

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- JUNE 10, 2019

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Tom Murray, Jr.; Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Farley Fry, Hanover Engineering; Luke Stauffer, Cathy Enck, Alan Enck, Erv Weaver, Darrell Martin, Barb McMinn, Don Reese, Tracy Craft, Joe Latrell, David York, Dan Wolf, Kenelm L. Shirk III, Solicitor.

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

Approval of Minutes

Monica Hersh mentioned that on page 3 of the May 28, 2019 Council Meeting minutes under the Personnel Committee it should state Chief Zell is retiring on December 31, 2020 not 2210(typo).

Monica Hersh made a motion to approve the amended May 13, 2019 and May 28, 2019 Council Meeting minutes. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Annual MS4 Report

Farley Fry from Hanover Engineering reviewed the 2018 MS4 report. Farley mentioned that the Borough is responsible for addressing stormwater concerns and achieving a 10% reduction in pollutants over a 5 year period. The Borough needs to complete two projects- 1) rain garden at the municipal office 2) stream restoration at the Loyd Roland Park.

The Borough can charge stormwater fees but a study must be done first to determine the amount of fees based on impervious surface.

Visitors

Cathy and Alan Enck has questions in regards to who is responsible for the alleyway beside their house on Front Street. Sidewalks must be 5 ft with a 4ft clearance for any obstructions according to Akron Borough's sidewalk spec's.

Sue Davidson will contact Luke Stauffer to set up a meeting with the residents of Front Street along with the Borough Engineer to discuss Front Street sidewalks.

Don Reese asked when Front Street is trimmed back on the Rail Trail side of the street. Sue Davidson will have the Public Works Department take care trimming back the vegetation.

Officers Report

Mayor- John McBeth

Nothing to report

Police Chief

Distributed May 2019 report

Chief Zell mentioned that ESCO was at the station on June 7th to perform maintenance and discovered the video was not working because the power supply was bad and needs replaced. Tom Murray, Sr. mentioned ESCO needs to come out and check the water plant.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to hire Craig T. Johnson as a part-time Borough of Akron police officer at 20.00 per hour. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Borough Manager

Distributed report

May 2019 financials have been reconciled.

Crack Sealing work will take place June 10 through June 14, 2019. Streets to be sealed – Main , Colonial, Fulton, Manor Ridge, Sixth, N. Ninth, Meadowview, Diamond, Dawn and Fairview.

The pothole at Oak Street across from Maple Farm has been repaired.

The damaged telephone pole on Diamond Street has been replaced.

The Borough Solicitor is reviewing paperwork for the Walnut Street paving bid that was awarded to Schuylkill Paving.

Advertised for a part-time administrative assistant and duties to include A/P, A/R, payroll, monthend reconciliations and financial reports.

The Durango final bid on Municibid was \$2,475.00 and the Chevy Malibu final bid on Municibid was \$2,000.00. Both vehicles came in under the reserve price.

Todd Eachus from Comcast will be attending the June 24, 2019 Work Session meeting to discuss the Comcast hyperbuild.

Attended Public Works Management Seminar on May 23, 2019, attended MS4 Forum on June 3, 2019 and will be attending the PSABA Annual Conference on June 11, 2019.

Zoning Officer

Distributed May 2019 report

Council asked for the inspection reports from the Zoning Officer for the sidewalk/curb work on Walnut Street.

Council did not pay the current zoning officer invoice.

Tax Collector Report

Distributed May 2019 Tax Collector Report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in May 2019	\$61, 128.81
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in May 2019	\$62,997.83

Fire Chief Report

Distributed May 2019 Report

Borough Council Committee Reports

Finance & Administration Committee- Thomas J. Murray, Sr.

Tom Murray, Sr. read into the minutes the May 31, 2019 month end balances.

General Fund	\$425,416.25
Water Fund	\$ 17,727.72
Sewer Fund	\$ 52,669.19
Hwy Aid Fund	\$148,499.98
General Reserves	\$164,945.08
Water Reserves	\$254,618.50
Sewer Reserves	\$268,466.26
Capital Projects	\$ 352.09
Community Fund	\$ 2,071.25
Total	\$1,334,766.32
Escrow	\$ 75,768.00

Tom Murray, Sr. reviewed the May 31, 2019 Revenues and Expenditures Report.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mayor McBeth excluding invoice #51807 from Arro Engineers. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Relations & Special Projects- Darryl Witmer

Darryl Witmer mentioned that Akron Night at the Barnstormers is this Friday, June 14th and is also a fireworks night.

A concert is scheduled for June 28th, at the Roland Park between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and the group is called Hellfish. Darryl Witmer is trying to schedule another concert in August.

