

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- DECEMBER 14, 2015

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Brian Boyer, K.L. McEllhenney, Sam Baughman, John Williamson, Phil Beningo, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review, R.S. Judkins.

Approval of Minutes

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the November 9, 2015 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve the November 11, 2015 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Brian Boyer, Westview Drive, Akron mentioned it is taking a long time to get gas cards for the Borough. Dan Guers mentioned the application to WAWA for the fuel cards has been completed and we should have the cards in two weeks. Tom Murray asked about fuel cards from Turkey Hill for the Police Department? Dan Guers is not sure how many vendors we can deal with.

Ephrata Twp is looking into a grant for a walkway from the Methodist Church on Rothsville Road to the Rail Trail. Brian Boyer asked Council to consider putting money into a fund for a garage. Tom Murray mentioned that Council is looking at alternatives for storing vehicles etc.

Brian Boyer asked about the benches on the Rail Trail. Tom Murray mentioned we will use the same type of bench the neighboring municipalities are using on the trail. Tom Murray also mentioned putting together a Park Advisory Committee to take a look at these kinds of issues. It was also mentioned that the lights at Rail Trail (Main Street) are not working correctly. Dan Guers mentioned he is still trying to tweek the cross-alert system. Dan Guers will contact the company to see what other suggestions that will take care of this issue.

Brian Boyer mentioned there are treks of decking on the sidewalk on Third Street. Chief Zell mentioned the police will take care of that issue. Brian Boyer asked the cost of the legal bills for the Mayor litigation. Brian Boyer distributed a list of vehicles and addresses for the Borough Manager to look at.

Sam Baughman, S. Ninth Street asked about the SRBC water study. Jeff Shirk made a recommendation a few months ago to move ahead with conversations with EAJA. Becker Engineering will complete the annual report for SRBC that is due January 2016.

Scott Judkins mentioned two trees along the trail in Roland Park need cut down. Tom Murray, Sr. and Dan Guers will walk up the trail to see the trees.

Mayor Report- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth highlighted information from the Lancaster County Drug Task Force Quarterly Report.

A Shoe-In Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. here at the Borough Building.

Police Report- Chief Thomas Zell
Distributed November 2015 report

Chief Zell mentioned the Akron Civil Service held a meeting on December 2, 2015 to review the list from the County Consortium.

Chief Zell mentioned the pipe bomb incident that took place recently is still under investigation.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee- Perry Lorah

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

Perry Lorah read into the minutes the November 2015 month-end balances

General Fund	\$ 46,157.32
Water Fund	\$ 72,416.61
Sewer Fund	\$ 42,624.27
Escrow Fund	\$ 59,993.38
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 18,377.46
General Reserves	\$109,186.43
Water Reserves	\$ 25,161.54
Sewer Reserves	\$197,406.13
Rail Trail Const	\$116,068.06
Bldg Repairs	\$ 36,503.96
Comm. Fund	\$ 4,868.29
Total	\$728,763.45

Perry Lorah reviewed the December 2015 Revenues & Expenditures Report
Budgeted Revenues- 90% Budgeted Expenditures-84%

Perry Lorah made a motion to adopt the 2016 General Fund Balanced Budget in the amount of \$1,657,886.00. There is no real estate tax increase. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to adopt the 2016 Water Fund Balanced Budget in the amount of \$519,160.00. There is no water rate increase. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to adopt the 2016 Sewer Fund Balanced Budget in the amount of \$618,791.00. There is no sewer rate increase. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to adopt the 2016 Liquid Fuels Balanced Budget in the amount of \$112,348.00. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah thanked everyone who helped with the 2016 budget.

Perry Lorah made a motion to adopt Resolution #00184 approving the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan/Agreement effective January 1, 2016. Jeff Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance & Safety Committee- Dan McCormac

The Borough of Akron Planning Commission made a recommendation to Borough Council of changes to the Flood Plain Ordinance and will present to Council at the January 2016 committee meeting. The Borough Planning Commission is still working on the sign ordinance along with other zoning ordinances.

Dan Guers is getting prices for No Parking signs on Front Street.

Earl Shirk asked if anyone checked about parking in the rear of properties on Fulton Street. Dan Guers mentioned yes there is parking.

