

## **BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- APRIL 11, 2016**

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

**Others present-** Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Jeff Shirk, Sam Baughman, K.L. McEllhenney, Don Reese, Tammy Ruth, Pat Renner, Ella Nolt, Annette Swartz, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; George D. Wolf.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the March 14, 2016 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Visitors**

Officer Paul Moore, SRO Officer for the Ephrata School District gave an updated report to Council and Mayor and thanked them for their support.

Kay McEllhenney asked if there is any progress on water issues and bids on parking lot at the Roland Park. Council mentioned we will discuss these issues later in the meeting.

Jeff Shirk mentioned the pine trees have been planted at the Rail Trail and the trees have been mulched and pruned at the Roland Park.

Don Reese thanked Council for the porta-potty at the Rail Trail.

### **Mayor Report-** Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth mentioned a "Heroin Awareness Meeting" is scheduled for April 21, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. at the Donegal High School in Mount Joy. A second meeting will be held in Millersville (no date yet) and a third meeting at the Ephrata High School on May 26.

A notice on these meetings will be in the next Borough newsletter.

Earl Shirk made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets of Chad Snader, (full-time police officer) effective April 10, 2016. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Zell had a conference call with a labor attorney from PSAB. Mayor McBeth mentioned these attorney's will not charge for travel time or mileage only for sit down meetings.

Mayor McBeth mentioned we need to get a client agreement with PSAB and follow-up on what are the advantages of going through PSAB or dealing directly with the law firm.

Earl Shirk made a motion to enter into an agreement with the PSAB Team for a Labor Attorney. After much discussion, Earl Shirk rescinded his motion.

The Akron Civil Service is in the process of conducting polygraphs and oral interviews for hiring a full-time police officer.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve Resolution #00189 to enter into a lease agreement with Fulton Bank, N.A. for the lease of a new police cruiser, a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Administration and Finance Committee-** Thomas Murray (not present)

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

Perry Lorah read into the minutes the March 2016 month-end balances.

General Fund	\$ 22,206.23
Water Fund	\$ 67,032.17
Sewer Fund	\$ 68,055.39
Highway Aid Fund	\$122,453.52
General Reserves	\$ 89,699.55
Water Reserves	\$ 68,515.82
Sewer Reserves	\$129,842.28
Rail Trail Const	\$115,997.96
Building Repairs	\$ 36,530.02
Community Fund	\$ 3,809.35
Total	\$724,142,29
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,062.42

Perry Lorah asked about the invoices from Earthbound Artisans for the Rail Trail (pine trees) and Roland Park (pruning and mulching trees). It was mentioned these two projects were approved last year.

Capital Projects

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve and not to exceed bid and quotes for:

- 1) Generator- \$10,000.00 (quote)
- 2) Paving for Lions Lodge parking- \$50,000.00 (bid)
- 3) Re-mulch APP- \$12,000.00 – quote
- 4) Roland Park aerators- \$5,000.00 (quote)

Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Bids & quotes must come back to Council for final review and final approval. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve and not to exceed bid and quotes for:

- 1) Gold Course Lift Station panel- \$27,000 (bid)
- 2) SCADA System- \$6,000.00 (quote)

Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Bids and quotes must come back to Council for final review and approval. Motion carried.

Philip Benigno made a motion to approve and not to exceed bids and quotes for:

- 1) Chlorination Equipment replacement- \$7,000.00 (quote)
- 2) SCADA Alarms- \$3,000.00 (quote)

- 3) SCADA Flowmeter- \$8,000.00 (quote)
- 4) USB Datalogger for the Spring- \$3,000.00 (quote)
- 5) Replace oil burner & tank with electric - \$7,500.00 (quote)
- 6) Replace water plant windows - \$9,000.00 (quote)

Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Bids and quotes must come back to Council for final review and approval. Motion carried.

***Streets & Sewer Committee***- Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman will discuss parking and weights ordinance at the April committee meeting.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve Hanover Engineering as the Borough's Sewer Engineer (at will), Arro Consultants for the General Services Engineer (at will), Becker Engineering for the Water Engineer (at will). Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Davidson mentioned PennDot will be conducting an audit for the 2015 Liquid Fuels on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

***Personnel & Public Safety Committee***- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk requested committee time.

