

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- AUGUST 8, 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, Barb & Bill McMinn, Penny Talbert, Ephrata Public Library; Chris Beiler, Lynn Brubaker, Brian Boyer, Josh Weaver, Kelly Weaver, Andrew Brubaker, Darryl Witmer, Paul Swangren, Rebecca Lawrence, Joy Ashley.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Thomas Murray made a motion to approve the July 11, 2016 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Representatives from Akron Grace EC Church presented fruit baskets to the Akron Borough Police Dept. in appreciation for the police department. Chief Zell accepted the baskets and thanked Akron Grace EC Church. Council and Mayor thanked the church representatives for their generosity.

Darryl Witmer, 718 Broad Street, Akron would like to organize a movie in the Broad Street Park on Saturday, September 17 (rain Date October 1). Darryl is looking for a sponsor, the movie is free to the community and it would be a Disney movie. Darryl Witmer also asked if the hockey rink could be closed for that evening. Ephrata Library can loan a screen. It was mentioned that the licensing fees for the movie must be purchased. This item was referred to the Parks, Property and Planning Committee.

Penny Talbert from the Ephrata Public Library distributed 2017 funding request. John Williamson mentioned this issue will be discussed during 2017 budget preparation and would also advertise for the library's Fund Drive on our webpage and sign.

John Williamson mentioned that both Chris Beiler and Penny Talbert are interested in serving on the Steering Committee for the Akron Borough Comprehensive Plan.

Barb McMinn from the New Year's Committee distributed information on a permanent pole/additional lights to be installed at the Broad Street Park. Barb also asked to meet with Council at the next committee meeting on August 22, 2016.

Mayor Report- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth reviewed the District Attorney's summary of the Drug Task Force for the second quarter of 2016.

Mayor McBeth mentioned that there is no requirement to be made in writing for the closing of a street.

Mayor McBeth sent a letter to the Akron Grace EC Youth Group thanking them for the service project that included working in the parks and Borough Hall.

Police Report- Chief Zell

Distributed July 2016 report

Civil Service has advertised for second opening for the police department.

Received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart and a portion will be used to purchase a new Portable Breath Tester.

Chief Zell thanked Akron Grace EC Church for their support.

Administration and 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.

Tom Murray read into the minutes the July 2016 month end cash balances.

General Fund	\$ 76,007.57
Water Fund	\$ 20,822.53
Sewer Fund	\$ 10,619.54
Highway Aid Fund	\$122,571.90
General Reserves	\$135,823.01
Water Reserves	\$128,106.11
Sewer Reserves	\$188,391.32
Rail Trail Construction	\$ 24.01
Bldg Repairs	\$ 7.58
Community Fund	\$ 3,812.56
Total	\$686,186.13
Escrow	\$ 60,119.54

Tom Murray reviewed the July 2016 Revenues and Expenditures report.

Tom Murray made a motion to pay \$31.59 (the amount remaining in the Rail Trail Construction and Bldg Repair Funds) toward the principal of the Rail Trail and Bldg Repair loan. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2017 Budget Process

December 12, 2016- deadline to adopt the 2017 budget

November 7, 2016- approve the 2017 preliminary budget for advertisement

October 24, 2016- Committee meeting dedicated entirely to budget review

October 17, 2016- Council & Mayor will receive preliminary worksheets

September 15, 2016- Committee chairpersons submit all capital project items etc to staff

Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman

Main Street ralumac will take place the week of August 22 and crosswalks will be done before school begins.

The Parking and Weight Ordinance is still being worked on.

The Akron Volunteer Fire Company project will begin next week. AVFC will be responding from the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot.

Quotes for relining (both open cut and relining) the sewer line will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Personnel & Public Safety Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl requested time to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Water Committee- Philip Benigno

John Williamson and Dan Guers attended a WEWA meeting on August 1. WEWA is open to the idea of water allocation for the Borough of Akron.

Parks, Property & Planning Committee- Tammy Ruth

Reviewed park concerns

The brush has been cleared on the upper half of the Akron Pines.

Dan Guers is waiting for more prices on Lions lane and the circle at the Roland Park

Council will discuss the tennis court at the next committee meeting.

Community Relations and Special Projects- Perry Lorah

Perry Lorah mentioned Movie Night in the Park on September 17, 2016.

Perry will also take a look at the 2017 contributions.

Borough Manager

Distributed July 2016 report

John Williamson and Dan Guers are scheduled to meet with DEP and visit problem sites at Bomberger Road and Roland Park.

Tom Murray, Jr and Dan Guers met with Hanover Engineers to discuss MS4 compliance procedures.

Public Works Dept has finished the water loop on Front Street Cost for materials \$12,800.00. Indirect labor cost is approximately \$4,300.00

The Borough received \$100.00 contribution from the Elks for the Lion's Lodge project.

PPL replaced the sidewalk in front of the Borough Municipal Office.

Received fifteen applications for the full-time public works position and two applications for the meter reader position. The summer help is finished the end of next week.

Scott Judkins located a generator for \$3,200.00 Council requested more information on this generator.

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

John Williamson and Justin Gehman gave updates of the PSAB seminar they recently attended

Fire Chief

Distributed July 2015 report

Planning Commission

Handi-Vangelism is on the agenda for the Borough Planning Commission, Thursday, August 11, 2016.

Earl Shirk, Akron borough Solicitor, and Ephrata Area School District have met with the Handi-Vangelism discussing payment in lieu of taxes and are open to the idea a PILOT program.

Zoning Hearing Board

Nothing scheduled at this time.

Tax Collector

Distributed July 2016 report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in July 2016	\$12,575.97
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Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in July 2016	\$ 9,259.46
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Borough Secretary

Distributed July 2016 Call Log

Unfinished Business

Sue Davidson will send Council information on codification.

New Business

All remaining Kraft leaf bags have been sold.

Street sweeping needs to be scheduled for this fall to be in compliance with MS4.

Committee Meeting- Monday, August 22, 2016

New Year's Eve Committee

Sewer Committee

Codification

Earl Shirk made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues in regards to hiring of the Borough Manager and resumes for full-time public works and part-time meter readers. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Philip Benigno mentioned that he will be moving out of Akron Borough the end of September and will have the resign from Council. Philip Benigno will need to send a resignation letter to Council. Perry Lorah made a motion to reconvene the meeting. Justin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary