

Borough of Akron Council Meeting- May 14, 2018

Council Members present- John Williamson, President; Monica Hersh, Keith Landis, Darryl Witmer. (Thomas Murray, Sr., Justin Gehman, Nathan Imhoff not present)

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Thomas Murray, Jr.; Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review, Jeff Bologna, Becker Engineering; Nancy Pratz.

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Monica Hersh made a motion to approve the April 9 and April 22, 2018 Borough of Akron Council Meeting. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Jeff Bologna from Becker Engineering reviewed the letter to EAJA requesting an additional 150,000 gallons per day to be purchased from EAJA and then request an allocation permit from PA DEP for a total of 175,000 gallons.

A meeting is scheduled with EAJA on Thursday, May 18th, 2018.

Nancy Pratz, Fulton Street, Akron asked if a basketball court at Colonial Park could be installed. The Borough Manager will get estimates.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing

Keith Landis made a motion to move into a Public Hearing to discuss the Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Public Hearing was properly advertised and posted.

John Williamson asked for any comments from the public. No comments.

Monica Hersh made a motion to close the hearing at 8:10 p.m. on May 14, 2018. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keith Landis made a motion to adopt Ordinance #00093 amending the Zoning Ordinance with changes: page 3- Group Home – adding “supervised by a responsible credentialed”
Page 15-XIV- Change to “Amend C-1 District”. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officers Reports

Mayor McBeth- Nothing to report

Police Report- Chief Zell

Distributed the April 2018 Report.

Council took no action on a request from Ragnar Relays who will be hosting a race on Friday June 15, 2018 through Central Pennsylvania and part of the route is through Akron Borough.

Borough Manager

The April 2018 month-end financials have been reconciled.

Bids for the Walnut Street Project were advertised for opening on May 8, 2018 and the list of bids are in the Council books.

PA Auditor General's Office audited the 2016-2018 Liquid Fuels and there were no findings.

Painting at the Borough Office is finished, new lights were installed in the Municipal office basement and getting quotes on HVAC for the basement records room.

Eagle Scout Project at the fire pit in Roland Park is completed.

New sinks and toilets installed at the Roland Park and new LED lights installed in the Broad Street bathrooms.

The Borough Manager will attend the next EAJA meeting on May 18th to discuss a possible agreement with EAJA of additional gallons per day to be purchased as additional supply and to meet SRBC requirements.

The Borough Manger along with Justin Gehman and Tom Murray, Jr. viewed the videos from Mr. Rehab.

Zoning Officer

Reviewed special exception/variance application for 1152 Main Street and a variance request for 115 N. Ninth Street.

Reviewed zoning permits.

Attended zoning hearing meeting for three variances/special exception.

Site inspection of 103 Fulton Street to check zoning compliance.

Tax Collector

County Taxes collected in April 2018	\$445,445.15
Borough Taxes collected in April 2018	\$355,009.44

Fire Chief Report

Distributed April 2018 report along with the annual report.

Borough Council Committee Reports

Administration and Finance Committee

Monica Hersh made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mayor McBeth. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monica Hersh made a motion to pay \$15,000.00 to the Akron Volunteer Fire Company (1/2 of the 2018 budgeted donation) and \$11,900.00 to the Ephrata Public Library (1/2 of the 2018 budgeted donation). Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Relations

Darryl Witmer mentioned he is ready for Akron Clean-Up Day this Saturday, May 19th. Penndot donated gloves, bags and vests and there will be hot dogs and water for anyone who drops off a bag of trash.

Sue Davidson read into the minutes the April 2018 month-end figures

General Fund	\$342,985.21
Water Fund	\$ 8,002.21
Sewer Fund	\$ 82,390.86
Highway Aid Fund	\$236,298.25
General Reserves	\$ 38,342.38
Water Reserves	\$269,354.81
Sewer Reserves	\$208,689.57
Capital Projects	\$ 67.73
Community Fund	\$ 2,103.06
Total	\$1,188,234.08
Escrow	\$ 60,928.36

Discussion Items

Zoning Fees- Nothing at this time

Zoning Hearing Alternate

This position will be advertised on the Akron Borough webpage

Bomberger Stream Embankment

The Borough Manager will contact Arro Consultants to get a construction plan for 370 ft of the embankment and to mark the worst sections of the area.

Truck Weight Limits and Restrictions

The Borough Manager will contact Arro Consultants about the traffic study that needs to be done to update this ordinance.

Action Items

Ticket Ordinance

Keith Landis made a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the proposed ticket ordinance for adoption at the June 11, 2018 Council Meeting. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Walnut Street Project

Keith Landis made a motion to award the Walnut Street and Diamond Street Improvements Project to MacMor Construction LLC, Dillsburg PA, in the amount of \$179,449.00 and to have the Borough Solicitor review the bid documents. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bids received

MacMor Construction LLC- \$179,449.00

Empire Wrecking-\$190,953.50

M Excavating LLC- \$250,722.38

Construction Masters LLC- \$287,449.00

PT Summer Help

Council, Mayor and the Borough Manager discussed the hiring of part-time summer help for 2018 and there was disagreement between some Council members and the Borough Manager if we need part-time help.

Keith Landis made a motion to approve the part-time summer help beginning the week of May 21, 2018 and not to exceed \$7,000.00. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried but not unanimous. John Williamson, Keith Landis and Darryl Witmer voted yes and Monica Hersh voted no.

Unfinished Business

The next Steering Committee is scheduled for May 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m at the Akron Volunteer Fire Company.

New Business

Nothing to report

Work Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Monica Hersh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Landis seconded the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager/Secretary

