

## **BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- DECEMBER 11, 2017**

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

**Others present-** Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Richard Wanner, Ephrata Review; Thomas Murray, Jr., Evan Shupp, Denise Dohner, Harbor Engineering; Officer Paul Cook, Perry Lorah.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Earl Shirk made a motion to approve the November 13, 2017 and November 27, 2017 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Visitors**

Denise Dohner from Harbor Engineering reviewed the Subdivision, Lot Add-On Plan for 1113, 1115 and 1117 Hillcrest Road, Akron PA.

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution #00201 approving the Final Subdivision and Lot Add-On Plan and waivers relating to 1115 Hillcrest Road being divided and adding lands to the two adjoining tracts of land known as 1113 and 1117 Hillcrest Road. Comments were received from the Lancaster County Planning Commission, Akron Borough Solicitor and Engineer and a recommendation of approval from the Borough of Akron Planning Commission. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mayor McBeth reviewed the Lancaster Drug Task Force 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter statistics.

Mayor McBeth mentioned, Carol Stark an Akron Resident was recently recognized for her achievements with working with local youth.

Mayor McBeth sent a congratulations letter to Akron Grace EC Church on reaching their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mayor McBeth mentioned the recent passing of former Mayor Harold Summers. Harold served as Akron's Mayor from 1994-1997.

### **Police Dept-** Chief Zell

Distributed report

Chief Zell mentioned Esco Security is having an issue with the new DVR's.

**Administration and Finance Committee-** Thomas Murray

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

Tom Murray reviewed the November 2017 Revenues and Expenditures Report.

Tom Murray read into the minutes the November 30, 2017 month end balances.

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| General Fund     | \$174,768.72 |
| Water Fund       | \$ 31,122.76 |
| Sewer Fund       | \$ 17,841.65 |
| Highway Aid      | \$111,098.96 |
| General Reserves | \$172,117.74 |
| Water Reserves   | \$218,922.27 |
| Sewer Reserves   | \$178,425.63 |
| Cap. Projects    | \$ 61.40     |
| Community Fund   | \$ 3,148.28  |
| Total            | \$907,507.41 |
| Escrow Fund      | \$ 60,577.85 |

Tom Murray read into the minutes the outstanding loan balances as of November 30, 2017

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| General Fund- Rail Trail/Bldg Repair Loan | \$543,275.58 |
| General Fund- Police Car                  | \$ 9,666.00  |
| Water Fund- Nitrate Removal Plant         | \$247,432.86 |

Cost of the Rail Trail Access Trail and sidewalk- \$21,576.11

### **2018 Budget**

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt the Borough of Akron 2018 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,791,710.00. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt the Borough of Akron 2018 Water Fund Budget in the amount of \$508,754.00. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt the Borough of Akron 2018 Sewer Fund Budget in the amount of \$691,610.00. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt the Borough of Akron 2018 Liquid Fuels Budget in the amount of \$223,325.30. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt Ordinance #00090 reducing the Borough of Akron real estate tax millage from 2.75 mills to 2.1 mills for 2018 because of a change in the Lancaster County wide assessment. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Ordinance was properly advertised and posted)

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt Ordinance #00091 changing the Borough of Akron 2018 Real Estate Tax millage from 2.1 mills to 2.32 mills. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Ordinance was properly advertised and posted).

Tom Murray made a motion to approve Resolution #00202 Certification of Section 125 for pre-tax deductions for employee's health insurance effective January 1, 2018. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to continue our self-funded health insurance including dental and vision plans through Benecon. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray mentioned the Borough received three proposals from auditors, (RKL LLP, Maher Duessel and Herbein Company, Inc.) The Borough Manager along with Tom Murray will be meeting with the three different auditing firms and will have information for Council before the January 2, 2018 Council meeting.

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

The Borough Manager is preparing street/sidewalk letters for Front and Walnut Streets for the 2018 projects.

The Borough Manager will send out the core sample information for Manor Ridge Drive.

***Personnel and Public Safety Committee***- Earl Shirk

The DROP Ordinance is being reviewed by the Borough Labor Attorney and will be on the agenda at the January 2, 2018 Re-Organizational meeting for advertisement.

Earl Shirk requested time at the end of the meeting for Executive Session.

***Water & Parks Committee***- Nathan Imhoff

Water report in Council books.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to increase the rental for the Akron Borough Park House from \$650.00/month to \$900.00/month and a 90-day Notice to the current residents with the rate increase becoming effective April 1, 2018. Monica Hersh seconded the motion.

Nathan Imhoff amended his motion to changing the Akron Borough Park House rent from \$650.00/month to \$775.00/month effective April 1, 2018 increase the rental in 2019 from \$775.00/month to \$900.00/month effective April 1, 2019. Earl Shirk stated the market rate is now \$900.00. Monica Hersh amended the second to the motion. Motion carried.

The Borough Manager will send a letter to the current residents as soon as possible.

Nathan Imhoff mentioned to Council and Mayor to share ideas or options they have for the Park House.

***Property & Planning Committee***- Keith Landis

The next Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Akron Fire Hall.

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

Monica mentioned a Shoe-In meeting was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> and everything is going well for this event.

***Borough Manager Report***

The November 2017 Financials have been reconciled.

Street sweeping was cancelled because of an equipment issue with Martin Paving.

The sidewalk is finished along Colonial Drive.

Borough vehicles have been winterized and road salt was delivered.

Tom Murray, Sr, Chief Zell, Tom Murray, Jr and Borough Manager met with ESCO Security to finalize the camera set up for the police department and water plant.

An SRBC inspections was scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2017 at 10:30 am and the inspection went well.

The Akron Borough Planning Commission met a Thursday, December 7, 2017 to discuss the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

The two temporary public works part-timers will be back the week of December 18 through January 5<sup>th</sup>.

The New Year's Eve Committee met on December 5, 2017.

A security door will be installed in the office hallway in the next few weeks.

The Certificates of Election have been received for the newly elected candidates.

Chief Zell mentioned that the Borough should consider placing bollards in the Municipal Office parking lot (near the porch) to prevent a car from striking the building coming through the council room doors and injuring anyone in the Council Room.

***Borough Solicitor***

Nothing to report

***Planning Commission***

Earl Shirk made a motion to send the proposed amendments of the Zoning Ordinance to the Lancaster County Planning Commission for their review. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Zoning Officer**

Report in Council books

**Tax Collector**

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| County Real Estate Taxes collected in November 2017  | \$1,170.51 |
| Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in November 2017 | \$ 861.84  |

**Borough Treasurer**

Nothing to report

**Unfinished Business**

Tom Murray made a motion to accept the proposal from General Code and instruct the Borough Manager to utilize General Code for the Borough Codification. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to Adopt Resolution #00203 proclaiming that the Council of the Borough of Akron has exercised its statutory option to prohibit the location of Category 4 licensed facility within the boundaries of the Borough of Akron, Lancaster County PA. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to advertise the Borough of Akron Re-organizational meeting for January 2, 2018 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Manager/Secretary

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