John Williamson suggested that Council invite the residents who will be affected by the Flood Plain Ordinance to a meeting. Sue Davidson and Dan Guers will contact residents and post meeting date and time on front sign. Tom Murray will post the proposed draft of the Flood Plain Ordinance on the Borough website. The Floodplain Awareness Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Personnel Committee- John Taylor

John Taylor mentioned the Inter-Municipal Rail Trail Agreement will be discussed at the Partners Meeting in January 2016.

John Taylor made a motion to approve an increase of 2.5% for Dan Guers based on his evaluation effective tomorrow. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Both John Taylor and Perry Lorah withdrew motions.

Property & Planning Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk would like to schedule a meeting with staff members to discuss building security.

Dan Guers mentioned the emergency generator for this building is listed on the budget projects list.

Streets Committee- Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman mentioned the Auditor General's Office conducted an audit on the 2014 Liquid Fuels. There were no comments or findings.

Justin Gehman mentioned Penn Dot received a inquiry regarding an ADA non-compliant driveway on Third Street. Dan forwarded all information to Council.

Dan Guers mentioned the Public Works Dept has excavated Fifth Street. Dan Guers also mentioned he met with Public Works to discuss winter operations and discussed MS4 requirements for cinders and should be using straight salt instead of cinders. Cinders will have to be disposed of according to MS4

requirements and the cost of disposal is \$68/ton. Dan Guers will do more research with neighboring municipalities.

Water & Sewer Committee- Jeff Shirk
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Jeff Shirk mentioned flows are good.
Dan Guers will get the Crestview Easement Agreement signed.

Ephrata Borough will be updating their Act 537 (Sewage Treatment Facility Report) and each municipality needs to submit data in support of the update. Akron Borough will have minimal impact since our system is complete and basically built out.

Becker Engineering will submit water model concerns and plans to Akron Volunteer Fire Company. Committee time is requested for this issue.

Borough Manager-Dan Guers
Distributed report.

Dan Guers mentioned he received the final inspection report for completion of Phase One of the Rail Trail from DCNR. All documents needed for the final project submission were forwarded to DCNR for approval and final payment. Forwarded partial payment request for reimbursement for Phase 2.

Dan Guers attended mandatory DCNR grant workshop.

Dan Guers contacted Andrea Eberhart in regards to the tree replacement of her father's tree and that should be planted this week.

Dan Guers received a copy of the recorded easement agreement of the adjacent property owner of the schoolhouse property on S. Ninth Street.

RFP's for engineers and solicitors have been advertised and forwarded to different firms. Sue Davidson distributed copies of insurance spec's to Council and Mayor for their review.

The Akron Fire House driveway issue was investigated and it seems to be a compaction issue. It was suggested to rip out curbing and see what's there.

Tom Murray asked Dan Guers about status on items:

- 1) Telephone poles- taken care of
- 2) 643 Main Street- posted by Code Administrators as being inhabitable. Dan Guers mentioned eventually these homes go into foreclosure and are sold.
- 3) Paving options for revised trail in Roland Park-nothing
- 4) Manhole cover on N. Eleventh Street- nothing
- 5) Muncibid-We are okay with that, but must identify items to be sold
- 6) Potholes on Front Street-Dan Guers suggested doing oil & chip and will get a price form Lynn Crills

- 7) Cost study on crack sealing- Dan Guers will put a cost study together for crack sealing and for other street repairs like those done on Fifth Street
- 8) Mattress at Playground Alley- Dan Guers will check out

Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

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Planning Commission

Next Planning Commission is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing

A zoning hearing has been scheduled for December 22, 2015 for a Special Exception/Variance on N. Eleventh Street.

Tax Collector

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County Real Estate Taxes collected in November 2015 \$1,582.51

Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in November 2015 \$1,165.18

Borough Secretary

Distributed November 2015 Call Log

Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

John Taylor made a motion to approve a 2.5% increase for Dan Guers, (based on review) Borough Manager from \$90,417.60 to \$92,678.04 effective tomorrow. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Shirk mentioned the planting on the Rail Trail is not completed and would like to finish this project.

New Business

Current Event- New Year's Eve Shoe-In December 31, 2015 9:30 p.m. to 12:05 a.m.

Earl Shirk made a motion to advertise the January 4, 2016 Re-Organizational Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to advertise the January 11, 2016 Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to advertise the January 11, 2016 Finance Committee at 6:30 p.m. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No committee meeting in December 2015.

Tom Murray presented plaques to John Taylor and Jeff Shirk for their years of service on Akron Borough Council.

Earl Shirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary