

## **BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- AUGUST 10, 2015**

***Council Members present-*** Thomas J. Murray, President; Perry Lorah, Vice-President; Justin Gehman, John Taylor, Jeff Shirk, Dan McCormac. (Earl Shirk not present)

***Others present-*** Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review, Brian Boyer, Sam Baughman, Annette Swartz, Glen Beiler, Phil Bengino, Gary Mikos, LuAnn Mikos, K.L. McEllhenney.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

### ***Approval of Minutes***

Jeff Shirk made a motion to approve the July 13, 2015 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan McCormac made a motion to approve the July 27, 2015 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ***Visitors***

Kay McEllhenney, 11 Scenic View Drive, Akron mentioned that Council and residents should go to the Roland Park and see the Boy Scout Building with the new siding and roof and it looks great.

Gary & LuAnn Mikos, 209 Bomberger Road, Ephrata asked Council to be open for future discussion to keep the Rail Trail hours more in line with that of Ephrata Twp. Which is dawn to dusk. The Mikos' mentioned groups congregate at dark at the end of the Rail Trail.

Bruce Rhine, 34 Third Street, Akron mentioned to Council a recent article in the Ephrata Review in regards to the July 12, 2015 Council Meeting and how Farley Fry from Hanover Engineers spoke about MS4 and stormwater off. Mr. Rhine commented that residents on Third Street installed new sidewalks and is concerned about the MS4 regulations.

Brian Boyer, Westview Drive, Akron asked about the telephone pole issue. Dan Guers mentioned that next week four poles will be done by our Public Works Dept instead of waiting for PPL.

Brian Boyer mentioned the handicap ramps need repaired on West Main Street.

Brian Boyer mentioned the rebar and concrete in storm boxes at Broad Street and Westview (he mentioned a year ago) still have not been cleaned up.

Brian Boyer mentioned a tree blocking the intersection of Edgehill and Manor Ridge Drive. Also mentioned water running into a hole at the blacktop directly across from 303 Manor Ridge Drive.

Brian Boyer asked if the Borough is contracting with Good's Disposal or another company for leaf collection. Sue Davidson will e-mail 2014 trash collection information to Council and Mayor.

Brian Boyer mentioned the Borough spends a lot of hours on the Rail Trail when other work is not getting done; there are potholes on Edgehill, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets that need repaired. Also the backstop at Roland Park is falling down.

Annette Swartz, 204 S. Seventh Street, Akron asked if another speed bump will be installed at Main Street near the trail and why was a speed bump placed right at the trail. Annette mentioned it should be before the trail so vehicles will stop sooner and it also makes it difficult for bikes to cross.

Tom Murray mentioned most people slow down before the speed bump and there are traffic lines and not there is not another speed bump planned.

**Mayor Report-** Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth mentioned he approved the closing of part of Main Street for the Akron Volunteer Fire Company Open House, Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

Mayor also mentioned he has a copy of the latest Drug Task Force Report.

**Police-** Chief Zell (not present)

Distributed a copy of the July 2015 report

A recent newspaper article stated that police incidents Akron is third in the County and Mayor McBeth mentioned does not know why the Borough Police has so many calls even though crime is very low in Akron. Mayor mentioned we also respond to West Earl.

Perry Lorah mentioned the bus stop issue on N. Seventh Street that was brought up a few months ago by resident Bob Rollman. Mayor McBeth mentioned the school district has not reached a conclusion. Dan Guers mentioned a stop sign is holding up this issue because there is no stop sign at Hoover Drive.

Dan McCormac mentioned there are 115 traffic stops in the police report and does that mean half of the people getting pulled over there not doing anything with. The Solicitor mentioned maybe warning are being given.

Tom Murray mentioned the Ephrata SRO personnel evaluation has been received and Council and Mayor can review.

**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 into the minutes the July 31, 2015 month-end figures

General Fund	\$101,105.61
Water Fund	\$ 30,139.10
Sewer Fund	\$ 9,977.86
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,983.60
Highway Aid Fund	\$164,597.68

General Reserves	\$116,837.03
Water Reserves	\$ 17,933.00
Sewer Reserves	\$197,889.36
Rail Trail Const	\$303,563.65
Bldg Repairs	\$ 36,498.93
Community Fund	\$ 3,368.13
Total	\$1,042,893.95

Budgeted Revenues- 67% Budgeted Expenditures-59%  
Perry Lorah mentioned 2016 budget process will start next month.

