

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- APRIL 10, 2017

Council Members present- John Williamson, President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Thomas Murray, Tammy Ruth, Nathan Imhoff, Monica Hersh. (Earl Shirk not present)

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Jeff Shirk, Evan Shupp, John Taylor, Donald Reese, Scott Althouse, Jacy Clugston Hess, Ephrata School District; Scott Cover, Julie Hocking, James Welch, McNees, Wallace and Nurick; Ephrata SRO Officer Paul Moore.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the March 13, 2017 and March 27, 2017 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. One typo, Justin Gehman's name is showing twice under Council members under the March 13 minutes. Tammy Ruth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

SRO

Officer Paul Moore, Ephrata Area School District School Resource Officer presented his annual report to Council and Mayor.

Officer Moore mentioned there are eight schools and 4,000 students in the Ephrata School District.

Officer Moore reviewed a number of items and programs that he oversees.

- 1) Cyber Safety
- 2) Bike Safety
- 3) Cookies and Cops
- 4) Good Decision Making-Senior Class
- 5) Law Enforcement- Anonymous Tip Line
- 6) Drug Education
- 7) Suicide Prevention
- 8) Safe Driving Habits- "Every 15 Minutes"
- 9) Crossing Guards (except in Akron Borough)

Officer Moore thanked Council and Mayor for their support.

Gate House

Scott Althouse and Attorney James Welch (McNees Wallace & Nurick) made a presentation to Council proposing a transitional non-profit drug and alcohol facility at 12 Tobacco Road, Akron.

Scott Althouse, Director of Gate House, is proposing to amend the zoning ordinance in an R-1 District and create a new use in R-1. Gate House has entered into sales agreement with the current owner of 12 Tobacco Road. Mr. Althouse mentioned Gate House is a non-profit drug and alcohol facility. The residents must go through detox before coming to Gate House. Gate House teaches residents to transition in the community. The proposed Akron facility will house twenty four men and has a strict admission criteria. Althouse mentioned that some residents are court mandated and they exclude

anyone who has a history of violence or sexual crimes and there are strict house rules and zero tolerance. Mr. Althouse has letters of support from the Lititz Police Department. Mr. Althouse also mentioned they would like to construct an office building and more parking spaces and will be receiving \$250,000 in grant money and will do payment in lieu of taxes. Gate House is staffed 24/7. Gate House also has a facility in Lititz and in Mountville.

John Williamson mentioned that there is a daycare directly across from this property. John Williamson also mentioned that there is not a bus stop close by for the residents.

Chief Zell asked how many residents live at the Lititz Gate House and are all court ordered and what kind of arrests? Scott Althouse answered there are twenty six residents and maybe a dozen are court ordered. Chief Zell mentioned that he will contact Chief Nye to ask about Gate House.

Scott Althouse mentioned that if a court ordered resident leaves against staff advice they are in violation of drug court.

The majority of Gate House residents are funded through Medicaid.

Scott Althouse mentioned the annual operation budget for the proposed facility in Akron will be approximately \$1,000,000.00.

Scott Cover of 1302 Diamond Street, Akron asked how many residents would be at this facility. There would be twenty four. Mr. Cover mentioned that every time one of his businesses has been robbed it was someone who was in rehab. Mr. Cover asked Attorney James Welch is what you are proposing is to throw out the current zoning and rewrite the zoning asking for spot zoning. Attorney Welch mentioned that they will be proposing a text ordinance.

Gate House will have to submit a petition to the Zoning Officer and it will be reviewed by the Akron Borough Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Planning Commission, then back to Council for a Public Hearing to adopt or not to adopt. All Borough Attorney fees will be reimbursed by the applicant.

John Williamson told Attorney Welch that the Akron Borough Manager needs to be copied on everything.

Other

Don Reese asked about the trees on the Rail Trail that are marked with an X to be cut down. Sue Davidson mentioned just the dead trees will be cut down and property owners will be consulted before trees are removed.

Mayor Report- Mayor John McBeth
Nothing to report

Police Report- Chief Zell

Distributed March 2017 report

Committee Reports

Administration & Finance Committee- Thomas Murray

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

Tom Murray read into the minutes the March 2017 month end balances

General Fund	\$ 95,728.85
Water Fund	\$102,635.14
Sewer Fund	\$ 93,379.98
Highway Aid Fund	\$128,988.34
General Reserves	\$ 75,504.81
Water Reserves	\$115,447.09
Sewer Reserves	\$157,304.60
Capital Projects	\$ 10.63
Community Fund	\$ 2,601.00
Total	\$771,600.44
Escrow	\$ 60,335.18

Tom Murray reviewed the March 2017 Revenues and Expenditures report.

