

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- NOVEMBER 9, 2015

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Kenelm L. Shirk III, Solicitor, Brian Boyer, Dick, Wanner, Lancaster Newspapers; Penny Talbert, Sam Baughman, Andrea Eberhart, Barb McMinn, Phil Bengino, Michael Rogers, John Williamson, Bruce Rhine, Monica Hursh.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the October 5, 2015 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the October 12, 2015 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Dick Wanner asked if horses are allowed on the trail? Horses are not allowed on the Rail Trail.

Penny Talbert mentioned to Council as a resident of Akron Borough she does not mind paying taxes. Akron Borough has the lowest per capita contribution for the Ephrata Public Library and asked Council to be aware of the library situation. Talbert thanked Council for their consideration.

Andrea Eberhart, 920 Broad Street, Akron asked about the status of the memorial tree in the Roland Park. Jeff Shirk mentioned he just received a quote and the tree should be planted in one to two weeks. Eberhart mentioned the trees were supposed to be planted by the end of October.

Sam Baughman updated Council on the Planning Commission working on ordinances. Sam also mentioned two people, John Taylor and Ryan Cochran, are interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

Brian Boyer mentioned to Council a list of complaints: there is still a hole around the pole on the sidewalk on West Main Street. Nothing on the agenda about complaints. Brian mentioned he counted only 188 leaf bags were placed out for leaf collection so far. Why are we paying a full-time employee to replace dog bags on the Rail Trail. Mowing grass in Septembers when the grass is so dry. Public Works are spending a lot of hours on the Rail Trail.

Justin Gehman responded that all the poles should have been completed. Dan Guers mentioned the poles on Main Street need to be finished. Tom Murray mentioned taking care of the park is a process-trash is being emptied and dog bags are being replenished, etc. but will check on this issue to see what

process is being done. Dan Guers will identify all the poles that need maintained. John Taylor asked if there is an ordinance that requires residents to pick up leaves. (No ordinance requires leaf pick up). John Taylor mentioned he tries to keep his property clean and if nobody cares he doesn't care.

Phil Bengino mentioned the driveway at the Akron Fire Hall is in need of repair.

Mayor- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth distributed copies of "Places 2040" a new long range comprehensive plan for Lancaster County.

Police

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Dan Guers will contact Code Administrators to inspect 643 Main Street for zoning violations. The house is vacant and the water is turned off.

Finance Committee- Perry Lorah (not present)

Jeff Shirk made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Shirk read into the minutes the October 2015 month-end balance.

General Fund	\$ 35,446.38
Water Fund	\$ 64,907.33
Sewer Fund	\$ 20,843.39
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,993.38
Highway Aid Fund	\$164,611.00
General Reserves Fund	\$109,241.51
Water Reserves Fund	\$ 25,161.46
Sewer Reserves Fund	\$197,405.54
Rail Trail Const. Fund	\$116,491.34
Bldg Repairs Fund	\$ 36,502.88
Comm Fund	\$ 3,368.29
Total	\$834,972.50

Budgeted Revenues 83% - Budgeted Expenditures 79%

Ordinance & Safety Committee- Dan McCormac

The proposed sign ordinance recommendation was sent to the Borough Planning Commission for review and will be presented at the next Committee Meeting.

Parks & Personnel Committee- John Taylor

A draft of the Inter-Municipal Rail Trail Agreement will be sent to the partners for their review and will discuss at the next joint meeting on December 4, 2015.

Jeff Shirk made a motion to direct the Borough Solicitor to draft an ordinance for residential permit parking (sticker only) the entire length of Front Street on the East Side. John Taylor seconded. Motion carried. Ordinance will be presented at December 14, 2015 meeting.

Earl Shirk made a motion to accept the resignation of William Hensel as meter reader. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Dept has excavated and stoned the relocation of the walking trail in Roland Park. Dan Guers will meet with Lynn Crills to discuss paving options.

Dan Guers mentioned a push button is being shipped for the crossing lights for the Rail Trail. Dan Guers mentioned he met with Land Studies regarding the stream bank erosion in Roland Park and should have a proposal from Land Studies for the next committee meeting.

Property & Planning Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk will meet with Dan Guers and Scott Judkins to discuss a plan for getting the equipment out of the weather.

Streets Committee- Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve the final payment to Burkholder Paving in the amount of \$146,237.23 for the Third Street project. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. The completed work is \$11,266.86 greater than the original bid because 1) length of Third Street for bid was less than actual length 2) additional area at the intersection of Broad Street was authorized to be improved. Motion carried.

Jeff Shirk mentioned that a steel cleat tractor is ripping up Third Street. Borough Solicitor responded there is nothing we can do about it.

A trailer on Third Street should not be on the street and the police dept should be notified.

Crack sealing is being done on Borough streets. The sinkholes around storm drains on Main Street need to be taken care of.

Water & Sewer Committee- Jeff Shirk

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Jeff Shirk made a motion to accept the revised Crestview Easement Agreement with correct attachment. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Shirk mentioned the flow rates look good.

Jeff Shirk made a motion to have Arro Engineers submit a proposal for an underground pipe along the Rail Trail on the south section at the last house on Crestview Drive and to stay within the Akron Borough right-of-way. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Borough Manager- Dan Guers

Dan Guers mentioned a follow up discussion with Becker Engineers regarding the Water System Hydraulic Model.

The schoolhouse located on S. Ninth Street has indicated the adjacent property owner will allow an easement for them to tie into our manhole for sewer services to the property. It will be the responsibility of the owners of the schoolhouse to get the easement.

Received a zoning application for a one room bed and breakfast on N. Eleventh Street. The Solicitor previously supplied Council members with his opinion concerning that application. The Solicitor mentioned this is an odd request. The Borough Solicitor also stated he does not see the hardship and it is not a good place for off-street parking. Jeff Shirk asked, if it is only one unit, how can it be a hardship? Dan Guers will present the concept of the lack of hardship to the Zoning Hearing Board. Earl Shirk agreed he does not think this rises to a hardship.

Arro Engineers prepared contract documents for Abel Construction regarding Crestview Drainage project and all paperwork should be completed within two weeks.

President of Council stated it is time to bid all insurance and all professional services.

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

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Planning Commission

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Ryan Cochran to the Borough of Akron Planning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2017. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint John Taylor to the Borough of Akron Planning Commission with the term ending December 31, 2017. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Taylor abstained from voting on this motion. (letter attached)

A Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2015 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

Nothing scheduled at this time

Tax Collector

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County Real Estate Taxes collected in October 2015	\$1,799.12
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in October 2015	\$1,324.67

Borough Secretary

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Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

It was mentioned that Front Street has potholes and the Borough will repair with cold patch.

New Business

Nothing to report

Committee- Wednesday, November 11, 2015- Budget at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 23, 2015- Streets Committee- 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee- 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Shirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

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November 9, 2015

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I, John Taylor a member of the Borough of Akron Council abstained from any discussion or voting on a motion appointing me to the Borough of Akron Planning Commission due to a conflict of interest. This motion took place on November 9, 2015 at the Borough of Akron regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John Taylor
Borough of Akron Council