

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Council Members present- Thomas J. Murray, President; Perry Lorah, Vice-President; John Taylor, Justin Gehman, Jeff Shirk, Dan McCormac, Earl Shirk.

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Kenelm L. Shirk III, Solicitor; Joanne Gestewitz, K. L. McEllhenney, Penny Talbert, Sam Baughman, Brian Boyer, Greg Fitzpatrick, Lloyd Chapman, Thomas Murray, Jr.; Annette I. Swartz, Donald Reese, Tammy Ruth, H.A. Penner, Mary Ebersole, Jill Gormley, Chris Hoffman, Pearl Sensenig, John Hoffman, Lynn Nash & Family, Ed Miller, Susan Miller, Dave Lefever, Lancaster Newspapers; Chris Reinhard, Edgar Stoesz, Lynn Brubaker, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Jill Hilt.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the September 22, 2014 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the October 13, 2014 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve the October 27, 2014 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Ephrata Public Library

Penny Talbert from the Ephrata Public Library was present at Council Meeting in support of the Ephrata Library.

People present at the meeting in support of the Ephrata Public Library

Lynn Nash, 24 Talon Drive, Ephrata PA

Lloyd Chapman, 328 Home Towne Blvd, Ephrata PA

Jill Gormley, 3 Maple Farms Road, Ephrata PA

Chris Reinard, 905 Hanna Drive, Lititz PA

Lynn Brubaker, 121 Bomberger Road, Akron PA

Edgar Stoesz, 929 Broad Street, Akron PA

Mary Ebersole, 1238 Main Street, Akron PA

H.A. Penner, 108 S. Fifth Street, Akron PA

Susan Miller, 1013 Main Street, Akron PA

Ed Miller, 1013 Main Street, Akron PA

John Hoffman, 931 High Street, Akron PA

Pearl Sensenig, 931 High Street, Akron PA

Chris Hoffman, 931 High Street, Akron PA

Sam Baughman, 483 S. Ninth Street asked why are we funding private home schooling. Penny Talbert answered the Ephrata Library does not teach home schooling.

Greg Fitzpatrick, 1320 Diamond Street, Akron thanked Council for their work and questioned the Mayor's compensation.

Thomas Murray read a letter addressed written by the Rupleys, Walnut Street, Akron in support of the Ephrata Library.

Tom Murray mentioned Council will discuss the library under the Finance and budget time of the meeting.

Mayor- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth mentioned the Race for Education raised \$1,000.00

The Annual Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Akron PTO was a success

Mayor attended Legislative Breakfast for the EASD was held October 29, 2014

Annual Fundraiser "4 Our Kids" was held on November 3, 2014.

Mayor McBeth mentioned the New Year's Eve Committee is planning for another Shoe-In event.

In regards to the Mayor salary the PA Municipal Code states the Mayor's salary must be set by ordinance.

Jeff Shirk asked Sue Davidson to get what was paid to the Mayor for 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Brian Boyer, 324 Westview Drive, Akron mentioned there is still a truck on Edgehill Drive that is in violation. Dan Guers mentioned a Notice of Violation was sent but was granted an extension. Dan Guers will follow up on this issue.

Brian Boyer checked with garbage company in Reamstown and they would charge the Borough \$500.00 a day to pick up leaves.

Jeff Shirk mentioned we are in the process of getting a hydraulic study in regards to the request from Maple Farms before meeting on this issue.

Don Reese, 17 Miller Road mentioned he was impressed with the Rail Trail and a lot of people have been walking on the trail over the weekend. Will there be porta potties for the Rail Trail and are there plans for benches. Yes there are plans for benches.

Police Report- Chief Zell (not present)

Distributed October 2014 Police Report

Finance Committee- Perry Lorah

Perry Lorah made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah read the October 31, 2014 month-end balances into the minutes.

General Fund	\$ 1,481.28
Water Fund	\$ 21,614.94
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,899.46
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,973.71
Highway Aid Fund	\$143,835.16
General Reserves	\$173,362.44
CD	\$ 17,910.81
Water Reserves	\$ (26,902.00)
Sewer Reserves	\$295,806.16
Capital Projects	\$ 29.15
Rail Trail Const	\$ 16,775.30
Community Fund	\$ 3,297.87
Total	\$710,084.28

Perry Lorah reviewed the October 31, 2014 Revenues & Expenditures Report
Budgeted Revenues-78% Budget Expenditures-78%

Council discussed Act 600 Uniform Pension Contributions and 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligations for 2015.

