

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- DECEMBER 12, 2016

Council Members present- John Williamson, President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Thomas Murray, Earl Shirk, Tammy Ruth, Nathan Imhoff.

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Zell, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Barb McMinn, Kay McEllhenney, Brian Boyer, Monica Hersh, Scott Ruth, Pam Wolf, Frank Wolf, Robin Seidel, Eric Eberly, David Schaffer, Gerald P. Thompson, Thomas Murray, Jr., Ken Neff, Tim Sheetz, Ulad Rymarenko, Andre Rymarenko.

Meeting opened with Boy Scout Troop 57 leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On page of three (under Parks, Property & Planning Committee) of the November 14, 2016 Council Meeting minutes it was the Mayor who stated there is unusual wear on the Rail Trail. On page three (under the Borough Manager report) the Borough Manager stated that she would like to discuss the storm embankment etc.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the November 14, 2016 Borough of Akron minutes with corrections. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Scott Ruth, New Street had concerns and suggestions

- 1) Crosswalk markings where New, Oak, Broad and Fulton Streets meet Seventh Street
- 2) Check the timing on the traffic light at Main & Rte 272
- 3) Clock on Main Street has not been working for the past few months
- 4) Check in to the legality of limiting the time on people addressing issues at a public meeting

Sue Davidson will check in to these issues.

Barb McMinn, chairperson on the Akron New Year's Eve committee mentioned the pole for the Broad Street Park should be installed this Thursday or Friday.

Eric Eberly mentioned that Boy Scout Troop 57 is attending the meeting for their Merit Badge.

Brian Boyer asked about benches on the Rail Trail. Tammy Ruth will follow up on this issue. Brian Boyer also mentioned that people don't attend meetings because nothing gets done.

Tim Sheetz thanked Council for their understanding in postponing the Handivangelism agenda item until January 2017 because of unexpected health issues with Mr. Weaver.

Mayor- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth mentioned that Ephrata National Bank and Good's Disposal are the two major sponsors for the Akron New Year's event.

Police- Chief Zell

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New Business

Council Member Appointment

Thomas Murray made a motion to appoint Monica Hersh as the new Council Member (term ending December 31, 2017). Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor McBeth administered the Oath of Office to Monica Hersh as Akron Borough Council Member.

Committee Reports

Administration and Finance Report- Thomas Murray

Tom 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 November 2017 month end balances

General Fund	\$ 47,783.14
Water Fund	\$ 52,339.07
Sewer Fund	\$ 19,732.12
Hwy Aid Fund	\$122,692.28
Cap Proj Fund	\$ 3.57
General Res	\$167,957.01
Water Res	\$114,279.81
Sewer Res	\$194,456.12
Comm Fund	\$ 3,828.81
Total	\$723,070.81
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,183.00

Tom Murray reviewed the November 2017 Revenues and Expenditures report

2017 Budget

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the 2017 General Fund Budget (no real estate tax increase) in the amount of \$1,603,346.00 Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Brian Boyer asked about the new crane truck that is included in the 2017 budget. Sue Davidson, Borough Manager mentioned the 2001 public works truck and older crane need replaced. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the 2017 Water Fund Budget in the amount of \$481,450.00. this includes a water rate decrease – from \$7.20 per thousand gallons to \$6.55 per thousand gallons. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the 2017 Sewer Fund Budget in the amount of \$691,610.00. this includes a sewer rate increase – from \$7.75 per thousand gallons to \$9.55 per thousand gallons. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the 2017 Highway Aid Budget in the amount of \$117,641.00. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2017 Budget was properly advertised and posted for inspection.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve Resolution#00192 reducing water rates from \$7.20 to \$6.50 per thousand gallon(minimum of \$19.50 per 3,000 gallons) effective February 1, 2017. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve Resolution #00193 increasing sewer rates from \$7.75 to \$9.55 (minimum of \$28.65 per 3,000 gallons) per thousand gallons effective February 1, 2017. Earl shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve Resolution #00194 Certification of Section 125 for pre-tax deductions for employee's health insurance effective January 1, 2017. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt the Premium 125 Agreement effective January 1, 2017. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman mentioned the second street sweeping is completed.

Justin also mentioned the Borough finally received the Performance Bond from Stewart & Tate for the Main Street project.

Justin Gehman made a motion to pay Stewart & Tate \$113,727.64 for the Main Street project. Tom Murray seconded the motion. There is a one year warranty on the street work. Brian Boyer mentioned the work was not done correctly. Sue Davidson will send a letter along with the check conveying Council's dissatisfaction with the Main Street project. Sue Davidson will also contact our engineer to see if the work done was consistent with the contract. Motion carried.

Mayor McBeth mentioned how we measure the effectiveness of the street sweeping and is there a better time to do the second street sweeping. Justin Gehman mentioned there is nothing to compare it to at this time.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk made a motion to increase Faye Martin's (Administration) hourly wage to \$20.00 for an annual salary of \$41,600.00. Faye has taken over some of Sue Davidson's responsibilities. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried but not unanimous. Tammy Ruth voted no.

Earl Shirk made a motion to increase Thomas Murray, Jr's(Public Works) hourly rate to \$24.10 for an annual base salary of \$50,128.00. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Thomas Murray, Sr. abstained from and discussion or voting on this motion due to a conflict of interest.

Earl Shirk made a motion to increase Scott Judkins (Public Works) hourly rate to \$23.81 for an annual base salary of \$49,524.00. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to increase Evan Shupp(Public Works) hourly rate to \$16.50 (based on his 90 day review) for an annual base salary of \$34,320.00. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water Committee- Nathan Imhoff
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Nathan Imhoff asked for billing and flow information.

Parks, Property and Planning- Tammy Ruth
Tammy Ruth and Nathan Imhoff will meet to discuss trees at the Rail Trail.

Tammy also mentioned she is working on a schedule for work at the park and what projects need done.

Tom Murray will present on list of capital projects for the parks and will compare it with the reserves.

Kay McEllhenney mentioned the Borough should charge a deposit for trash removal for anyone who rents the pavilion or lodge. The deposit would be returned only if the trash is removed by the rentee.

Community Relations Committee- Monica Hersh
The New Year's Eve Shoe-In will begin at 9:30 p.m in the Broad Street Park.

Borough Manager/Borough Secretary
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Borough Manager will meet with Streets Committee and update the 5-year street plan and next year's street work. Sue Davidson would like to schedule time with each committee chairperson to discuss various issues.

A DEP inspection took place Tuesday, November 22, 2106. See attached report.

Applied for a MS4 waiver allowing the borough a five year pause in the required MS4 compliance.

Met with Jeff Bologa from Becker Engineering to discuss water issues and year end reports.

Interviews will begin next week to hire a full-time and part-time public works employees.

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

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Zoning Hearing Board

Nothing scheduled at this time

Planning Commission

A Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2017 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Tax Collector

County Real Estate Taxes collected in November 2016 \$2,907.07

Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in November 2016 \$2,140.42

Treasurer

Nothing to report

New Business

Tom Murray made a motion to appoint Code Administrators as the Borough of Akron Zoning Officer effective immediately. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to advertise and post the 2017 Borough of Akron Council and Committee meetings. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk directed the Borough Manager to research the issue of limiting comment period from the public at public meetings.

Earl Shirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager