

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- JANUARY 11, 2016

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Jeff Shirk, Tammy Ruth, Scott Ruth, Donald Reese, Barb McMinn, Brian Boyer, Sam Baughman, K. L. McElhenney, Jon Seibel, Katrina Lefever.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the December 14, 2015 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Kay McElhenney congratulated Council members and is available to help the Park Commission.

Brian Boyer mentioned a clogged sewer drain on Sixth Street.

Dan Guers mentioned that Arro Engineers is trying to get permission from DEP on what process we are going to use at the Bomberger drainage ditch.

Dan Guers is getting quotes on mowing services.

Jeff Shirk is available for any questions on water and sewer.

John Siebel, 801 Main Street, Akron would like to get involved with the New Year's Eve Shoe-In. Barb McMinn who was present at the meeting will talk with Mr. Siebel.

John Williamson mentioned the New Year's Eve Shoe-In was a wonderful event.

At this time John Williamson recused himself and handed the meeting over to the Justin Gehman, Vice-President. Katrina Lefever asked Council if Akron Borough is able to provide water to her property located in West Earl. Dan Guers mentioned he never received any information from West Earl. Katrina will drop off a copy of the information to have it distributed to the Akron Water Committee.

The meeting was handed over to John Williamson, President of Council.

Don Reese asked if a porta-potty is going to be put on the Rail Trail?

Police Report- Chief Zell

Distributed December 2015 report

Chief Zell mentioned Windstream has not de-activated the T-line, maybe later this week.

Chief Zell mentioned he is checking with Blue Ridge Communications to get prices on phone service.

Chief Zell mentioned a CLEAN audit took place recently and the police router and server must be secure. Fingerprinting and criminal histories must be done on those who have access to the router or server.

Tom Murray made a motion to authorize the purchase (March 2016) of a 2016 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$27,450.00 (CoStars Contract) for the Borough of Akron Police Department. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Zell mentioned there were a total of 1,521 vehicle stops in 2015.

Mayor Report- Mayor McBeth

Mayor McBeth congratulated the Akron Borough Police Dept.

Mayor McBeth thanked Barb McMinn for being chairperson for the New Year's Eve Committee.

Mayor McBeth mentioned he will have his wedding report next month.

Appointments

Council Committee Appointments

Administration & Finance Committee- Thomas Murray, Chairperson; Dan McCormac, Perry Lorah
Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman, Chairperson; Philip Benigno, Perry Lorah
Personnel & Public Safety Committee-Earl Shirk, Chairperson; Thomas Murray, Philip Benigno
Water Committee- Philip Benigno, Chairperson; Dan McCormac, Thomas Murray
Parks, Property & Planning Committee- Dan McCormac, Chairperson; Earl Shirk, Justin Gehman
Committee Relations & Special Projects Committee- Perry Lorah, Chairperson; Justin Gehman, Earl Shirk

Thomas Murray made a motion to approve the Borough of Akron Council President's recommendations for Council committees. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Appointments

Council will postpone the Solicitor and Engineer appointment decision until more study is done by Council.

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Weinhold Nickel & Company for Borough Auditor. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to appoint Code Administrators as the Building Code Officials. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried but not unanimous. Thomas Murray abstained from any discussion or voting on this motion due to a conflict of interest. (letter attached)

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Robert Rollman to the Borough of Akron Planning Commission for a four-year term (2016-2019). Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Christine Burkholder to the Borough of Akron Zoning Hearing for a Three-year term (2016-2018). Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to appoint Troy Reber to the Borough of Akron Vacancy Board for a two-year term (2016-2017). Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Pamela Musser to the Akron Authority for a five-year term (2016-2020). Thomas Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Murray made a motion to approve the Thomas Murray, John Williamson, Perry Lorah and Robert Ober as the Borough of Akron check signatures. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Gehman made a motion to appoint Donald Reese to the Borough of Akron Civil Service Commission for a six-year term (2016-2021). Dan McCormac seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee- Thomas Murray

Tom Murray made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray reviewed the December 2015 year end revenues & expenditures.
Total budgeted revenues- 100% Total budgeted expenditures- 85%

Tom Murray read into the minutes the December 2015 month-end balances.

General Fund	\$ 13,038.10
Water Fund	\$129,098.58
Sewer Fund	\$ 28,060.16
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,012.98
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 7,383.99
General Res Fund	\$ 68,190.85
Water Res Fund	\$ 12, 940.01
Sewer Res Fund	\$197,476.06
Rail Trail Const	\$115,928.22
Bldg Repairs Fund	\$ 36,507.17
Comm Fund	\$ 4,358.81
Total	\$672,994.87

The final report for Rail Trail Phase 1 is complete and the Borough will receive \$30,000.00 in remaining grant money and another \$100,000.00 grant money for Phase 2 of the Rail Trail.

The Finance Committee will discuss the Rail Trail monies.

Borough Manager- Dan Guers

Distributed report

- 1) Ephrata Borough has grubbed the trail from the Borough line to Cocalico Creek Bridge.