***Water Committee***- Philip Benigno

Philip Benigno will reach out this week to Senator Aument and Representative Zimmerman in regards to SRBC issues and is there any way they can allow Akron Borough to get more water from the Ephrata Aquifer. Dan Guers mentioned under the 10 year drought period, SRBC claims we would run out of water.

Dan Guers mentioned on May 17<sup>th</sup> a seminar is scheduled in which SRBC will review water allocation. Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> a meeting is scheduled with EAJA.

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

Abel Construction completed the restoration of Crestview Drive paving.

Akron Borough has received the close-out check of approximately \$30,000 for Phase 1 of the WERT Rail Trail Project.

Scott Judkins had two conference calls regarding the Cross Alert System and one call involved a software technician. We are now in the sixth day of the lights working as designed.

Partial payment for Phase 2 of the Rail Trail will be prepared and forwarded this week with a quarterly update.

Porta-potty in place on Rail Trail.

Council will review examples of agreements for park banners that were forwarded from the Borough Solicitor.

**Community Relations and Special Projects Committee-** Perry Lorah

Akron Night at the Barnstormers is scheduled for Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> (fireworks). Tickets are \$8.00 and a flyer with more information will be mailed out with the next Borough newsletter.

**Borough Manager-** Dan Guers

Distributed report

Dan Guers received cost comparison estimates from Arro Consultants for the Bomberger Road restoration and estimates are staggering and will discuss this issue at the April committee meeting.

Sewer flows are lowered and the Borough is out of the penalty phase, the February penalties are in the \$2,000.00 range.

Dan Guers downloaded the Exelon Grant application from the PA Fish and Boat Commission for small stream restoration.

Dan Guers mentioned the SRBC has reviewed the annual update of the Water Resource Development Plan and it meets with the necessary requirements of the progress report outlined in Special Conditional 23 of the Docket.

Dan Guers will attend a mandatory FEMA briefing on April 15 to discuss the reimbursement of expenses from the January snowstorm.

Dan Guers contacted Bob Desrocher's regarding the town clock and we are on his schedule and Dan will follow-up this week.

Dan Guers and Tom Murray, Jr. attended PA Rural Water Conference at Penn State March 29 through April 1.

The June 2016 LCBA meeting will be hosted by Akron Borough.

The Public Works Dept excavated below the curb line under the apron at the Akron Fire House last Thursday and the stone has settled.

PPL will contact the Borough when they are ready to install the new pole in front of the Borough Office.

Dan Guers has no information on the N. Eleventh Street risers.

The curbing on S. Tenth Street (Ravegum property) will be repaired within the next month.

**Borough Solicitor**

Nothing to report

**Fire Chief**

Distributed 2015 Annual report  
March 2016 will be in next month’s Council books

**Planning Commission**

Zoning Ordinance modifications are being reviewed by the LCPC.

**Zoning Hearing Board**

Nothing scheduled at this time

**Tax Collector**

County Real Estate Taxes collected in March 2016	\$60,838.74
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in March 2016	\$48,655.01

**Borough Secretary**

Distributed March 2016 Call Log  
The Borough Secretary reminded Council members that Ethic forms are due by May 1, 2016.  
The Borough Secretary received permission from Council to replace the American Flag in the Borough Council Room.

**Borough Treasurer**

Nothing to report

**Unfinished Business**

Sue Davidson and Dan Guers will have more quotes for the codification.

George Wolf mentioned to Council that the Borough loses tax money to properties who want to be tax exempt. George Wolf mentioned he is not against the project at the Westview Golf Course (Handi-Vangelism) but the Borough is losing tax money. George Wolf mentioned his appreciation of those who serve on Council.

**Committee Meetings-** Monday, April 25, 2016  
Streets & Sewer Committee- 6:30 p.m.  
Personnel & Public Safety Committee – 7:00 p.m.  
Water Committee – 7:30 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Secretary

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