

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- JUNE 12, 2017

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Lester Auker, Janet Auker, Thomas Murray, Jr., Jay Snyder, Ephrata Borough; Michael Hodgson, Doug Evans, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Paul Good, Lora Gomboc, Evan Shupp, Anya Williamson.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Thomas Murray made a motion to approve the May 8, 2017 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Nathan Imhoff second the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the May 22, 2017 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Thomas Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Michael Hodgson, 1245 Main Street asked Council what their process of handling non-binding resolutions is.

John Williamson mentioned he can't recall Council doing a non-binding resolution. Hodgson mentioned he will do a formal presentation at the next Council meeting in July.

Paul Good, 717 New Street told Council he has an issue with his neighbor at 713 New Street who has an air B&B.

John Williamson stated air B&B's must go through the Borough Zoning Hearing Board. Sue Davidson mentioned that Code Administrators, who serves as the Borough Zoning Officer has been contacted about this issue and will forward this information to Council and Paul Good.

Jane Auker and Lester Auker, 112 S. Ninth Street were at the meeting to observe.

Doug Evans, Edgehill Drive asked about the access trail at the Colonial Park. Nathan Imhoff stated a park survey will be done by the Borough Engineer because the trail needs to be ADA compliant.

Jay Snyder, Environmental Resource Manager for the Borough of Ephrata presented a slide show on "The Stormwater Paradigm Shift". The slide show included

- 1) MS4 Permit Obligations
- 2) Minimum Control Measures (MSM's)
- 3) Best Management Practices (BMP's)
- 4) Public Education and Outreach
- 5) Stormwater Ordinance
- 6) Goals

Mayor Report- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor John McBeth mentioned the gratitude towards Wilmer Hall who was the first Akron Borough Manager and also served four terms on Akron Borough Council.

Mayor McBeth expressed thanks to the Akron Lions Club, the Akron Borough crew and Borough Manager for the “Akron Day in the Park” that took place on Saturday, June 10.

Mayor McBeth approved the request from the Akron Volunteer Fire Company to close Main Street from Diamond Street to Dawn Avenue for the Open House on August 8 (6PM-9PM). The Borough Office staff will send out letters to residents that will be affected by the street closure.

Police Chief- Chief Zell

Chief Zell disturbed May 2017 report

Chief Zell mentioned that he spoke to Select Security about installing cameras in the police dept, borough office, parking lot, water plant and public works building. Chief Zell will pursue other vendors thru CoStars to get three quotes.

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 Akron Volunteer Fire Company \$15,000.00 (1/2 of the 2017 budgeted donation). Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Murray made a motion to pay the Lancaster County Drug Task Force, \$1.00 per person who lives in Akron Borough for a total of \$3,900.00 (total 2017 budgeted amount). Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Murray made a motion pay the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley \$1,000.00 (total 2017 budgeted amount) Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Murray made a motion to pay the Ephrata Public Library \$10,000.00 (1/2 of the 2017 budgeted donation). Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Murray reviewed the May 2017 Revenues and Expenditures Report.

Thomas Murray read into the minutes the May 2017 month end financial figures.

General Fund	\$312,619.08
Water Fund	\$ 24,702.28
Sewer Fund	\$ 34,901.07
Hwy Aid Fund	\$129,105.50
General Reserves	\$170,728.83
Water Reserves	\$179,753.56

Sewer Reserves	\$151,663.30
Community Fund	\$ 24.65
Total	\$1,006,101.40
Escrow Fund	\$ 60,335.18

Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman (not present)

Bids submitted for Trench Restoration through PennBid

- 1) Construction Masters Services, LLC, 4008 Lancaster Pike, Reading PA -\$18,486.00
- 2) Landis C. Deck & Sons, 2052 Lucon Road, Skippack PA - \$93,852.00
- 3) Martin Paving Inc., 531 E. 28th Div. Hwy, Lititz PA - \$24, 411.00

Thomas Murray made a motion to approve the bid from Construction Master Services, LLC. Reading PA in the amount of \$18,486.00 for the Trench Restoration Project. Arro Engineering will get a timeline on the project and will make sure all proper paperwork is submitted and in order. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel & Public Safety Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk mentioned he met with Sergeant Stone in regards to the proposed police contract and everything seems to be doing well.

Water & Parks Committee- Nathan Imhoff

Doug Evans, Edgemoor Drive, Akron asked about the access trail at Colonial Park. Nathan Imhoff mentioned the Borough is waiting for Arro Engineers to finish the survey.

