

**COUNCIL MEETING- JUNE 13, 2016**

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

***Others present-*** Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Dean Severson & Sharyn Young, Lancaster Planning Commission; Scott Judkins, Jeff Shirk, Gerald Buffenmyer, Brian Boyer, Warren Sweigart, Christine Kamienski, Don Reese, Dick Wanner, George Wolf, Sam Baughman.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Approval of Minutes***

Typo on page 1 of the May 9, 2016 Council meeting minutes. Under Visitors it should say Hope Stayer not Hoper Stayer.

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve the amended May 9, 2016 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve the June 6, 2016 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Visitors***

Jeff Shirk, 307 Main Street, Akron on behalf of the Akron Lions Club thanked all those who helped with Akron Day in the Park on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

John Williamson thanked the Akron Lions Club for the event.

Warren Sweigart of 319 Fulton Street along with other neighbors from Fulton Street complained to Council about the property located at 314 Fulton Street. This property is abandoned with high weeds and grass, mosquitoes and an above ground pool that is attracting ducks.

Dan Guers mentioned he sent a Notice of Violation to the code compliance company that was hired when the bank took back the property. After much discussion, Council instructed the Borough Manager to contact the Borough Solicitor on how to legally take care of this situation.

Christine Kamienski, 321 Fulton Street complained to Chief Zell that a neighbor is parking illegally. Chief Zell mentioned that person did get a ticket for blocking the sidewalk and to please call 859-6600 when there is a parking issue.

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

Mayor McBeth thanked the Akron Lions Club for the Akron Day in the Park on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor McBeth also extended his sympathy to the family of Charles Diirner who recently passed away.

Mayor McBeth mentioned the Akron Shoe-In committee wants to install a permanent pole for a pulley system for the New Year's Eve event.

Mayor McBeth reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter County Wide Drug Task Force report.

Mayor McBeth mentioned the Anti-Heroin Conference was the best attended event, 180 people attended.

**Police Chief-** Chief Thomas Zell  
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Mitchell Roberts the new full-time police officer begins field training on June 24, 2016.

Chief Zell mentioned a mobile radio need to be replaced.

Sgt. Dale Putt will be retiring on August 12, 2016.

**Comprehensive Plan**

Sharyn Young and Dean Severson from the Lancaster County Planning Commission were present to review ways they can assist the Borough in updating their Comprehensive Plan. Sharyn Young will serve as the liaison between the County and the Borough and can provide services such as statistics, demographics, economic figures, writing services etc.

Young and Severson also recommended that the Borough first consider putting together a steering committee for the plan.

The Council consensus was to move forward with the comprehensive plan and to set up a steering committee. The process could take approximately a year to finish. The Comprehensive Plan is a strategic plan and a vision for the future. John Williamson, Dan Guers and Tammy Ruth are the points of contact.

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**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. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah read into the minutes the May 2016 month-end figures.

General Fund	\$217,505.15
Water Fund	\$ 37,601.44
Sewer Fund	\$ 33,790.43
Hwy Aid Fund	\$122,509.59
General Reserves	\$119,677.55

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Sewer Reserves	\$181,964.93
Cap. Projects	\$ .03
Rail Trail Const	\$114,207.22
Bldg Repairs	\$ 36,546.72
Community Fund	\$ 3,810.08
Total	\$984,290.01
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,062.42

Perry Lorah reviewed the May 2016 Revenues and Projection Report  
 Budgeted Revenues-45% Budget Expenditures- 35%  
 Legal fees – General fund are 15% of budget

**Donations**

Perry Lorah made a motion to pay the Akron Volunteer Fire Company \$12,750.00 (1/2 of the 2016 budgeted donation). Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. Justin Gehman did not vote due to a conflict of interest. Letter attached

Perry Lorah made a motion to pay the Ephrata Public Library \$6,250.00 (1/2 of the 2016 budgeted donation). Justin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to pay the Ephrata Area Recreation Center \$6,144.00 (total 2016 budgeted donation). Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to pay the Ephrata Ambulance Association \$600.00 (total 2016 budgeted donation). Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried. Justin Gehman did not vote due to a conflict of interest. Letter attached.

Perry Lorah will contact Thomas Murray about Rail Trail Construction money.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the training and \$200 for second registrant for Legal Municipal Update in Harrisburg PA through the PSAB, August 3 & 4 2016. Perry Lorah seconded motion. Borough Secretary will register both John Williamson and Justin Gehman for this training. Motion carried.

**Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman**

Dan Guers mentioned he is working on the timeline for the 2016 Main Street Project and will e-mail to Justin Gehman. Dan Guers mentioned he would like to have the project completed by the end of July.

The Akron Volunteer Fire Company pad in the front is sinking and damaged. Need to get a price on replacing the storm box and piping.

The driveway beside the AVFC needs replaced and the Borough should help pay for the work. A proposal will be brought to the next committee meeting.

Justin Gehman requested committee time.

Mr. Rehab tested the entire length of Main Street sewer system and no deficiencies were found. Mr. Rehab televised Front Street with many deficiencies found and have recommended that 710lf be relined at a cost of \$30,007.50.

Mayor McBeth asked about the Colonial Drive reveal between the sidewalk and street. Dan Guers mentioned an engineer looked at this and nothing can be done. Jeff Shirk mentioned at least a half a dozen others need fixed in the Borough.

**Personnel & Public Safety-** Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk requested an Executive Session.

Earl Shirk mentioned that Act 53 of the Borough Code is restrictive on what the Borough can do in regards to abandoned properties.

**Water Committee-** Philip Benigno

West Earl Water Authority is open to the idea of meeting with Akron Borough to discuss water issues. Dan Guers will schedule a date and time.

Dan Guers, Tom Murray, Jr. and John Williamson attended a workshop hosted by SRBC on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks, Property and Planning-** Tammy Ruth

The public works department completed mulching at the park.

Two dead trees removed at the Roland Park.

Don Reese mentioned we need a definitive answer in regards to abandoned properties.

Council and Chief Zell discussed administrative warrants in regards to abandoned properties.

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

Perry Lorah on behalf of Council thanked everyone who help with Akron Day in the Park.

Akron Night at the Barnstormers is scheduled for Friday, June 24, tickets are \$8.00 and will have fireworks.

**Borough Manager-** Dan Guers

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Continue to investigate options for the restoration of unnamed water way behind Bomberger Road. Investigating a product call "Smart Ditch" that would save the Borough \$100,000.00.

Several storm boxes replaced on Main Street and should be completed by the end of next week.

Forwarded annual MS4 report to DEP.

DEP is offering training for the revised MS4 General Permit.

Public Works is preparing to complete the water loop on Front Street by extending the dead end on Front Street to tie into Main Street. This project is scheduled for the first week in July.

Received one bid for the Lions Lodge access drive and parking lot reconstruction from H&K Group in the amount of \$53,848.00.

Dan Guers met with FEMA to discuss reimbursement for the 2016 winter storm disaster expenses.

Dan Guers and John Williamson attended the Lancaster County Borough's Economic Development Update hosted by Ephrata Borough.

Dan Guers contacted three clock repair business in Lancaster County and two recommended that Robert Desrocher be contacted to repair the town clock.

Akron Borough will be hosting the Lancaster County Borough's Association on June 22 at the Roland Park.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve Resolution #00190 authorizing Dan Guers to execute on behalf of the Borough of Akron all required forms and documents to obtain financial assistance from FEMA for winter storm reimbursement. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Gehman made a motion to accept the bid from H & K Group, Inc. in the amount of \$53,848.00 for the Lions Lodge access drive and parking lot reconstruction as recommended by Arro Engineers. Arro Engineers reviewed the submitted bid and documents and they have been properly executed. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. This will add eight additional parking spaces. Motion carried.

The risers for Eleventh Street have arrived but are not installed.

Mayor McBeth asked that the "Smart-Ditch" information be e-mailed to him.

***Borough Solicitor***

Nothing to report

***Fire Chief***

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***Planning Commission***

Perry Lorah made a motion to appoint Earl Shirk along with the Borough Solicitor to negotiate with Handi-Vangelism payment in lieu of taxes when prior to the zoning text amendment decision by Borough Council. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copies of the proposed zoning ordinance modification was distributed to Council and Mayor for their review and will discuss at committee meeting.

***Zoning Hearing Board***

Nothing to report

***Tax Collector***

Distributed May 2016 report

Lancaster County Controller's Office conducted an audit for the 2014 and 2015 County Tax collections. There were no findings.

***Borough Secretary***

Distributed May 2016 Call Log.

Council asked to see more detail and to know the outcome of the complaints.

Senator Aument's office donated a new American Flag and new State Flag for the Borough Council room.

***Borough Treasurer***

Nothing to report

***Unfinished Business***

Justin Gehman received information from vendors at the PSAB Conference in regards to codification. Justin will forward information to Sue Davidson.

Jeff Shirk asked if the valve on 12<sup>th</sup> Street has been repaired. Dan Guers said it has been repaired.

***New Business***

Dick Wanner mentioned that DEP said we could name unnamed streams and it could be input into their data base.

Akron Borough will no longer contract for leaf collection and will be posting on the webpage and newsletter information to residents where leaves can be dropped off.

***Committee Meeting***- Monday, June 27, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Water Committee

Streets & Sewer Committee

Personnel & Public Safety Committee

Parks, Property & Planning Committee

George Wolf mentioned cars speeding on Main Street.

Earl Shirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Justin Gehman 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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June 13, 2016

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I, Justin Gehman a member of the Borough of Akron Council abstained from any discussion or voting on motions donating money to the Akron Volunteer Fire Company and Ephrata Ambulance Association. I serve as Deputy Chief and President for the Akron Volunteer Fire Company and I am employed by the Ephrata Ambulance Association. These motions took place on June 13, 2016 at the Borough of Akron regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Gehman  
Borough of Akron Council