

**BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- JULY 11, 2016**

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

**Others present-** Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Borough Secretary; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Sam Baughman, Brian Boyer, Jeff Shirk, Kay McEllhenney, Don Reese, Mitchell Rogers, Noah Rogers, Connor Rogers, Lisa Rogers, Rich Rogers, Ellsworth Sweigart, Paul Swangren, Lynn Crills.

Meeting opened with Mitchell Rogers leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

John Williamson mentioned on page 2 of the June 13, 2016 minutes the sentence naming the points of contact are mentioned twice.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the amended June 13, 2016 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Oath of Office**

Mayor John McBeth administered the Oath of Office to Mitchell Rogers the newly hired full-time police officer for Akron Borough.

**Visitors**

Lynn Crills, 201 N. Eleventh Street, Akron mentioned to Council that Main Street is like a washboard, the street should be milled off and smoothed. Are you leaving Main Street that way; the patches are horrendous.

Council mentioned that the engineer must sign off on the project. Dan Guers will contact the engineer with these concerns.

**Mayor Report-** Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth congratulated the Akron Ladies Lions Softball Team. Both the U18 & U14 teams won the championship in the South Central PA League.

**Police Chief-** Chief Zell

June 2016 report distributed

Chief Zell mentioned the Civil Service Commission is meeting next week.

**Committee Reports**

**Administration & Finance Committee-** Thomas Murray

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

Thomas Murray read into the minutes the June 2016 month-end balances

General Fund	\$141,607.33
Water Fund	\$ 42,352.95
Sewer Fund	\$ 17,043.76
Highway Aid Fund	\$122,538.16
General Reserves	\$136,375.49
Water Reserves	\$132,426.91
Sewer Reserves	\$182,089.54
Rail Trail Const	\$114,234.41
Building Repairs	\$ 36,555.31
Community Fund	\$ 4,815.29
Total	\$930,039.15
Escrow	\$ 60,119.54

Thomas Murray made a motion to pay \$114,234.41 (Rail Trail Construction Fund) plus \$36,555.31 (Building Repairs Fund) for a total of \$150,789.72 towards the Fulton Loan principal amount. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Guers mentioned the Borough should be receiving the remainder of the Rail Trail Grant money (approx.. \$100,000.00) within the next six weeks.

Thomas Murray reviewed the June 2016 Revenues and Expenditures

- General Fund Revenues YTD- 10% over budget
- General Fund Expenditures YTD- 2% under budget
- Water & Sewer Revenues YTD- 4% under budget
- Water Expenditures YTD- 12% under budget
- Sewer Expenditures YTD- 6% under budget

**Streets & Sewer Committee-** Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman mentioned the Main Street project started with some base repair work. Justin also mentioned he will follow-up on Lynn Crills' concerns on Main Street.

Justin Gehman reviewed the AVFC project for replacing the pad and storm boxes and pipe in front of the fire hall.

Martins Paving Inc.-Pave parking area and driveway to Borough Garage and patching Main Street  
 AVFC expense- \$1,622.00 Akron Borough expense- \$6,438.00

Melron Industries, Inc.-Concrete Work in front of AVFC  
 AVFC expense- \$20,167.18

Melron Industries, Inc.- Install Inlet Boxes and Piping  
 Akron Borough expense- \$2,595.00

Melron Industries, Inc.- Replace Stormwater piping along east side of driveway  
Akron Borough expense- \$2,031.00  
Total AVFC expense- \$21,789.18  
Total Akron Borough expense- \$11,064 plus materials

Justin Gehman made a motion to accept the proposals from Martin Paving and Melron Industries to cover the expense for the AVFC stormwater repairs in the amount of \$11,064.00 plus materials. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Justin Gehman amended the motion to accept the proposals from Martin Paving and Melron Industries and to reimburse the Akron Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$11,064.00 plus materials for the stormwater repair. Philip Benigno amended his second to the motion. Motion carried.

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

Earl Shirk distributed a letter of interest in the Borough Manager position from Susan Davidson.

Earl mentioned Council is considering consolidating both the Borough Manager and Borough Secretary Positions and maybe outsourcing some duties such as zoning and payroll.

Earl Shirk made a motion to accept Dan Guers retirement letter with a retirement date of October 29, 2016 subject to verifying accrued leave hours. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to accept the resignation of Kyle Sauder with regrets from the Public Works Department effective July 14, 2015. Thomas Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Guers proposed moving Philip Diller to Kyle Sauder's position Dan Guers will advertise the openings for Public Works and a meter reader.

***Water Committee***- Philip Benigno

Council and WEWA will meet to discuss water issues on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at West Earl Twp Municipal Building.

