

## COUNCIL MEETING- FEBRUARY 13, 2017

**Council Members present-** John Williamson, President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Thomas Murray, Tammy Ruth, Nathan Imhoff, Monica Hersh.

**Others present-** Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Joyce Moyer, Nathan R. Buckwalter, Nancy J. Buckwalter, Ray G. Buckwalter, Kyle Robinson, Denise Daughtee, Donald Reese, Robert Weaver, HVMI; Robin Seidel, John Roche, Tim Sheetz, Tom Bender, Mary Groff, Howard Kein, Charles Kreutzberger, John Taylor, Dale Getz, Anna & Keith Hunsicker, Dan Miller, Heather Martin.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve the January 9, 2017 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Visitors**

All visitors are present for the Public Hearing

### **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing was convened to change the Borough of Akron Zoning Ordinance to allow as a Conditional Use, Organizational Headquarters Campus in the R-1 Zoning District.  
(minutes attached- submitted by a Lancaster County Court Reporter)

Thomas Murray made a motion to adopt Ordinance #00088 amending the Akron Borough Zoning Ordinance, allowing as a Conditional Use Organizational Headquarters Campuses in an R-1 District subject to certain limitations. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Roll call- Tom Murray voted yes, Tammy Ruth voted yes, Monica Hersh voted yes, Nathan Imhoff voted yes, Justin Gehman voted yes, John Williamson voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor McBeth mentioned that he attended an event at Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Ephrata. This event is held annually and recognizes first responders.

A letter addressed to Darren Schlemm (on behalf of Mayor McBeth) congratulating Darren on his achieving Eagle Scout.

### **Police-**

Report in book

### **Committee Reports**

**Administration and Finance Committee-** Thomas Murray

Tom Murray made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray read into the minutes the January 31, 2017 month-end balances.

General Fund	\$ 13,286.05
Water Fund	\$ 80,845.60
Sewer Fund	\$ 5,451.77
Hwy Aid Fund	\$ 9,004.94
General Reserves	\$112,096.70
Water Reserves	\$103,928.77
Sewer Reserves	\$168,769.37
Cap Proj Fund	\$ 4.64
Comm. Fund	\$ 3,046.95
Total	\$496,434.79
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,248.20

Tom Murray reviewed the January 2016 Revenues & Expenditures report

**Streets & Sewer Committee-** Justin Gehman

Sue Davidson will e-mail information to Council for the PSAB Conference May 7-10, 2017 at the Hershey Lodge. Item will be discussed at committee meeting.

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

Tom Murray made a motion to hire Marie Mohn as a part-time (20-25 hrs/wk) clerical employee at \$11.00/hr beginning March 1, 2017. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to hire Dale Putt as a substitute crossing guard at \$13.00/hr. effective immediately. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Water & Parks Committee-** Nathan Imhoff

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that he, John Williamson, Susan Davidson, Tom Murray, Jr and Evan Shupp toured the parks and water treatment facility.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve the training request for Tom Murray, Jr. to attend the 2017 PA Rural Water Annual conference at Penn State, March 28-31, 2017. The cost is \$169.00 (3 nights) per night and \$295.00 for registration. John Williamson suggested that Murray look into less expensive lodging. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Thomas Murray, Sr. did not participate in any discussion or voting on this motion. Letter attached.

**Property & Planning Committee-** Tammy Ruth

The next Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2017 at the Akron volunteer fire Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Community Relations and Special Projects-** Monica Hersh

Monica Hersh mentioned Akron Night at the Barnstormers is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> and there will be fireworks that night. The goal is to sell 500 tickets.

***Fire Chief***

Distributed January 2017 report

***Planning Commission***

Planning Commission met on February 2, 2017 to discuss zoning ordinance.

***Zoning Hearing***

A Zoning Hearing Continuance is scheduled for March 7, 2017 for the property located at 115 N. Ninth Street.

***Tax Collector***

The 2017 County and Borough Real Estate Taxes were mailed to property owners on February 3, 2017.

***Borough Treasurer***

Nothing to report

***Unfinished Business***

Sue Davidson along with Tom Murray will work on RFP's for Ordinance Codification.

Council would like to send letters to non-profits asking for donations in lieu of real estate taxes.

Sue Davidson will get John Williamson a list of tax exempt properties in the Borough.

Sue Davidson will e-mail Council and Mayor a copy of the January water report.

***New Business***

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution #00196 directing that a question be placed on a ballot and submitted at the primary election to be held in 2017 regarding small games of chance within the Borough of Akron. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Committee Meeting-*** February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Streets Committee

Stream Embankment

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

February 13, 2017

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I, Thomas J. Murray, a member of the Borough of Akron Council abstained from any discussion or voting on a motion at the regularly scheduled Council meeting of February 13, 2017, due to a conflict of interest. The motion was for employee training. The conflict of interest is my son Thomas Murray, Jr. is an employee of the Borough of Akron Public Works Dept.

Thomas J. Murray  
Borough of Akron Council

CC: Borough of Akron Council  
Mayor John McBeth  
Dan Guers-Borough Manager