

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Council Members present- John Williamson, President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Thomas Murray, Perry Lorah, Earl Shirk, Philip Benigno. (Dan McCormac not present)

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Kenelm L. Shirk III, Solicitor; Chief Thomas Zell, Sam Baughman, Robert Weaver, Kyle Robinson, John Roche, Eric Eberly, Joyce Moyer, Brian Robinson, Tim Sheetz, Andrea Eberhart, Brian Boyer, Donald Nissley, Mary Groff, Raymond Groff, Tony D. Ice, Robin Seidel, K.L. McEllhenney, Dick Wanner, Don Reese, Tina Thompson, Annette Swartz, Katrina Lefever.

Council President, John Williamson asked Police Chief Thomas Zell to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the January 4, January 11 and January 25, 2016 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Handi-Vangelism

Attorney Robert Weaver was present at the Council meeting to represent Handi-Vangelism's proposed Zoning Petition at the Westview Golf Course. Handi-Vangelism is a non-profit organization that serves those with special needs and handicaps. Handi-Vangelism is proposing to have their headquarters and summer camps for people with disabilities at the Westview Golf Course. Robin Seidel is selling the Westview Golf Course. The West View Golf Course is zoned R-1. Handi-Vangelism is asking for this property to be re-zoned from an R-1 to an R-2 and would also need a Conditional Use Hearing.

John Roche from Vision Engineering Inc., Lititz distributed a sketch plan for Handi-Vangelism. The plan also includes three permanent dwellings for staff and missionaries and to provide housing.

Kenelm L. Shirk III suggested extending restrictions to an R-1 district instead of changing to an R-2. Handi-Vangelism is requesting a total of three residential dwellings for year-round use. The maximum attendance would be thirty-five individuals per week for six weeks of camp.

Attorney Weaver mentioned it is common for non-profits to have an agreement of donation in lieu of taxes with municipalities.

John Williamson asked if variances are needed they will need to go to the Zoning Hearing Board and the Borough Solicitor mentioned the whole purpose of the extra language in the petition is to avoid that problem and the applicant should address that now.

Joyce Moyer mentioned she lives in the development beside the Golf course and hopes that the residents in the development are given the courtesy to know what is going on, on a regular basis. It was

also mentioned this property will not be for public use for anyone to use and will try to keep as green as possible.

Handi-Vangelism will be at the Planning Commission Meeting on February 11, 2016 to present their proposed plan.

S. Ninth Street

John Williamson handed the meeting over to Justin Gehman at this time due to a conflict of interest.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the property at 509 S. Ninth Street to connect to Akron Borough's water system based on any legal issues being resolved. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Williamson did not vote or take part in any discussion due to a conflict of interest. (letter attached)

Meeting was handed back over to John Williamson.

Tina Thompson told Council she is representing Senator Ryan Aument Office and to let the Borough residents know they are here to serve.

Tony Ice, 24 Heritage Road mentioned his appreciation of the Golf Course over the years and is in favor of Handi-Vangelism and the hand of God in this matter.

Don Reese, Miller Road asked Council if he can help keep the Rail Trail clean. Council would be in favor and thanked him for his help.

Mayor Report-Mayor John McBeth

Distributed information from the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley.

Mayor McBeth mentioned the Mayor's Association would like to set up a public awareness anti-heroin program in this area because of the heroin epidemic.

Mayor McBeth thanked the Emergency Management Coordinator for the help with the blizzard and the State of Emergency Declaration.

Police- Chief Zell

Distributed January 2016 report.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the cost of \$7,058.55 from TRM (through Co-Stars) for equipping the new police vehicle. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Zell and Tom Murray will review the budget costs for the police telephone and computer line from Windstream.

Committee Reports

Administration and Finance Committee- Thomas Murray

Tom Murray read into the minutes the January 2016 month-end balances.

General Fund	\$ 3,453.34
Water Fund	\$ 98,640.25
Sewer Fund	\$ 14,217.07
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 7,385.41
General Reserves	\$ 52,648.05
Water Reserves	\$ 11,455.28
Sewer Reserves	\$157,479.60
Rail Trail Const	\$115,948.60
Bldg Repairs	\$ 36,513.51
Community Fund	\$ 3,808.02
Total	\$501,549.29
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,012.98

Tom Murray reviewed the January 2016 Revenues and Expenditures Report

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the purchase of a network server and software from Custom Computer.com(Costars) in the amount of \$10,629.30. (this amount will be spent in steps) The cost will be split between the General, Water and Sewer Capital Funds. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the 3-year term financing at 3.74% with Fulton Leasing for the 2016 Ford Police Utility Police vehicle at the amount of \$9,665.41. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman

Earl Shirk made a motion to have the Borough Solicitor advertise the Floodplain Ordinance and map for adoption at the March 14, 2016 Council Meeting. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Gehman made a motion to adopt Resolution #00186 to approve the participation of the Borough of Akron in a co-operative bidding and purchasing agreement for the procurement of road work identified as chip seal coating, microsurfacing and line painting with multiple municipalities. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Don Reese mentioned the snow removal left huge piles of snow and nowhere to go with the snow and are there other alternatives. Andrea Eberhart mentioned that Moon Alley and Standpipe Alley was never plowed. Justin Gehman mentioned we can look at clearing sidewalks and fire hydrants. Another problem is opening up sidewalks to cross at intersections. Council mentioned that the Borough Public Works Dept did a great job plowing during the blizzard.