The GoFundMe information for the access trail will be put in the next Borough newsletter. GoFundMe information is on the Akron Borough webpage.

Tom Murray mentioned that he along with the Akron Borough Manager, Tom Murray, Jr, and Becker Engineering met with Ephrata Township, EAJA and RGS Engineering and Garden Spot to discuss Garden Spot Village water service needs. Tom Murray also mentioned that Akron Borough must have a new water supply source by 2019.

Thomas Murray made a motion to authorize the Akron Borough Water Committee to negotiate with EAJA and West Earl Township to explore options for new water supply to our system to meet the 2019 Susquehanna River Basin mandate. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Murray stated that Akron Borough is not part of the IMG Group and is still part of Ephrata Plant 1. Sue Davidson will get information on IMG and Plant 1.

Lora Gomboc from Garden Spot Village mentioned Garden Spot wants to move their project along. Akron borough needs to discuss with Ephrata Township and Ephrata Borough the water and sewer pumping through Akron Borough's system.

Sue Davidson mentioned the “No Mow” areas at Colonial Park are overgrown with weeds looking bad. Davidson also mentioned that trees were planted too close to the Rail Trail. Nathan Imhoff and Sue Davidson will schedule a time to investigate this issue at Colonial Park.

Sue Davidson will discuss Roland Park parking issues with the public works dept.

Property & Planning Committee- Tammy Ruth

Tammy Ruth mentioned the Steering Committee met on May 25, 2017 and discussed the “Vision Statement and the subgroups. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Akron Volunteer Fire Company and the first subgroup will discuss infrastructure.

Community Relations Committee & Special Projects Committee- Monica Hersh

Monica Hersh mentioned “Akron Night at the Barnstormers” is scheduled for Friday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$8.00.

Monica also mentioned the Akron Lions Club did a great job for Akron Day in the Park on Saturday, June 10th.

Borough Manager- Susan Davidson

Distributed report

Susan Davidson reviewed the Borough Manager report

- 1) May 2017 month-end financials have been reconciled
- 2) May 2017 payables reviewed by the Finance Committee
- 3) Auditor General’s Office has completed the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension audit for years 2013-2016. No comments or findings.
- 4) Streets bids for trench repair have been received and waiting for a letter of recommendation from the Borough engineer.
- 5) Met with EAJA, Garden Spot, RGS Engineering, Becker Engineering to discuss water issues
- 6) The annual MS4 report was forwarded to DEP on June 2, 2017
- 7) Met with Earl Shirk and Sergeant Greg Stone to discuss the proposed police contract
- 8) Getting quotes on security cameras for the Borough Office, Police Dept and Water Plant
- 9) Attended an ADA seminar along with the Public Works employees on Thursday, August 8.
- 10) Met with Darrell Becker on May 9 to discuss spec’s for the Colonial Park access trail
- 11) Colonial park trees were mulched and playground cleaned up
- 12) Concerns with “No Mow” areas at Colonial Park
- 13) Worked with Akron Lions Club on the ‘Akron Day in the Park’
- 14) Pond aerators have been installed at the Roland Park pond
- 15) Zoning Hearings on May 23, 2017 (two applicants) –both approved
- 16) Forwarded proposed zoning ordinance to Lancaster County Planning Commission for review
- 17) The Referendum for small games of chance passed on the ballot. All applications will go through the Lancaster County Treasurer’s Office.
- 18) Request committee time for streets, water, sewer and parks.

Davidson mentioned needing help with property maintenance issues and complaints. Chief Zell volunteered to check properties.

Fire Chief

Distributed May 2017 report

Planning Commission

Nothing scheduled at this time

Zoning Hearing Board

Nothing scheduled at this time

Tax Collector

Distributed May 2017 report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in May 2017	\$48,501.78
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Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in May 2017	\$35,710.99
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Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

Thomas Murray made a motion to amend the agreement to the water tower lease between Akron Borough and T-Mobile, Northeast LLC. (the water tower is located at 31 S. Tenth Street, Akron) The amendment to the agreement revises the location of certain equipment. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Davidson and Thomas Murray are working on the Codification request for proposals.

New Business

Nothing to report

Committee Meeting- Monday, June 26, 2017

Sewer Committee

Streets Committee

Water Committee

Parks Committee

Personnel Committee- Police Contract

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager

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