

Borough of Akron Council Meeting- April 22, 2019

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Kenelm L. Shirk III, Solicitor; Farley Fry, Hanover Engineering; Robert Lynn, Hanover Engineering; Jennifer A. Prunoske, Hanover Engineering.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Latitude 17 LLC

A letter dated March 14, 2019 was sent to the Akron Borough Manager requesting the release of escrow for Latitude 17 LLC in the amount of \$24,089.97.

Tom Murray, Sr. mentioned that under the PA Municipal Planning Code the request from the developer should be sent certified or registered mail to the governing body. The Borough Solicitor will contact the attorney for Latitude 17 LLC and ask for proof that this request of escrow was sent certified or registered mail.

Zoning Fees

The Borough Manager distributed a list of zoning hearing fees from Adamstown Borough, Denver Borough, Strasburg Borough and Lititz Borough along with 2018 Akron Borough costs on engineering, advertising and court reporter fees. Council wanted more information on administrative costs to prepare a zoning hearing.

The Borough Manager also distributed information of Code Officials and Zoning Officers for Adamstown Borough, Denver Borough, Strasburg Borough and Lititz Borough. Tom Murray Sr. mentioned he would prefer that the Borough bills directly to the applicant instead of the code official or zoning officer billing directly to the applicant. The Borough Manager will contact each municipality mentioned above to get references on their code officials.

Short Term Rental Fees

Council will have an updated resolution for Short Term Rental Fees for the May 13, 2019 Council meeting. The proposed resolution would include language stating if total expenses incurred by the Borough exceed the minimum fees the applicant shall pay the additional expenses.

Council will appoint a Short-Term Permit Officer (Borough Manager) at the May 13, 2019 Council Meeting to administer the ordinance and prosecute any violations. The Borough Manager will get a list of the current Short-Term Rentals.

Engineering RFP

Farley Fry, Robert Lynn and Jennifer Prunoske were present at the meeting representing Hanover Engineering and to give a brief presentation and to answer any questions from Council or Mayor. Hanover Engineering currently serves as Akron Borough's sanitary sewer and MS4 engineer.

Bob Lynn mentioned that Hanover Engineering represents mostly municipalities not developers. The corporate office for Hanover Engineering is in Bethlehem PA and has an Ephrata office since 1997.

Farley Fry mentioned that Hanover Engineering help prepare the bid documents for Denver Borough street light project.

Hanover Engineering serves on all facets; streets, water, sewer, stormwater, grant preparation, code enforcement, park and recreation design and has a geologist on staff. Farley Fry is the primary contact.

Council thanked Hanover Engineering for their presentation.

T-Mobile Amendment

The Borough Solicitor will update the T-Mobile tower lease agreement amendment and it will be on the agenda for the May 13, 2019 Council meeting.

Nuisance Properties

Council and Mayor McBeth asked the Borough Solicitor to review the current Ephrata Borough Nuisance Ordinance and could this type of ordinance be implemented in Akron Borough.

Borough Vehicles

The Borough Manager had both the 2016 Dodge Durango and the 2005 Chevy Malibu looked over by Park Place Automotive Inc.

Park Place listed a number of issues for the Chevy Malibu and no problem with the Dodge Durango. Justin Gehman did mention that the Akron Fire Company did not want the Dodge Durango because of rust issues.

Council instructed the Borough Manager to place both vehicles (as is) on Municibid and to check the blue book price and add \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the reserve price.

Walnut Street Bids

The Borough Manager will check with Arro Engineering to see why there is a huge difference in the trench restoration bid item of the Walnut Street bids.

Old/New Business

Warwick To Ephrata Rail Trail Dedication is Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 10:00am

The Akron Borough Personnel Committee is meeting Monday, June 29, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss administrative duties and getting help for the office and discussing the proposed non-uniform employee handbook.

Akron Clean-Up Day is April 27, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dog Day at Roland Park is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager/Secretary