**Ordinance & Safety Committee-** Dan McCormac

Jeff Shirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance #00086 establishing an additional No Parking Zone in the Borough along both sides of Main Street near the Akron Borough Rail Trail. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Parks & Personnel Committee-** John Taylor

Sue Davidson personnel evaluation done and she elected not to take a pay increase.  
Dan Guers personnel evaluation done and he elected not to take a pay increase.

Jeff Shirk made a motion that the Borough will not permit or allow privacy fences on the Akron Borough portion of the Rail Trail easement or right-a-way. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Property & Planning Committee-** Earl Shirk (not present)

The downstairs tenant gave a two month notice to vacate and will be gone by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Council will discuss downstairs options at next committee meeting.

**Streets Committee-** Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman and Dan Guers drove around the Borough to get an update for the 5-year street plan and will have information for the next committee meeting.

Dan Guers gave an update on Third Street. Dan Guers and Code Administrators looked at Third Street and just a few sidewalks are ADA compliant. Dan Guers mentioned just two places on Third Street were issues with a handicap scooter. Dan also mentioned the timeline for the street is no problem but any street work later than October 20<sup>th</sup> will be an issue with liquid fuels. Committee time was requested.

Code Administrators will incorporate new sidewalk spec's hopefully by the end of this week.

**Water & Sewer Committee-** Jeff Shirk

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Jeff Shirk mentioned the flow rates look good.

The manhole cover at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Westview Drive is schedule for repair any day.

The water model is not done and the engineer should have all the information

Jeff Shirk asked for committee time to discuss who is responsible for our storm drains and run-off and how it affects the MS4 Plan.

Dan Guers met with the Sensenig's and they will sign the easement agreement for Crestview drainage. Tom Murray mentioned Solicitor needs to read this easement agreement.

Jeff Shirk mentioned he will have a list for screening by the next committee meeting.

Jeff Shirk mentioned there will be a lot of additional reporting required for the MS4 Plan.

**Borough Manager**- Dan Guers  
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Main Street Cross Alert System has been installed and is functioning.

Martin Paving has installed the traffic table at the Rail Trail Crossing on Main Street.

Attended a County initiated meeting of the WERT Partners for a possible creation of a Joint Trail Committee.

Ephrata Borough Public Works will provide additional number decals for trail lights for a nominal cost.

Arro Engineers have completed the bid spec for Crestview Drive drainage.

Sign at Rail Trail should be pedestrian and bike crossing sign, not just pedestrian crossing sign.

Dan Guers will put something in the next newsletter about the Rail Trail crossing.

SRBC compliance officer will visit the Borough on August 18<sup>th</sup> to review the progress of our water withdrawal permit.

Issued a permit to T-Mobile for upgrade to the water tank.

The Zoning Hearing Board approved the requested variance to increase the maximum height of fence from 6' to 8' on Main Street.

Retreat of Lancaster is trying to purchase the Akron Restaurant and Handi-vangilism may be purchasing the Westview Golf Course.

**Borough Solicitor**

Kenelm L. Shirk III requested committee time to discuss records destruction.

**Fire Chief**

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**Planning Commission**

Planning Commission meeting will be rescheduled to a later date (previously scheduled for 8/11/15).

**Zoning Hearing Board**

Nothing scheduled at this time.

**Tax Collector**

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County Taxes collected in July 2015     \$12,370.15

Borough Taxes collected in July 2015   \$ 9,107.91

**Borough Secretary**

Distributed July 2015 Call Log

Sue Davidson will schedule a Pension Committee Meeting.

**Borough Treasurer**

Nothing to report

**Unfinished Business**

Dan McCormac made a motion to drop the Declaratory Judgement against Mayor McBeth. There was no second to the motion. Motion not carried.

**New Business**

Nothing to report

**Committee Meeting-** Monday, August 24, 2015

Parks Committee- 6:30 p.m.

Property & Planning Committee- 7:15 p.m.

Streets Committee- 7:45 p.m.

Water & Sewer Committee- 8:15 p.m.

Records Destruction- 8:45 p.m.

Justin Gehman 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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