

## **BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- AUGUST 14, 2017**

**Council Members present-** John Williamson, President; Thomas Murray, Nathan Imhoff, Monica Hersch, Keith Landis (Justin Gehman and Earl Shirk not present)

**Others present-** Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Richard Wanner, Ephrata Review; Kay McEllhenney, Doug Evans, Frank Wolf, Thomas Murray, Jr., Evan Shupp, Nancarvis, Barb McMinn, Glen Beiler, John Hoffman, Chris Hoffman, Michael Hodgson.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Thomas Murray made a motion to approve the July 10 and July 24, 2017 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Council Oath of Office**

Thomas Murray made a motion to appoint Keith Landis to fill the current Council vacancy left from Tammy Ruth ending December 31, 2017. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor McBeth administered the Oath of Office to Keith Landis.

### **Visitors**

Kay McEllhenney, Springcrest Drive Akron mentioned an article in the Lancaster Newspaper on the drug problems in Lancaster County and suggested that a Council member should serve on the Lancaster County Joint Forces Coalition. Mayor McBeth mentioned he is in touch with Ephrata Mayor Mowen to see if we can help.

Glen Beiler, 117 Broad Street, Akron urged Council to reject the redistricting put forth recently. John Williamson mentioned this issue will be discussed later in the meeting.

Doug Evans, Edgehill Drive asked about the Colonial Park access trail. Nathan Imhoff mentioned that the next step was to advertise the GoFundMe in the current Borough newsletter, contact Melron Industries about donating the excavation work and finishing the job in the near future.

There were no public comments made during this meeting in regards to the proposed Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan requirement for the 2018-2023 MS4 Permit.

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

Mayor McBeth thanked the volunteers that helped at the Broad Street Playground Reunion on August 3<sup>rd</sup> especially Mike Zell for organizing the event. The Mayor mentioned that approximately 200 people showed up.

Mayor McBeth reviewed the quarterly report for the Lancaster County Drug Task Force.

### **Police-** Chief Zell

Distributed the July 2017 report

Chief Zell mentioned we have a heroin and meth problem in Akron Borough and trying to push for prosecution to get people into rehab.

Chief Zell mentioned he has safety concerns in regards to the 5K Run in October for the Diamond Street Early Childhood Daycare Fundraiser. The concern is running on several Akron the streets requiring several police officers, when only one is available.

Chief Zell mentioned he does not know why the police employees cannot use the downstairs to work out and why there is a concern with Workman’s Comp. Chief mentioned we should be more concerned about the physical fitness of our employees and encourages them to stay in shape.

Tom Murray mentioned we need to revisit this issues and mentioned the concern of someone working out alone and maybe the Borough can provide another place to work out such as the Ephrata Recreation Center.

Robin Hodgson, Main Street, Akron thanked Chief Zell for the help that Officer Rogers took for protecting her property and dogs from a stranger.

***Committee Administration and Finance Committee*** - Thomas Murray

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

Tom Murray made a motion to pay the Akron Volunteer Fire Company \$15,000.00 – the remainder of the 2017 budgeted donation amount. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to pay the Ephrata Public Library \$10,000.00- the remainder of the 2017 budgeted donation amount. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to move from the General Fund to the Reserve Fund \$12,500.00 for the Akron Fire Company Truck Reserve. (This amount is a 2017 budgeted item) Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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| General Fund     | \$191,034.76 |
| Water Fund       | \$ 56,241.24 |
| Sewer Fund       | \$ 36,181.91 |
| Hwy Aid Fund     | \$129,254.88 |
| General Reserves | \$181,764.87 |
| Water Reserves   | \$181,144.39 |
| Sewer Reserves   | \$158,185.05 |
| Cap. Projects    | \$ 25.29     |
| Comm. Fund       | \$ 3,580.28  |
| Total            | \$937,412.67 |

Escrow Fund                   \$ 60,441.80

Tom Murray reviewed the July 31, 2017 Revenues and Expenditures report

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution #00199 approving the Master Lease with Fulton Bank and the purchasing of a 2017 Ford Crane Truck in the amount of \$87,781.00. Keith Landis seconded the motion. The current crane truck will be sold on Municibid. Motion carried. There was a roll call on the vote. John Williamson, Thomas Murray, Nathan Imhoff, Monica Hersh and Keith Landis all voted yes for the motion.

**Streets & Sewer Committee-** Justin Gehman (not present)

The proposed 3 year street plan-

Walnut Street- replace stormboxes in 2018 & repaving in 2019

Front Street- repaving 2020

Edgehill Drive- repaving in 2021

**Personnel and Public Safety-** Earl Shirk (not present)

There will be an Executive Session near the end of the meeting to discuss personnel issues

**Water & Parks Committee-** Nathan Imhoff

Nathan Imhoff mentioned the quotes from Brooklawn for the ADA work and pavilions 1 & 2 are the least expensive.

The steps at the Broad Street Park will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Nathan Imhoff asked to have the Colonial Park access trail completed.

Frank Wolf mentioned the Boy Scouts could help with a forestry project at the Roland Park. This could be an Eagle Scout project. The Borough had contracted with Antietam Forestry back in 2006 to remove trees at the Roland Park and Frank Wolf felt there is more work to be done.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to allow Ephrata Cross Country Team to use Roland Park for a one hour fundraiser on August 16, 2017. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council will discuss the "Tobacco Free" draft ordinance at the next committee meeting. It was mentioned to remove the number "four" before parks.

**Property & Planning Committee-** Keith Landis

The Steering Committee will meet on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Akron Volunteer Fire Hall. Quality of Life will be discussed at the meeting and area businesses and non-profits along with the public have been invited. Economic Development was discussed at the July 27, 2017 Steering Meeting.

**Community Relations & Special Projects Committee-** Monica Hersh

Nothing to report

***Borough Manager/Borough Secretary***

Distributed report

The Borough Manager asked that committees submit information for the 2018 budget.

The trench restoration work for streets will begin the week of August 14, 2017 and a pre-construction meeting was held on July 31, 2017.

Darrell Becker, Justin Gehman and the Borough Manager will meet with Stewart and Tate on August 15 at 9 am to look at Main Street and its paving issues.

Crosswalk and street walk painting have been completed.

At three year street plan was discussed at the last committee meeting. Walnut Street storm boxes, Walnut Street paving, Front Street and Edgehill Drive were tentatively scheduled.

Mr. Rehab will begin work on Front Street, Diamond Street and S. Ninth Street within the next two weeks.

Tom Murray Sr and the Borough Manager met with Sgt. Stone to discuss the proposed Police contract.

Getting quotes on security cameras for the Borough Office, police Dept and Water Plant.

***Borough Solicitor***

Nothing to report

***Fire Chief***

Distributed July 2017 report

***Planning Commission***

The Planning Commission met on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the Lancaster County Planning Commission comments for the proposed zoning ordinance.

Tom Murray made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for adoptions at the October 9, 2017 Council Meeting. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The comments from the Lancaster County Planning Commission in regards to the Temporary Sign Ordinance were so noted.

***Zoning Hearing Board***

A zoning hearing was scheduled on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 for two applicants.

- 1) 401 S. Seventh Street for a Special Exception for a doctor's office
  - 2) 321 S. Seventh Street for a Special Exception for a mattress store
- Both applicants were approved.

***Tax Collector***

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| County Real Estate Taxes collected in July 2017  | \$8,463.89 |
| Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in July 2017 | \$6,219.37 |

***Borough Treasurer***

Nothing to report

***New & Unfinished Business***

The Borough Manager will discuss codification at the next committee meeting.

Michael and Robin Hodgson again visited Council with a resolution that would put voting redistricting by a non-partisan organization. Glen Beiler mentioned that this issue should be taken up by the State Legislatures and not local government. Nathan Imhoff felt it was not Council's place to do this and it can open doors for different groups. Keith Landis, Monica Hersh and Tom Murray agreed with Nathan. John Williamson was in favor of the resolution. There was no motion and John Williamson thanked the Hodgson's.

A statistics report from (January – July 2017) for the Ephrata Library was distributed.

The Borough Manager contacted Ephrata Borough and Ephrata Township in regards to numbering light poles on the Rail Trail. Ephrata Borough will make the numbers for both Akron and Ephrata Township.

Chief Zell mentioned the Lancaster SPCA will be closing.

Tom Murray made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the proposed police contract. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

No action taken in regards to the Executive Session.

***Committee Meeting- August 28, 2017***

Parks Committee  
Streets Committee

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adjourn. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Manager/Secretary