2015 Proposed Budget

Perry Lorah mentioned the 2015 proposed budget includes a ¼ mill real estate tax increase.

Greg Fitzpatrick mentioned that legal fees are over budget.

Brian Boyer suggested we ask MCC for a donation.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve the proposed 2015 General Fund balanced budget in the amount of \$1,588,309.00 and to properly advertise. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve the proposed 2015 Water Fund balanced budget in the amount of \$519,160.00 and to properly advertise. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve the proposed 2015 Sewer Fund balanced budget in the amount of \$617,809.00 and to properly advertise. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve the proposed 2015 Highway Aid Fund balanced budget in the amount of \$240,893.86 and to properly advertise. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise an ordinance increasing the tax millage another ¼ mill from 2.5 mills to 2.75 mills in 2015. Justin Gehman seconded the ordinance. Motion carried but not unanimous. Thomas Murray, Perry Lorah, Justin Gehman, John Taylor, Jeff Shirk and Earl Shirk voted aye. Dan McCormac voted nay.

Perry Lorah made a motion to adopt Resolution #00175 allowing the Borough of Akron to move up the closing date with Fulton Bank loan in the amount \$847,000.00 , to November 12, 2014 or anytime thereafter (original date having been December 1, 2014). John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried but not unanimous. Thomas Murray, Perry Lorah, Justin Gehman, John Taylor, Jeff Shirk and Earl Shirk voted aye. Dan McCormac voted nay.

Ordinance & Safety Committee- Dan McCormac

Dan McCormac made a motion to adopt Ordinance #00083 to add an additional stop intersection in the Borough at the intersection of Diamond Station Road, Tobacco Road and Diamond Street. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parks & Personnel Committee- John Taylor

John Taylor made a motion to accept the 2015-2016-2017 Borough of Akron Police contract. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Taylor mentioned the Rail Trail looks good.

Earl Shirk made a motion to have Jesse Horst install sidewalk with curb cuts as recommended by the Borough engineer. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance & Safety Committee-(cont'd) Dan McCormac

Dan McCormac made motion to adopt Ordinance #00084 amending the Pension Ordinance for the calculation of retirement benefits for the Uniform Plan. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Property & Planning Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk made a motion to accept the proposal from Personalized Commercial Cleaning, East Petersburg PA for \$230.00 monthly to clean the Municipal Office Building. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets Committee- Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman and Dan Guers will be meeting with the public works department.

Justin Gehman made a motion to advertise for a list of qualified snow plow drivers to assist in plowing streets. Dan Guers will do a salary survey. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Shirk asked if the driveway issue on Third Street has been resolved. Dan Guers will have Arro Engineers come out and inspect and make sure the driveway is ADA compliant.

Water & Sewer Committee- Jeff Shirk

Distributed October 2014 report

Jeff Shirk mentioned the flows look good.

Borough Manager-Dan Guers

Distributed October 2014 report

Municipal roof almost completed and needs to be inspected.

Becker Engineers informed Dan Guers the water model proposal for the water system is on hold.

Change order and easement agreement approved to have storm water pipe relocated at Colonial Park and on a portion of the Rosenberger property.

Dan Guers mentioned West Earl still has not responded in regards to the water run-off issue on Pool Road.

A Notice of Violation was issued for 641 Main Street. Dan Guers authorized the cutting and mowing of 303 Manor Ridge Drive.

Borough Solicitor

Borough Solicitor still working on T-Mobile and Hydro-Soft paperwork.

Council President will put together committee to establish an e-mail policy.

Fire Chief

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Planning Commission

Nothing scheduled at this time

Zoning Hearing Board

Nothing scheduled at this time

Tax Collector

Distributed October 2014 report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in October 2014 \$523.00

Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in October 2014 \$350.00

Borough Secretary

Distributed October 2014 Call Log

No action was taken at 707 Broad Street.

Unfinished Business

Tom Murray mentioned he still has not responded to James Sushinski.

New Business

Dan McCormac mentioned some concerns he has with the proposed 2015 budget.

Committee Meetings- November 24, 2014

Water & Sewer Committee- 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee- 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Shirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Taylor seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

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