

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING-MARCH 13, 2017

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Penny Talbert, Greg DiLeo, Thomas Murray, Jr. Mark Hackenburg, Jeff Shirk, Sam Baughman, Justin Evans, Douglas Evans, Donald Reese, Lora Gomboc, Jessica Zoski, Reed Snyder, Farley Fry.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the February 13, 2017 Borough of Akron Council meeting minutes. (the Public Hearing minutes will be approved separately at a later date) Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

George DiLeo from the Ephrata Public Library presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Akron Borough Council.

Mark Hackenburg from RGS Associates on behalf of Garden Spot Village wants to continue dialog with Akron Borough and requested a copy of the latest water model study that was done in 2015. Sue Davidson will get a copy to RGS Associates.

Doug Evans, 408 Edgehill Drive, Akron asked about the access trail from Colonial Drive to the Rail Trail and the trail being handicap accessible. Doug Evans also mentioned Edgehill Drive needs paved and has not been paved in forty years.

Nathan Imhoff mentioned he understands Mr. Evans concern and there are two other parks that need to be addressed with ADA parking and pavilions. Nathan mentioned starting a GoFundMe account for the proposed access trail. Nathan will present more information on this fund at committee meeting.

Justin Gehman chairperson of the Streets Committee mentioned he is working on a five year plan and is still in the process of prioritizing.

Mayor Report- Mayor John McBeth

Officer Paul Cook took part in the Ephrata Library Read Across America Program on March 2, 2017.

Mayor McBeth declared a State of Emergency for the snow storm from Monday, March 13, 2017 at 9:00 p.m. until Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The Mayor met with Greg Leisey, Akron's Emergency Management Coordinator earlier in the day to discuss this issue. Greg Leisey will prepare the necessary paperwork.

Police- Chief Zell

Distributed the February 2017 report
Chief Zell is updating the Police Policy Manual.

Committee Reports

Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman

Farley Fry, Hanover Engineers presented the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) required annual presentation. This was properly advertised and posted. The MS4 report will be completed and reviewed by Council before the May 2017 deadline.

Reviewed Minimum Control Measures (Public Education, outreach, participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site storm water runoff)

Mapping (outfalls, added storm sewers and drainage areas.)

Maintenance

Documentation

Outfall Stenciling

Best Management Practice

Stormwater Management Ordinance

Permit Applications

Baseline Study

Impaired Streams

Notice of Intent- update Chesapeake Bay Plan with pollution Reduction Plan

Waiver application

Farley also reviewed the DEP audit that took place in January 2017. A questions was asked from a visitor if DEP is regulating chlorides at this time. Farley mentioned chlorides are not a pollutant.

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.

Thomas Murray made a motion to pay the final invoice to Stewart and Tate for the base repair at Crestview and Rothsville Road in the amount of \$9,450.00. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray read into the minutes the February 2017 monthend balances

General Fund	\$106,212.47
Water Fund	\$ 63,815.48
Sewer Fund	\$ 18,983.05
Hwy Aid Fund	\$ 9,009.10
General Reserves	\$ 81,471.24
Water Reserves	\$ 88,905.53
Sewer Reserves	\$164,853.98
Cap Proj Fund	\$ 7.43
Community Fund	\$ 2,600.80
Total	\$535,858.09

Escrow \$ 60,248.20

Tom Murray reviewed the February 2017 Revenues and Expenditures report

Tom Murray made a motion to purchase a 2017 Ford350 Crane Truck (Costars)in the amount of \$87,281.00. The truck will be paid off in three years and does not include a truck trade in. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets & Sewer Committee (contd) – Justin Gehman

The Ephrata Borough 2016 Final Wastewater Treatment calculations have a refund of \$39,562.00 for Akron Borough.

John Williamson commended the Akron Public Works Dept for the good job that have been doing in the Borough.

Sue Davidson will get a more detailed 2016 Wastewater Treatment report and send to Council.

Personnel & Public Safety Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk mentioned that he and the Borough Manager are processing applications for the Public Works Dept and have narrowed down to two candidates for the final process.

Water & Parks Committee- Nathan Imhoff

Distributed February 2017 water report

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that Tom Burnett will be purchasing native plants and trees and donating them to the Borough to be planted along the Rail Trail. The planting will be done by volunteers.

Nathan also mentioned he will meet with the Borough Manager, Tom Burnett and Tim Siefert at the Rail Trail to decide where the plants will go. Nathan also requested if the Borough could supply water for the plantings. It was suggested to use a 270 gallon tote tank and place it at the park and top it off every 3-4 weeks. The Borough will also donate wood chips. There is a concern of roots getting under the trail and Nathan Imhoff mentioned he is aware of this and will keep this in mind when planting.

John Williamson mentioned the unaccounted water loss for Akron Borough in 2016 is 4 ½ percent.

Property & Planning Committee- Tammy Ruth

Tammy Ruth mentioned the Steering Committee Survey for the proposed Comprehensive Plan has been finalized and will be mailed this week. The next Steering Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Akron Fire Hall.

The survey will be on the Akron Borough website tomorrow.

Community Relations and Special Projects- Monica Hersh

Monica Hersh mentioned she will be meeting with Darrell Witmer to discuss Akron Night at the Barnstormers. The 2017 Akron Night at the Barnstormers is scheduled for June 16 and will there will be fireworks.

Borough Manager- Susan Davidson

Distributed report

February 2017 financials are reconciled.

Justin Gehman, Tom Murray, Jr. and Sue Davidson met with Darrell Becker from Arro Engineers to discuss street bids, storm boxes and ADA compliance and would request committee time to discuss these issues.

Water and sewer bills are due on March 15.

Earl Shirk and the Borough Manager will start work on updating the non-uniform personnel policy.

The new water heater has been installed in the Municipal Office building and the office and police department floors have been stripped and waxed and offices are being painted.

A NOV was mailed and posted at 206 S. 10th street. A letter will be mailed to 123 S. Ninth Street to discuss complaints and property violations.

The Borough Manager met with the Lancaster County Economic Development Company and invited them to Steering Committee meeting.

Getting quotes on mowing equipment.

Discussed 2017-2018 capital projects.

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

Distributed February 2017 report

Planning Commission

Sam Baughman, Chairperson for the Akron Borough Planning Commission mentioned that the proposed Zoning Ordinance is finished and forwarded to the Solicitor for comments. The temporary sign ordinance will stay the same.

Zoning Hearing Board

Nothing scheduled at this time

Tax Collector

County Real Estate Taxes collected in February 2017- \$87,042.33

Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in February 2017- \$64,087.84

Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

Water Tower Lease Agreement is being reviewed by the Borough Solicitor

Tom Murray and Sue Davidson will work on sending RFP's for Codification

A PILOT letter will be sent to all non-profit organizations in the Borough asking for donations in lieu of taxes.

New Business

Tom Murray made a motion to appoint Attorney Dwight Yoder (Gibbel, Kraybill and Hess) to represent the Borough at the Conditional Use Hearing for Handi-Vangelism at \$195.00/hr. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor McBeth mentioned the Akron Borough 125th Anniversary will take place in 2020. Dick Wanner has volunteered to make an addition to the Akron Borough Centennial Book.

Committee Meetings- Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Sewer Committee

Streets Committee

Personnel Committee

Parks Committee

Tom Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tammy Ruth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson

Borough Manager/Secretary

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