Planning, Property and Ordinance Committee- Keith Landis

Keith Landis, Mayor McBeth and Sue Davidson met with Jeff Glisson from the South Central Transit Authority to talk about bus shelters on Route 272. South Central will pay for the shelters if the Borough agrees to maintain the shelters and the lease agreements will be through South Central Transit. John Williamson will contact Ten Thousand Villages and Sue Davidson will contact Main Street Metals about the proposed bus shelters on their properties.

Parks Committee-Nathan Imhoff

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that he met with The Borough Manager, Brody Simmons (Public Works) and Code Administrators to discuss the swings at the pond at Roland Park. Code Administrators only needed

to inspect ADA only. Going forward the poles will be pulled out and the new poles will be anchored with the proper amount of concrete. The Borough Manager approached the Akron Lions Club to donate towards new swings for that area.

Personnel Committee- Monica Hersh

The Borough Manager requested to meet with the Personnel Committee to discuss the proposed non-uniform employee handbook.

Streets Committee- Justin Gehman (not present)

Tom Murray, Sr. asked for a copy of the Walnut Street bid spec's.

Discussion Items

The Finance Committee has been using a new process of reviewing invoices over the past few months that is more efficient and asked that the process for reviewing invoices line item be removed from future agendas.

Proposed Nuisance Property Ordinance

Keith Landis and the Borough Solicitor will discuss the proposed Nuisance Property Ordinance and will have a proposed ordinance to review at the June 24, 2019 Work Session meeting.

Keith Landis is working on a proposed mailing policy for Akron Borough businesses and organizations to include notices of their organizations to be included in Akron's quarterly mailings of utility bills and newsletters.

Action Items

Zoning Hearing Fees Resolution

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adopt Resolution #00219 increasing the zoning hearing board fees from \$400.00 to \$650.00 effective today. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Request for Proposals for Borough Engineer

John Williamson recused himself at 8:35 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Thomas J. Murray, Sr.; Vice-President of Council.

Tom Murray, Sr. mentioned that he along with the Borough Manager interviewed three engineering firms and later Council and Mayor had the opportunity to interview these firms also. The engineering firms interviewed were Hanover Engineering, Great Valley Consultants and Lancaster Civil Engineering. Tom Murray, Sr. asked each Council member for their comments on these engineering firms. Monica Hersh, Nathan Imhoff, Keith Landis, Darryl Witmer and Thomas Murray, Sr. agreed that Hanover Engineering was their choice.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to appoint Hanover Engineering as the Borough Engineer at the rates proposed, Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Tom Murray, Sr. amended the motion to add that Arro Consultants need to complete the Walnut Street project and outstanding zoning issues. Nathan

seconded the amendment to the motion. The Borough Manager will send a letter to Arro Consultants tomorrow to inform them of Council's decision. Motion carried.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to appoint R. Steve Dellinger as an additional Zoning Officer at the hourly rate that was proposed. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was turned over to John Williamson, President of Council at 8:52 p.m.

Keith Landis made a motion to pay Property Solutions Contracting (application #1- no retainage) for the Bomberger Road Storm Sewer Replacement in the amount of \$35,820.00 as recommended by Arro Consultants. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to pay Flyway Excavating, Inc. for the Bomberger Stream Embankment in the amount of \$22,775.00 as recommended by Arro Consultants. (no retainage) Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

T-Mobile Amendment Agreement will be tabled until the new engineer can inspect the installed improvements on top of the water tower.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Lancaster Conservation District and the Borough of Akron is tabled until the next Council Meeting on June 24, 2019.

John Williamson appointed a committee for the hiring process for a Police Chief. The committee members will be Monica Hersh, Chairperson; Mayor John McBeth, Chief Thomas Zell and Justin Gehman.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to hire Elias Long for the Seasonal Employee at \$10.00 an hour beginning June 17, 2019 and not more than 40 hours per week. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Williamson mentioned a list of proposed appointments for the Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force- Joyce Moyer, David Tuy, Deborah Fast, Penny Talbert, Linda Kane, Denise Auker.

Tom Murray, Jr. suggested having separate committees for the Task Force for streets, water, sewer, parks etc made up of residents and Council members.

Keith Landis made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to write a letter to Arro Consultants to make correction to items on Walnut Street and make sure the construction is up to the approved specifications including ADA and date to be determined by Borough Manager. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished/New Business

Mayor McBeth mentioned that the cut off time should be 6 p.m. for the peddler permit. There was complaints from residents that peddlers were knocking on their doors after 6 p.m.

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that the LCBC Church is offering leadership training on August 8 and 9, 2019 for anyone who is interested, and the cost is \$89.00. The Borough will not pay for the cost of the training.

The Borough Manager will contact the Church of the Brethren in regard to their unfinished work from the demolition of a building last year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager/Secretary

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