stated what a good job the officers have done. A female wanted to take her life, on the bridge. The officer on that night totally made the difference. Chief Trently commented the support of Archbald borough in sending officers to crises intervention training. Most other municipalities did not support their police force doing this. Chief Trently stated another incident where a young girl was raped. The next day she went to Lackawanna River and jumped. Officer Racht jumped in after her. These are just a few examples of what the Archbald Borough is doing. The officers are also writing tickets, doing DUI checkpoints and commercial vehicle inspections. Chief Trently would like to applaud council for its support.

Council Reports

Ms. Tomassoni would like to thank everyone who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Thanks to the Archbald Borough Police and Fire Chief Harvey. Ms. Tomassoni is looking forward to the Halloween Parade.

Mr. Munley stated the Summer Youth program will start June 16th and run thru August 22nd at the Pike Street Park. The program is for children 6 and up and you can sign up on the first day.

Mr. Williams received some requests from residents. There is tall grass on Mary and Old Ridge Road, also Propst and Yale. Mr. Williams stated there are pot holes on Daystrum and Joyce Street, also 104 Sunset Drive.

Mr. Grandinetti asked about the storm drain on Laurel Street. Mr. Simon stated the borough is waiting on the trail to give us the right away.

Mr. Shnipes, Jr. stated Wednesday, June 18th there will be a neighborhood watch meeting at 6:30pm at the Eynon Fire Dept.

Mr. Durkin stated the audit should be to the borough in about a month.

Mayor Barrett stated Archbald borough merchant meeting will be on Friday at 9am. Mayor Barrett also stated she would like to attend the safety meeting.

Motions

Motion by Munley, second by Williams to approve the minutes of May 14, 2014 regular meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Grandinetti to accept Reports – Treasurer, Controller, Solicitor, Engineer, Building Inspector, Borough Manager and Mayor’s Report. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Durkin, second by Shnipes, Jr. authorizing payment of May General Fund bills totaling \$154,065.49 and Memorial Park bill for \$300.00. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Durkin, 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 July 1, 2014 to July 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 in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Durkin authorizing payment of \$235,000 to Popple Construction Co. as settlement of the Borough’s obligations under Regional Park construction contract dated January 24, 2008. On the question from Grandinetti, what fund will this amount be taken out of? Mr. Simon stated the money will be taken from the contingency fund. Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Shnipes, Jr., second by Tomassoni allowing Rep. Frank Farina use of the Betty Street Park to conduct a “Free Family Fun Night” on July 24, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Munley, second by Durkin authorizing use of the Municipal Building to the following entities per their completed request forms: Archbald Historical Society, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Archbald Borough Merchants Assoc. and Lackawanna. County. Dept. of Elections. All in favor, motion carried.

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Motion by Tomassoni, second by Shnipes, Jr. authorizing the Borough Solicitor to solicit quotes from financial institutions for a proposed capital improvements borrowing in the amount of **\$652,983.00**. Mr. Simon stated the combined amount will include:

Access Road Project \$143,000.00

2nd Street Project \$205,000.00

Police Car \$ 38,926.00

1st Street Culvert \$ 30,562.00

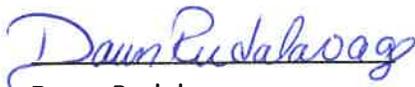
Recycling Truck \$235,495.00

Roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

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

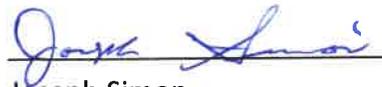
ATTEST:

ARCHBALD BOROUGH



Dawn Rudalavage

Borough Secretary-Treasurer



Joseph Simon

President of Council

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