- 2) Warwick Township has completed a section of the trail from Newport Road towards the Warwick Township complex.
- 3) Attend a mandatory DCNR grant workshop in Camp Hill for program updates and time schedule.
- 4) The first WERT Rail Trail meeting to discuss the inter-municipal agreement and ordinance is scheduled for January 25, 2016 at 8:30 am.
- 5) Abel Construction indicated a start date of January 18, 2016 to correct the Crestview storm water run-off.
- 6) Three water line breaks and repairs – S. Ninth Street, Farmersville Road and S. Eleventh Street.
- 7) Kohl Bros replaced a panel box at Well #5
- 8) Forwarded response to the NOV received from SRBC for 3rd qtr. Report.
- 9) Received preliminary budget figures for 2016 street projects.
- 10) Met with PW staff and reviewed the winter street maintenance plan.
- 11) The gas card system is now operational. All diesel is purchased at WAWA and most gas purchases at Turkey Hill.
- 12) Planning Commission met to review the proposed floodplain ordinance and recommended changes to the zoning ordinance. Draft of the floodplain ordinance has been completed for review at the January committee meeting.
- 13) Zoning Hearing scheduled for December 22, 2015 has been continued to January 12, 2016.
- 14) Forwarded three reminder notices and one NOV regarding un-registered vehicle.

Brian Boyer mentioned the Rail Trail lights on Fulton Street are not working correctly. Dan Guers mentioned working on ordering push buttons. Earl Shirk mentioned we paid a lot of money for an automated system and we need to have it work correctly.

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

Distributed December 2015 report

Planning Commission

A Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2016 at 6:30p.m. to provide an opportunity to those affected by the proposed floodplain ordinance to discuss the proposed Flood Plain ordinance. (The proposed floodplain ordinance had already been acted on by the Planning Commission during the December meeting, and was sent to council with its recommendation.) Sent letters inviting residents who will be affected by the new ordinance to attend the meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board

A continuance for the B& B on N. Eleventh Street is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Tax Collector

Distributed December 2015 report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in December 2015 \$4,294.20

Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in December 2015 \$3,161.77

Earl Shirk made a motion to adopt Resolution #00185 exonerating the Borough of Akron Tax Collector from collecting 2015 delinquent real estate taxes. Thomas Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Borough Secretary

Distributed December 2015 Call Log

Sue Davidson read a letter from a resident commending the Borough on the wonderful work the maintenance crews are doing to beautify the Rail Trail.

Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

- 1) Flood Plain Ordinance- Borough Planning Commission has made recommendation to Council and will be on the agenda for the February 8, 2016 Council meeting- Parks, Property & Planning Committee
- 2) Front Street Parking- installed signs; not enforceable
- 3) Sign Ordinance- Borough of Akron Planning Commission will review
- 4) Inter-Municipal Rail Trail Agreement- completed drafts and will be reviewed at Rail Trail meeting
- 5) Rail Trail Advisory Committee- Not just Rail Trail but all parks in Borough-Parks, Property & Planning Committee
- 6) Rail Trail parking- Parks, Property & Planning Committees
- 7) Usage of downstairs space- Park, Property & Planning Committee
- 8) Building Security- Parks, Property & Planning Committee
- 9) Crestview Easement Agreement has been signed
- 10) Act 537 issues-Dan Guers mentioned it has more to do with Ephrata Borough & Ephrata Twp
- 11) SRBC- Dan Guers mentioned we responded to a violation and will probably respond to another next month- Water Committee

Tom Murray asked Dan Guers about the manhole on N. Eleventh Street. Dan mentioned risers have been ordered. Dan Guers mentioned this should be finished by next meeting.

Insurance spec's have been sent to Council.

Akron Fire Hall driveway work has not begun. Tom Murray asked what the plan for the Fire Hall is. Dan Guers mentioned the plan is to excavate the right side next to the driveway. Tom Murray said all the cracks are more to the left side. Follow up to this issue is the Streets and Sewer Committee.

Tom Murray asked Dan Guers if he prepared a cost of the crack sealing work by our Public Works Dept. Dan Guers said no. Dan Guers mentioned the total cost for Fifth Street was \$5,500.00 was the contracted cost. Tom Murray said most of the work was done in house and would like the complete cost of the project.

Tom Murray asked if there is a call into PPL in regards to the pole (one pole is use and the other not) on Broad Street between Sixth & Seventh Streets? Dan Guers will call PPL again about this pole issue.

Dan Guers mentioned Hydrossoft finished their work today. Tom Murray asked to see the plans before the installation. Dan Guers will get the documentation to Tom Murray on the work that was done by Hydrossoft. Justin Gehman mentioned the Akron Volunteer Fire Company was not a part of the contract but will be added on because their building is being used for the antenna. The AVFC Board will like a written letter from Hydrossoft that the Fire Company will not be billed for anything. No building permits were issued to Hydrossoft.

New Business

Sue Davidson asked if newsletter items can be submitted to her no later than Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Committee Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. John Williamson asked for chairpersons of each committee along with the Borough Manager to present their goals at the next committee meeting.

Sean Molchany, Meadowview Drive Akron asked Council about the article in the newspaper in regards to the salting and cindering of streets. Dan Guers mentioned we will be minimizing the use of cinders because of the MS4 requirements and try to eliminate the high cost to the taxpayers when we have to take cinders to landfill at \$66.00 ton.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

January 11, 2016

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I, Thomas J. Murray, a member of the Borough of Akron Council abstained from any discussion or voting on a motion at the regularly scheduled Council meeting of January 11, 2016 due to a conflict of interest. The motion was to appoint Code Administrators as the Borough Building Code Officials. The conflict is I have a current building permit for my home in Akron Borough and Code Administrators will be doing the necessary inspection in conjunction with the state wide building code for the work in my home.

Thomas J. Murray, President
Borough of Akron Council

CC: Borough of Akron Council
Mayor John McBeth
Dan Guers-Borough Manager