

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- MAY 9, 2016

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Jeff Shirk, Brian Boyer, Tammy Ruth, Don Reese, Barb McMinn, Bill McMinn, Penny Talbert, Ann Small, Hope Stayer, Monica Hursh, Paul Swangren, K.L. McEllhenney.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the April 11, 2016 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Williamson did not vote because he was not present at the April 11, 2016 meeting.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the April 25, 2016 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Hoper Stayer, 141 Bomberger Road, Akron told Council a motorcyle/scooter was on the Rail Trail behind her house yesterday afternoon. Chief Zell mentioned to call the police when you see things like this so the police can follow up.

Tammy Ruth, 928 New Street mentioned the property at 203 S. Tenth Street lawn needs mowed. Dan Guers mentioned the summer help will cut the grass and we will bill the bank that has now taken over the property. The lawn will be cut this week or early next week.

Jeff Shirk, 307 Main Street asked when the water valve on Twelfth Street will be put on. Dan Guers will check on this issue.

Ann Small, President of the Ephrata Public Library Board mentioned there is an opening on the Board for an Akron resident and is seeking someone from Akron who would be interested.

Barb McMinn, 138 Broad Street, mentioned the "Shoe-In" Committee would like to have a permanent pole for the New Year's Shoe Drop at the Broad Street Park.

Mayor Report- Mayor John McBeth

The Lancaster County Anti-Heroin Task Force is hosting an event for the public at the Ephrata High School, Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the heroin epidemic.

Police Report- Chief Zell

Distributed report

Perry Lorah made a motion to sell the 2004 Police Crown Vic through Munic-Bid. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to empower the Akron Civil Service Commission to begin the process of filling the second full-time vacancy in the Akron Borough Police Department. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Zell mentioned the Akron Civil Service Commission is meeting next Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and should have a recommendation on the first vacancy.

The Make-A-Wish Convoy went well.

Chief Zell mentioned he filed a disorderly conduct citation on a person driving on the Rail Trail.

Chief Zell mentioned an arrest has been made for 2 vehicle break-ins in 2014 and 2015.

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 read into the minutes the April 2016 month-end balances

General Fund	\$209,123.68
Water Fund	\$ 36,670.91
Sewer Fund	\$ 14,976.55
Highway Aid Fund	\$122,482.14
General Reserves Fund	\$114,700.72
Water Reserves Fund	\$ 95,586.65
Sewer Reserves Fund	\$161,643.90
Rail Trail Construction	\$114,476.21
Building Repairs	\$ 36,538.54
Community Fund	\$ 3,809.56
Total	\$910,008.86
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,062.42

Revenues YTD-45% Expenditures YTD- 32%

Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman mentioned the 2015 Liquid Fuels Audit by PennDot had no comments or findings.

Justin requested committee time.

Dan Guers mentioned the 2016 Street Project (joint bid) for seal coating Main Street has no set schedule yet, probably July or early August. The project must be coordinated with the Akron Volunteer Fire Company so they can get the apron work done. Justin Gehman needs to bring this up to the AVFC Board because the apron work cannot be done now. Dan Guers mentioned the street project could work around this issue.

Justin Gehman requested that he needs to know from Dan Guers about meetings etc and needs to be more involved.

Justin Gehman mentioned a lot of work must be done before the Main Street project begins, including replacing the hydrant between Fifth & Sixth Streets and also pointed out the problem area from Miller to Rothsville Road need to be addressed. Dan Guers mentioned three storm drains that need replaced will be put on the schedule for this week.

Farley Fry, Hanover Engineers reviewed with Council the two reports due this month 1) Chesapeake Reduction Plan Report 2) MS4 Report and must be signed by an elected official

Farley Fry showed the storm sewer atlas map that must be updated to show storm drains and paths to streams as part of this year's report.

Akron Borough's project in 2016 to improve impaired water was the Bomberger Stormwater Project and the details painted on storm drains.

In the future all permits will be 2-year permits.

Dan Guers will get Council members information on the baseline.

Council will review the above mentioned reports before signing.

Personnel & Public Safety Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk mentioned Dan Guers, Borough Manager will retire, September 30, 2016.

Earl requested committee time.

Water Committee- Philip Benigno

Distributed report

Philip Benigno along with John Williamson and Dan Guers met with EAJA members to discuss water options for Akron Borough.

