

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Kenelm L. Shirk III, Solicitor; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Penny Talbert, Ephrata Public Library; Andrea Eberhart, Brian Boyer, Bill McMinn, Barbara McMinn, Sue & Jeff Keith, Kay McEllhenney, Sam Baughman, Phil Bengino, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor McBeth mentioned in the minutes of August 10, 2015 it should say on page 3, Dan Guers's evaluation is scheduled to be done and Dan Guers elected not to take pay increase. John Taylor will get a copy of the evaluation to Mayor McBeth.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve the amended September 8, 2015 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Shirk made a motion to approve the August 24, 2015 Borough of Akron Council meeting minutes. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Penny Talbert, representing the Ephrata Public Library distributed the quarterly budget update and expect to come in around the budget by the end of the year. Council thanked Penny for the information.

Sue & Jeff Keith, 530 Main Street, asked Council for permission to allow signs for the annual Akron Grace EC Church Craft Fair, November 7, 2015. The signs will be located at 1141 Main Street, 530 Main Street and 132 N. Seventh Street.

Earl Shirk made a motion to allow the request from the Akron Grace EC Church to allow signs for their Annual Craft Fair to be placed at 1141 Main Street, 530 Main Street and 132 N. Seventh Street. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barb McMinn distributed a plan for lights for the Broad Street Park. All materials for the project have been donated. The meetings for the Shoe-In will start next month. Tom Murray mentioned he will represent Council at these meetings.

John Taylor made a motion to approve the installation of lights at the Broad Street Park for the Shoe-Drop Committee. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Code Administrators will inspect the work. Motion carried.

Andrea Eberhart, 820 Broad Street, Akron mentioned to Council that the tree at the Roland Park for her father for his many years of service is dead and should be replaced. Council will have the tree replaced.

Mayor Report- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth approved the request from the Akron Volunteer Fire Company traffic route for the annual Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

Mayor McBeth approved the closing of the 400 block of Edgehill Drive this Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Public Works Department will drop off barricades.

Mayor McBeth hosted the Mayor's Association meeting last Wednesday at the Roland Park.

Mayor McBeth addressed a recent Lancaster Newspaper article on why Akron Borough has so many police calls. The reason for the high number of calls is because Akron Borough Police Dept receives calls from West Earl Twp Police Dept for back-up and responding to calls.

Police- Chief Zell

Distributed August Police report

Chief Zell wanted to recognize Scott Judkins who works in our Public Works Dept for assisting and locating an individual who inflicted wounds on himself and needed medical attention.

Council asked Chief Zell to contact the Akron Civil Service Commission to start the hiring process in anticipation on an officer who is retiring next year.

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 August 2015 month-end balances.

General Fund	\$142,924.72
Water Fund	\$ 43,353.22
Sewer Fund	\$ 36,161.75
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,983.62
Highway Aid Fund	\$164,601.32
General Reserves Fund	\$103,922.07
Water Reserves Fund	\$ 15,533.02
Sewer Reserves Fund	\$201,389.44
Rail Trail Const Fund	\$294,909.74
Bldg Repairs Fund	\$ 36,499.75
Community Fund	\$ 3,368.16
Total	\$1,103,646.81

Perry Lorah reviewed the August 2015 Revenues and Expenditures report
Budgeted Revenues- 68% Budgeted Expenditures- 60%

2016 Budget will be discussed at October committee meeting.

A Pension meeting is scheduled tomorrow, September 15, 2015 commencing at 6:30 p.m.. Council is requesting that a representative from Univest Municipal Pension Services be present at the October 12, 2015 Council meeting.

Ordinance & Safety Committee- Dan McCormac
Nothing to report

Park & Personnel Committee- John Taylor
The Inter-municipal Rail Trail agreement will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Sue Davidson will plan the Rail Trail dedication for this year and will discuss the progress at the next committee meeting.

The park lodge interior should be completed the week after the Ephrata Fair. Dan Guers will check out the Rail Trail cross-alert lights that go on when no one is around.

Property & Planning Committee- Earl Shirk
Earl Shirk will work with Dan Guers and Scott Judkins to determine the usage of the downstairs rental space and will get back to Council.

Streets Committee- Justin Gehman
The Third Street project will begin the first week in October. The Public Works Dept will complete the additional crack sealing in October.

Water & Sewer Committee- Jeff Shirk
Distributed August report

Jeff Shirk made a motion to adjust the water/sewer bill for 108 S. Twelfth Street, Akron to a combined total of \$95.20 due to a small piece of pvc found in their water softener after the hydrants were recently flushed. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council will discuss the Penndot paving and manhole reimbursement agreement at the next Committee meeting.

Jeff Bologna from Becker Engineering gave an update on the proposed water model. Council decided to schedule a specially advertised meeting for Wednesday, September 30, 2015 commencing at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed water model and to have Becker Engineering at the meeting.

Borough Solicitor
Earl Shirk made a motion to adopt Resolution #00081 allowing for the destruction of documents recommended by the Borough Solicitor to Borough Council. The documents are listed in Exhibit A. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Borough Solicitor requested committee time to discuss a zoning issue.

The Borough Solicitor left the Council Meeting at this time

Borough Manager- Dan Guers

Distributed August 2015 report

Leon & Eunice Sensenig signed the Crestview Drive easement agreement and it has been notarized and the Council President and Borough Secretary need to sign the agreement before it is recorded.

Akron Borough has received a request from West Earl Twp to provide sewer service to the one room school house located in West Earl Twp at the Borough line. Dan Guers recommended we discuss this issue at the September committee meeting.

Darrell Becker from Arro Engineers has issued a "Notice to Proceed" to Burkholder Paving for the Third Street paving project. Burkholder will begin the project the first week in October.

The Borough PW staff has completed patching several potholes throughout the Borough.

Dan Guers forwarded two notices of violation to property owners and both have complied by cutting their grass.

Dan Guers met with Darren Schlemm to discuss an Eagle Scout project. Schlemm will make a presentation at the October committee meeting.

Fire Chief

Distributed 2015 Fire Report

Planning Commission

Additional members are need for the Akron Borough Planning Commission

Earl Shirk made a motion to accept the resignation of Jim Martin from the Borough of Akron Planning Commission. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Planning Commission Meeting will be scheduled to discuss a lot ad-on plan for 39 N. Ninth Street.

Zoning Hearing Board

A Zoning Hearing has been scheduled for September 17, 2015 commencing at 7:00 p.m. for:

- 1) 333 S. Seventh Street/Special Exception
- 2) 100 S. Seventh Street/Variance

Tax Collector

Distributed August 2015 Tax Collector Report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in August 2015	\$1,403.88
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in August 2015	\$1,033.65

Borough Secretary

Distributed August 2015 Call Log

Read letter from Elijah Frain, 15 Crestview Drive, thanking Council for supporting the summer program at the Ephrata Recreation Center.

Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

Mayor McBeth asked about the utility pole on Broad Street and the big hole on the sidewalk. Dan Guers will contact PPL about the pole.

Code Administrators are still working on the sidewalk spec's.

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

New Business

Council discussed mini powered vehicles on the Rail Trail. Chief Zell mentioned the State has no problem with the electric assisted vehicles but the combustion assisted vehicles are not authorized.

Council will have the Borough Solicitor attend the September 17, 2015 Zoning Hearing to oppose the 100 S. Seventh Street variance.

Committee Meeting- Monday, September 24, 2015

Parks & Personnel Committee- 6:30 p.m.

Rail Trail Dedication- 7:00 p.m.

Water & Sewer Committee- 7:15 p.m.

Borough Solicitor- 7:45 p.m.

Earl Shirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

