

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- JULY 10, 2017

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Chief Thomas Zell, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Jeff Shirk, Alan Ruby, Michael Hodgson, Doug Evans, Michael Zell, Robyn Hodgson, Robert Weaver.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the June 12, 2017 Borough of Akron Council meeting minutes. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve the June 26, 2017 Borough of Akron Council meeting minutes. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Michael Zell gave an update on the Broad Street Playground Reunion. The Reunion will be held on August 3, 2017 between 6pm-9pm at the Broad Street Park. There will be music, refreshments and kickball, volleyball games etc. If it rains the event will be at the Roland Park.

Alan Ruby, 37 Heritage Road, Akron was at the meeting to support Handi-Vangelism.

Doug Evans asked about the access trail at Colonial Park. Nathan Imhoff mentioned the survey has been completed by the Borough engineer and will be completed as soon as we can as we get in donations from GoFundMe.

Jeff Shirk on behalf of the Akron Lions Club thanked the Akron Police, Sue Davidson, and Public Works for the great job they did helping with Akron Day in the Park.

Jeff Shirk asked about the airbnb's that were brought up at last month's council meeting. Sue Davidson mentioned that this information was turned over to the Borough Zoning Officer (Code Administrator's) for action.

Mayor- Mayor John McBeth
Nothing to report

Police Report- Chief Zell
Distributed report

Finance Committee- Thomas Murray (not present)

Earl Shirk made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by Monica Hersh, John Williamson and Mayor McBeth. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan Davidson read into the minutes the June 30, 2017 month-end balances.

General Fund	\$241,798.20
Water Fund	\$ 55,787.22
Sewer Fund	\$ 29,829.91
Highway Aid Fund	\$129,172.80
General Reserves	\$169,757.72
Water Reserves	\$171,143.79
Sewer Reserves	\$158,184.85
Cap.Projects Fund	\$ 25.27
Community Fund	\$ 3,407.38
Total	\$969,107.14

Escrow \$ 60,441.80

Susan Davidson reviewed the June 2017 Revenues and Expenditures Report.

Streets & Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman will meet with the Borough Manager later this week to discuss the 5-year street plan.

Personnel & Public Service Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk mentioned that Council will need to go into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Water & Parks Committee- Nathan Imhoff

Nathan Imhoff mentioned he reviewed the engineering spec's for Colonial Park and the ADA path for Broad Street Park.

Nathan attended a Parks Committee Meeting on July 6 at Colonial Park and looked at the "no mow" areas and then discussed getting proposals for Broad Street steps and proposals for ADA pavilion access at Roland Park.

John Williamson stated the developer, RGS should be responsible for scheduling meetings with Maple Farm. Sue Davidson will relay this message to Mark Hackenberg at RGS.

Property & Planning Commission- Tammy Ruth (not present)

John Williamson mentioned storm water and infrastructure was discussed at the June 22, 2017 Steering Committee meeting. Economic Development will be discussed at the July 27, 2017 Steering Committee meeting. Steering Committee meetings are held at the Akron Fire Hall at 6:30 p.m. and the public is welcome.

Community Relations & Special Projects- Monica Hersh

Monica Hersh mentioned Akron Night at the Barnstormers took place on Friday, June 16th at Clipper Stadium.

Borough Manager Report-

Distributed June 2017 report

June 2017 financials have been reconciled and payables reviewed by Finance Committee.

RFP's were submitted for electric and awarded to MidAmerican for a three year fixed rate for a savings of approximately \$2,000 a year.

Street bids for trench repair have been reviewed by the Borough Solicitor and there were a few comments that were forwarded back to the engineer.

MS4 report was forwarded to DEP on June 2, 2017.

The June 26th committee meeting with Council members and Mayor met at the Roland, Broad Street and Colonial Parks to discuss ADA and MS4 issues. Borough Manager will get quotes on proposed work and present to Council.

Borough Manager forwarded the proposed zoning ordinance to Lancaster County Planning Commission for review. The Lancaster County comments are in the Council books.

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

Distributed June 2017 report

Planning Commission

The Lancaster County Planning Commission comments on the proposed zoning ordinance will be on the agenda for the August 3, 2017 Borough Planning Commission meeting. A copy of the comments will be e-mailed to Borough Planning Commission members.

Zoning Hearing Board

A Zoning Hearing application for a special exception for the property located at 401 S. Seventh Street has been forwarded to the Zoning Officer but no date has been scheduled at this time.

Tax Collector

Distributed June 2017 report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in June 2017	\$20,612.73
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in June 2017	\$15,176.77

Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

Handi-Vangelism

Earl Shirk made a motion to adopt Resolution #00197 and agreement between Handi-Vangelism, Ephrata Area School District, Borough of Akron and the County of Lancaster for payment in Lieu of Real Estate Taxes. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Redistricting

Michael Hodgson, 1245 Main Street, Akron presented to Council a sample resolution supporting a citizen's commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting.

Council will review the information and discuss at committee meeting.

New Business

Diamond Street Early Childhood Center is doing a fundraiser and a 5K race on Saturday October 21st and what must be done for traffic control and safety. The race begins and ends at the Akron Mennonite Church.

Chief Zell suggested that since there is only one crossing from the church to Roland Park, Akron police will help with traffic control.

Executive Session

Earl Shirk made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to reconvene the meeting. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting reconvened.

No action was taken.

Earl Shirk 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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