The Annual Water Quality Report is due on June 30, 2016. The report was placed on the Akron Borough website before the date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Borough newsletter needs to have the correct website link.

***Parks, Property & Planning Committee***- Tammy Ruth

Tammy Ruth made a motion to approve the bid for the 2004 Crown Victoria vehicle in the amount of \$3,001.00 from Frank Kozero. The bid was through Municibid and was properly advertised and posted. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tammy Ruth requested committee time to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

Don Reese, 17 Miller Road, Akron mentioned Council was researching neglected properties. John Williamson mentioned the Borough Solicitor advised us not to go onto private property, Our Public Works Dept was instructed to cut grass and weeds on some neglected properties.

Kay McElhenney mentioned the Borough should fix up some of its properties before worrying about other properties.

Lynn Crills mentioned it was over two years ago the Public Works Dept was to clean up the Akron Pines below his house and it still is not cleaned up. (alot of poison ivy)

The next committee meeting will take place at the Roland Park.

It was also mentioned that brush is being dumped at the Roland Park.

***Borough Manager-*** Dan Guers  
Distributed June 2016 report

Continuing to investigate options regarding the restoration of the waterway behind Bomberger Road. Dan Guers and John Williamson will meet with DEP on August 15 to discuss approval for the "Smart Ditch" application.

DEP is offering training for the revised MS4 General Permit applicable in 2018.

The Public Works staff has begun the water loop on Front Street. Estimated completion date is July 21.

Public Works Dept. cleaned up 314 Fulton Street.

The contracts for the Lions Lodge project have been signed and notice to proceed issued and project should be completed the beginning of September.

PPL removed the broken pole on Tuesday and will return in two weeks to replace the sidewalk.

Dan Guers mentioned the risers for N. Eleventh Street are not in yet because the company putting the risers together are taking the grade of the street so there is no wiggle room.

Dan Guers met with Dave and Dawn Smith, 507 Westview Drive. The dipping in front of the storm drain in front of their property has been repaired.

Dan Guers notified Doreen Deamer, 1026 Hillcrest Road that the grate will be redone in front of her property.

Justin Gehman mentioned there is a sinkhole at the storm sewer at Main & Dawn Avenue.

Dan Guers will send a letter to 1228 Diamond Street about too many pet dogs and cats.

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

Perry Lorah thanked those who attended the Akron Night at the Barnstormers. Due to the inclement weather that evening all unused tickets can be used for another game.

***Borough Solicitor***

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Shirk Law Associates to serve as the Borough of Akron Solicitor at will. Thomas Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Fire Chief***

Distributed June 2016 report

Akron Volunteer Fire Company Open House is August 2, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

***Planning Commission***

The next Borough of Akron Planning Commission is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m. The Zoning Ordinance modifications will be on the agenda for discussion and review.

Handi-Vangelism is scheduled to be on the September 12, 2016 Borough of Akron Council meeting agenda. Earl Shirk is still researching the taxes in lieu issue.

Perry Lorah made a motion to approve entering into an MOU agreement between the Lancaster Planning Commission and Akron Borough. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding agreement is to refine and update the responsibilities of Akron Borough and the LCPC to their roles in administering Subdivision and Land Development plans. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Zoning Hearing Board***

Nothing scheduled at this time

***Tax Collector Report***

Distributed June 2016 report

Total County Real Estate Taxes collected in June 2016 \$33,819.72

Total Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in June 2016 \$24,900.82

***Borough Secretary***

Distributed June 2016 Call Log

***Borough Treasurer***

Nothing to report

***Unfinished Business***

Sue Davidson was contacted by Codification Consultants and will set up a meeting to discuss codification.

Mayor McBeth mentioned he never received the e-mail from Dan Guers in regards to the “Smart Ditch” proposal.

Mayor McBeth mentioned the Borough missed the deadline to change all 3 way and 4 way stops signs to all way stop signs. These intersections would be located at Broad and Ninth Streets and Third and Broad Streets.

***New Business***

John Williamson mentioned he still is working on putting together a steering committee for the Borough Comprehensive Plan.

There will be no leaf collection in the Borough this year. Rapho Twp purchased 1,000 Kraft bags from the Borough. The information to residents on where to dump leaves and on composting in on the Borough website and will be in the newsletter.

***Committee Meeting- Monday, July 25, 2016***

Council will meet in Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. then will continue the meeting at Roland Park beginning in Pavilion #1. This meeting will not be specially advertised.

Parks, Property & Planning Committee and Personnel & Public Safety Committee are scheduled for July 25, 2016.

Dan Guers mentioned he received a letter from the Ephrata Elks who will be donating \$100.00 for grant funding for paving at the Akron Lions Lodge.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Secretary

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