Chief Zell mentioned we should have snow emergency routes like we had in the past.

Dan Guers will have the Fifth Street cost at the next Council meeting.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee- Earl Shirk

Tom Murray made a motion to offer the full-time Public Works position to Philip Diller at \$17.00/hr and to continue meter reading responsibility and to work the Monday through Thursday schedule effective immediately. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Dan disagreed with the Monday through Thursday schedule. Tom Murray mentioned we should have two employees on Monday instead of just one and so we don't have to pay overtime if the Monday employee is out. John McBeth mentioned Public Works is working 10 hours days and getting one half hour for lunch which makes the work schedule 37 ½ hours a week not 40 hours. The schedule should be 6:00 am to 4:30 pm not 4:00 pm. The office does not get paid for lunch breaks. Tom Murray mentioned he does not want to pay someone overtime to cover a shift.

Tom Murray amended the motion to remove the responsibility of meter reading and work on that replacement. Earl Shirk amended his second. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk would like to meet with Dan Guers, Chief Zell and Mayor to discuss committee issues.

Water Committee- Philip Benigno

Philip Benigno made a motion to approve the training request for Dan Guers and Thomas Murray, Jr. to attend PA Rural Water Training at State College, March 29 through April 1, 2016 for a total cost of \$1,170.00. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Thomas Murray, Sr abstained from any discussion and voting on this motion. Letter attached)

Parks, Property & Planning Committee- Dan McCormac (not present)

Nothing to report

Community Relations & Special Projects Committee- Perry Lorah

Perry Lorah mentioned the Lions Club "Day in the Park" and Barnstormers Night will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Borough Manager- Dan Guers

Abel Construction has completed the connection of the Crestview storm basin adjacent to the Rail Trail.

Received a draft report on the progress towards compliance with Article 23 of the SRBC Docket permit regarding additional water source from Becker Engineers

January had two lateral breaks (Turkey Hill and S. 11th Street) and one main break(Grandview Road).

Sanitary sewer exceeded the approved peak flows to the treatment plant putting the Borough in a penalty phase.

Blizzard 2016- plowed continuously for 36 hours. Personnel included three full-time PW employees and five emergency temps Cost totals included \$3,600 in salaries, \$1,000 in road salt and \$500 for fuel.

Akron Borough Planning Commission met in January to discuss the proposed Floodplain Ordinance and to make recommendations to the zoning ordinance.

Retreat of Lancaster has begun restoration and conversion of the former Akron Restaurant.

The Swift Reach information should be updated on the webpage and Borough newsletter.

Dan Guers went to Tomlinson Bomberger for grass cutting quote. The original motion was to get quotes on grass cutting. This issue will be given to the Parks Committee for their review.

Kenelm Shirk asked what happened to the ordinance that was supposed to be adopted for the inter-municipal agreement related to the Rail Trail. Dan Guers mentioned that is in the future.

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

Distributed January 2016 report

Planning Commission

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

Nothing scheduled at this time

Tax Collector

2016 County & Borough Real Estate Taxes were mailed on February 4, 2016.

Borough Secretary

Distributed January 2016 Call Log

A thank you letter was mailed to Mennonite Central Committee for their generous donations of \$7,200.00 in December 2015.

The 2015 Act 205 Actuarial Valuation Reports for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans were completed and mailed to the Public Employee Retirement Commission before the March 31, 2016 deadline.

Tom Murray is looking into a better recording system for recording minutes.

Earl Shirk made a motion after the minutes have been duly approved to have the Borough Secretary destroy/erase the tapes subject to the Solicitor request to listen to the tapes before destruction. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Borough monthly financial statements will be on the webpage.

Committee notes will be taken at all committee meetings and distributed to Council members and will be kept in a separate file.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve the webinar for the Borough Secretary through PSAB for a cost of \$90.00 Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

Nothing to report

New Business

The Borough will look at other vendors to replace Keystone Publications.

Justin Gehman made a motion to advertise sealed bids to sell the existing diesel and gas tank “as is” condition. Bids will be opened on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Borough of Akron Municipal building located at 117 S. Seventh Street, Akron PA. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Guers will send out an e-mail for Lancaster Borough’s Association hosted by Millersville Borough the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Meeting- Monday, February 22, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Administration and Finance Committee

Community Relations & Special Projects Committee

Water Committee

Tom Murray made a motion to adjourn. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

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February 8, 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 February 8, 2016 due to a conflict of interest. The motion was for employee training. The conflict of interest is my son Thomas Murray, Jr. is an employee of the Borough of Akron Public Works Dept.

Thomas J. Murray
Borough of Akron Council

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

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John Williamson, President
Borough of Akron Council

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Mayor John McBeth
Dan Guers-Borough Manager