Philip Benigno, John Williamson, Dan Guers and Tom Murray, Jr. will attend a workshop hosted by SRBC May 17, 2016. Akron Borough will ask SRBC for clarification in regards to our water allocation.

Akron Borough has reached out to West Earl Water Authority to discuss water options.

Dan Guers mentioned billable meter flows for Feb, March and April 2016 is 16,735,000 gallons. Total of 20,247,000 gallons went through the system from all sources; Ephrata passage through our system with their water 1,642,000 gallons; total water billable or pass through is 18,377,000 gallons; Unaccounted water loss is 1,870,000 gallons.

Akron Borough's unaccounted water loss is 9%. The required system average where SRBC wants us is 20%. Dan Guers mentioned our water system is tight.

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

Dan Guers mentioned the Rail Trail Alert lights are operating as designed.

The park banners as requested by the Ephrata Baseball Association will not be displayed this year at the Roland Park. Earl Shirk commented he is personally not in favor of banners.

Community Relations and Special Projects- Perry Lorah

Akron Night at the Barnstormers is June 24 at 7:00 p.m. (fireworks)

Akron Day in the Park and Car Show is June 11, 2016

A flyer will be mailed with the next water/sewer bill with details on both events.

Borough Manager- Dan Guers

Distributed report

Justin Gehman made a motion to authorize Arro Engineers to advertise the bids (May 11 & 16) for the paving at the Lions Lodge in Roland Park. Bids will be opened June 7 and awarded June 13 at the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Justin Gehman asked that the dumpster be moved so the heavy trucks don't damage the paving. K. L. McEllhenney mentioned there should not be any huge truck at all in the park because of the damage to the macadam. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the final payment (application #2) to Able Construction for the Crestview Drive and Bomberger Road Storm Sewer improvements in the amount of \$7,875.23 as recommended by Arro Engineers. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sewer flows first quarter penalties were \$4,200.00. Currently out of penalty phase.

Akron Borough will host the Lancaster County Borough's Association meeting on June 22, 2016 at the Roland Park.

Dan Guers attended a mandatory FEMA meeting on April 15 regarding winter storm cost reimbursement.

Dan Guers and John Williamson are scheduled to meet with the LCPC staff on May 16 at 10:00 am to discuss updating the Borough's Comprehensive plan.

Dan Guers and Sam Baughman attended the regional meeting of the LCPC to discuss the “2040” County Comprehensive Plan.

Dan Guers will issue a change of Use Occupancy Certificate Approval for 204 S. Seventh Street regarding the warehouse use. Guers mentioned the proposed use will conform to the conditions of the original approval. It was mentioned that they cannot hire employees.

Dan Guers was instructed to get a second and third opinion on the town clock repair.

Dan Guers issued several reminders to residents regarding high grass.

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

Distributed March and April 2016 reports

Planning Commission

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the LCPC comments on Handi-Vangelism Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment and LCPC comments for the zoning updates.

Zoning Hearing Board

Nothing scheduled

Tax Collector

Distributed April 2016 report

County Real Estate Taxes collected	\$447,625.59
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected	\$329,578.92

Borough Secretary

Distributed April 2016 Call Log

Council and Mayor invited to the Grand Opening of the Retreat on May 18, 2016

Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

Earl Shirk made a motion to accept the resignation (letter dated May 3, 2016) of Council member Dan McCormac. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This position needs to be filled within thirty days of Council accepting the resignation. John Williamson has received several applications and will meet with the applicants at the next committee meeting on May 23, 2016. Sue Davidson will contact all interested parties.

Sue Davidson will advertise a special meeting for June 6, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. to make a decision on the council appointment.

Dan Guers mentioned he has some proposals on the codification.

New Business

There will be no leaf collection in 2016. The Borough needs to be pro-active and get the word out in the next newsletter, webpage etc.

Earl Shirk made a motion to join the PSAB Team (The Employment Alliance of Municipalities) for an annual fee of \$300.00. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Meeting- Monday, May 23, 2016

Council Member interviews- 6:30 p.m

Streets Committee- 7:30 p.m

Personnel Committee- 8:00

Earl Shirk made a motion to give approval for Justin Gehman to attend the PSAB Annual Conference, June 5 through June 8, 2016 in the amount of \$275.00. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel evaluation. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to reconvene. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting reconvened.

Earl Shirk made a motion to accept the evaluation of Susan Davidson-Borough Secretary/Office Manager for a 2.5% increase for an annual salary of \$66,305.00. Philip Beningo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