Sue Davidson will have the current Rail Trail/Bldg Repair loan balance for the next meeting.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the purchase from Deer Country Farm and Lawn (thru CoStars) John Deere 5055E Utility Tractor, John Deere Hx6 Lift Type Rotary Cutter, Frontier GM2109R Rear Discharge Grooming Mower for a total of \$33,776.26 and a trade in of \$36,800.00 of a 2011 John Deere 5101E Tractor. The Borough will get back \$3,023.74. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Tom Murray mentioned that he spoke with the Borough Solicitor and told him this purchase was through CoStars and the Borough would not have to put the trade in mower out for bid. Monica Hersh asked about the trade in amount. Nathan Imhoff mentioned John Deere is obligated to give us the best trade in value. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman

Sue Davidson will send the street sweeping ads to Tom Murray to put on the Borough webpage.

Justin Gehman made a motion to advertise the 2017 Street Trench Restoration Project for bid. The bid opening will take place May 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Akron Borough Municipal Office located at 117 S. Seventh Street, Akron. The bid will be available on the PennBid website and advertised in the Lancaster Newspapers. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor McBeth mentioned we need to continue nighttime inspections to identify surface water.

Personnel & Public Safety Committee- Earl Shirk (not present)

Sue Davidson mentioned that she will be working with Earl Shirk to update the non-uniform personnel policy.

Water & Parks Committee- Nathan Imhoff

Nathan Imhoff mentioned on April 12th, volunteers will be planting donated seedlings at Colonial Park between 5pm and 7pm. The seedlings will be planted in three large beds and our Public Works department will have water at the park. The Public Works Dept will place rabbit fencing and mulch around the plants.

Nathan Imhoff mentioned the GoFundMe account has been set up to raise \$10,000.00 for the access trail at Colonial Park and has already collected \$500.00 towards the access trail.

Tom Murray will put the GoFundMe on the Akron webpage.

Sue Davidson will check on the Colonial Park survey.

The aerators for the Roland Park pond have been purchased and will be installed in the next few weeks.

Property & Planning Committee- Tammy Ruth

Tammy Ruth mentioned the Comprehensive Plan survey is done and Karen Lowrie will do the analysis.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Akron Fire Hall.

Community Relations and Special Projects Committee- Monica Hersh

Monica Hersh mentioned there was a meeting on April 6, 2017 to discuss Akron Night at the Barnstormers. Akron Night at the Barnstormers is scheduled for Friday, June 16, 2017 and it is also fireworks night and will try to sell a lot of tickets.

Akron Day in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017.

Borough Manager- Susan Davidson

Distributed report

Susan Davidson reviewed items from the Borough Manager report

- 1) March 2017 financials have been reconciled
- 2) The Auditor General's Office is conducting an audit for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension plans for the years of 2013-2016
- 3) Council approved payment of the 2017 1st quarter treatment costs in the amount of \$45,210.00
- 4) The Borough Manager would like to schedule a meeting with EAJA to discuss Garden Spot Village
- 5) The Borough Manager filed a violation against the property located at 206 S. 10th Street for numerous property violations.
- 6) The Borough Manager along with Alex Stevens from Code Administrators met with the owner of 123 S. Ninth Street to discuss property maintenance complaints.

Solicitor
Nothing to report

Fire Chief

Distributed March 2017 report

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission finished their proposed updates to the Zoning Ordinance and forwarded a draft to Council for their review. (Copies in Council book)

Council will review proposed zoning and will discuss at next committee meeting before sending to Lancaster County Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission did not change the temporary sign ordinance.

Zoning Hearing

Nothing scheduled at this time.

Tax Collector

County Real Estate Taxes collected in March 2017	\$70,360.45
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in March 2017	\$51,805.25

Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

The Borough Manager will contact the Solicitor to finish the water tower lease agreement.

The Borough Manager will have codification RFP's at the next meeting.

New Business

Sue Davidson will forward to Council members a list of tax exempt properties in the Borough.

Chief Zell mentioned to Council the new handguns are in and the police will qualify on April 2th.

Don Reese complimented Akron Borough Police Officer Mitchell Rogers and told Council what a good job he is doing.

Committee Meeting- Monday, April 24, 2017

Zoning Ordinance
Bomberger Project
Codification

Tom Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager/Secretary
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