

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- JANUARY 8, 2018

Council Members present- John Williamson, President; Thomas Murray, Vice-President; Justin Gehman, Nathan Imhoff, Monica Hersh, Keith Landis, Darryl Witmer.

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Thomas Murray, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the December 11, 2017 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes and the January 2, 2018 Borough of Akron Re-organizational Meeting minutes. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

None

Mayor Report

Nothing to report

Police Report- Chief Zell

Distributed December 2017 and 2017 year-end report.

Chief Zell mentioned that he will be contacting ESCO tomorrow about the security cameras.

John Williamson distributed copies of assignment committees to all Council members and would like to have written goals for each Council member by the end of February.

Administration and Finance Committee-Thomas Murray- Chairperson

Monica Hersh & Keith Landis- Members

Personnel & Public Safety Committee- Monica Hersh- Chairperson

Nathan Imhoff & Thomas Murray-Members

Community Relations & Special Projects Committee- Darryl Witmer-Chairperson

Streets & Public Utilities- (Sewer, Stormsewer and Water) Justin Gehman- Chairperson

Parks Committee- Nathan Imhoff- Chairperson

Planning, Property & Ordinances- Keith Landis- Chairperson

Administration and Finance Committee- Thomas Murray

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

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

General Fund	\$ 74,059.41
Water Fund	\$ 20,227.39
Sewer Fund	\$ 22,754.23
Highway Aid Fund	\$111,194.54
General Reserves	\$147,537.96
Water Reserves	\$266,890.22
Sewer Reserves	\$178,907.68
Capital Projects	\$ 64.90
Community Fund	\$ 2,415.01
Total	\$824,051.34

Escrow \$ 60,731.86

Tom Murray reviewed the December 31, 2017 Revenues and Expenditures report.

Streets & Utilities Committee- Justin Gehman

Justin made a motion to approve Resolution #00204 requiring sidewalk and curb on Front Street as part of the 2019 Front Street rehabilitation. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Justin Gehman amended the motion and Nathan Imhoff amended the second to the motion to amend Section A and Section 1 from all of Front Street to east side of Front Street. A letter will be mailed to residents of Front Street about sidewalks. Motion carried.

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve Resolution #00205 requiring sidewalk and curb on Walnut Street as part of the 2019 Walnut Street rehabilitation. Tom Murray seconded the motion. A letter will be mailed to residents on Walnut Street about sidewalks. Motion carried.

Parks Committee- Nathan Imhoff

Borough Manager will meet again with Forestry Companies and get quotes on work at Roland Park.

Personnel & Public Safety- Monica Hersh

Sue Davidson mentioned to Council and Mayor that our Labor Attorney is waiting to hear back from the Police Association Attorney in regards to the DROP Ordinance.

Community Relations and Special Projects- Darryl Witmer

New Year's Eve Shoe In was cancelled due to inclement weather. A Shoe-In meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Municipal Office.

Mayor McBeth mentioned that in the future if there is inclement weather maybe we should just scale down the event instead of cancelling the entire Shoe-In event.

Borough Manager

Distributed December 2017 Borough Manager Report and Call Log

Park house tenants were mailed a rent increase letter effective April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019.

Completing year end reports for PennDot, DCED, W-2's, 1099's etc.

Public Works Dept has been salting streets and clearing snow over the past few weeks.

The park lodge and pavilion #2 have had frozen pipes and furnace issues because of the extremely low temperatures.

Public Works Dept has repaired 3 water main breaks in the month of December and at this time searching for another water leak. Daniel Smaglinski has been out the past few nights searching for the leak(s).

Borough Solicitor

Nothing to report

Fire Chief

Distributed December 2017 report

Planning Commission

Nothing scheduled at this time

Zoning Hearing

Distributed Zoning Officer Report

No Zoning Hearings scheduled at this time

Tax Collector

Distributed Tax Collector Report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in December 2017 \$6,699.72

Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in December 2017 \$4,932.90

Tom Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution #00206 exonerating the Borough of Akron Tax Collector from collecting delinquent 2016 real estate taxes. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Borough Treasurer

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business

John Williamson asked Chief Zell if he would attend the next Steering Committee scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The topic of discussion will be Public Health and Safety. Chief Zell said he will attend the meeting.

New Business

Nothing to report

Committee Meeting- Monday, January 22, 2018- Committee Goals

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

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