

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Richard Wanner, Ephrata Review, Jeff Shirk, Brian Boyer,

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve the October 9, 2017 and October 30, 2017 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Nathan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Kyle Robinson from Handi-Vangelism distributed invitations to a chicken bbq, November 17th at their new location on Rothsville Road, Akron.

Mayor- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth mentioned there was a ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday, November 12 at Colonial Park for the new handicap access trail.

Police Chief

Chief Zell distributed report

The Borough Manager will schedule another walk through meeting with ESCO Security to discuss security cameras.

Finance & Administration Committee- Thomas Murray

Thomas Murray made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mayor McBeth. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thomas Murray read into the minutes the October 31, 2017 month end balances.

General Fund	\$186,808.39
Water Fund	\$ 53,952.50
Sewer Fund	\$ 56,138.64
Highway Aid	\$111,021.55
General Reserves	\$180,627.60
Water Reserves	\$193,921.83
Sewer Reserves	\$255,774.98
Capital Projects	\$ 37.41
Comm. Fund	\$ 2,648.28
Total	\$1,040,931.18
Escrow	\$ 60,577.85

Thomas Murray reviewed the October 2017 Revenues and Expenditures report.

Thomas Murray mentioned that the 2017 treatment and amortization budget figures have changed in the sewer fund.

Tom Murray made a motion to direct the Borough Solicitor to advertise the two ordinances 1) recalculating the millage from 2.75 mills to 2.1 mills based on the newest reassessed value for adoption at the December 11, 2017 Council meeting and 2) increasing the real estate millage from 2.1 mills to 2.3 mills –(10% increase) for adoption at the December 11, 2017 Council meeting. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Borough Manager mentioned that Weinhold & Nickel CPA's are no longer doing government audits. Requests for Proposals for government audits have been sent to several accounting firms and Council will appoint an auditor at the January 2, 2018 Re-organizational meeting.

Sue Davidson will send to Council and Mayor a copy of the 2016 audit report.

Streets and Sewer Committee- Justin Gehman

Justin Gehman mentioned that Stewart & Tate has offered to place another layer of microsurface on Main Street (from Rothsville Road to the Rail Trail on the east side). Council decided not to pursue this issue with Stewart & Tate.

Manor Ridge core sample will be done in the next week or two. The handicap ramps will be done in the spring of 2018.

Mayor McBeth asked about the trench restoration at Colonial Drive and why is it sinking. Sue Davidson mentioned that section of the street had a sinkhole prior to the trench restoration and stated Construction Masters Services did the work they were contracted to do, but the issue is underneath the street.

The Borough Manager will contact the local Penn Dot rep to look at the run off issue on Route 272 at Melron Industries location.

Property & Personnel Committee- Earl Shirk

Earl Shirk made a motion to ratify the 2018-2021 Borough of Akron Police contract. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to have the Borough Solicitor review the draft of the DROP Ordinance. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Tom Murray mentioned we should have our labor attorney review this draft ordinance. Earl Shirk and Justin Gehman withdrew their motion and second.

Earl Shirk made a motion to have the Borough labor attorney, Eckert Seaman, review the draft of the DROP Ordinance. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water & Parks Committee- Nathan Imhoff

Distributed October 2017 water report

Nathan Imhoff mentioned a ribbon cutting ceremony took place yesterday at the Colonial Park for the new access trail. Melron Industries donated the excavating for the trail.

Trees will be planted by the public works dept. at Rail Trail near the Colonial Park this week.

Property & Planning Committee- Keith Landis (not present)

Nothing to report

Community Relations & Special Projects Committee- Monica Hersh

Monica Hersh mentioned she attended a New Years Eve Shoe Drop Meeting on November 7, 2017.

Jeff Shirk asked how much debt remains on the Rail Trail loan. Tom Murray mentioned he will have that information at the December Council meeting.

Unfinished Business

Tom Murray mentioned the Borough received two proposals for codification and will have a report at the next committee meeting on the proposals.

New Business

John Williamson mentioned the PA Gaming Expansion Bill Act 42 authorizes the placement of mini-casinos with the Commonwealth. Act 42 also grants municipalities authority to prohibit the casinos within the boundaries of the municipality. The municipality must pass a resolution indicating its desire to prohibit Category 4 casinos with the municipality. Council will discuss this issue at the next committee meeting.

Dick Wanner asked Council if Keith Landis who has missed three consecutive meetings will return. John Williamson mentioned he will try to contact Keith Landis.

Committee Meeting November 27, 2017

PA Gaming Expansion Bill

Streets Committee

DROP Resolution

Codification

Forestry

2018 Budget

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager