

## **BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 8, 2019**

***Council Members present-*** John Williamson, President; Thomas J. Murray, Sr., 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, Jr., Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Jeff Shirk, Don Reese. Thomas Murray, Jr, Ken Asper, Tim Kilhefner, Marc Andes, Jason Whitcraft, Paul K. Swangren, Tim & Tracy Zimmerman, Brenda Royer, David York, Tracey Craft, Joe Latrell.

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

### ***Approval of Minutes***

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve the June 10, 2019 and June 24, 2019 Council Meeting minutes. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ***Visitors***

Chief Zell introduced the new part-time police officer Craig Johnson.

Craig Johnson was sworn in by Mayor John McBeth as an Akron Borough Police Officer.

Darryl Witmer presented a check for \$150. 00 to the Middle Creek Search and Rescue. The money was raised from the Doggie Day Event that took place May 19, 2019 at the Roland Park.

### ***Officer's Report***

#### ***Mayor***

Mayor McBeth mentioned that the Akron Volunteer Fire Company's Open House will take place Tuesday, August 13, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mayor McBeth gave permission to close a section of Main Street from the Fire Hall to Dawn Avenue. The road will be closed from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Borough Office will mail letters to residents that will be affected by the road closure.

#### ***Police Chief***

Distributed June 2019 report

#### ***Borough Manager Report***

Distributed June 2019 report

Reconciled June 2019 financials and prepared June 2019 payable to be reviewed by Akron Finance Committee.

The Borough Manager met with Hanover Engineering, Arro Consultants, Justin Gehman and Chris Martin (sidewalk contractor) to discuss the issues on Walnut Street. Contacted Luke Stauffer from Front Street to set up a time to meet with Front Street residents and Hanover Engineering to discuss sidewalk installation.

The Borough is out of penalty for sewer flows.

The Borough Manager will meet with the Personnel Chairperson on Friday, July 12 to discuss the proposed non-uniform personnel manual. Interviews have been scheduled for July 9 and July 15 to interview applicants for the part-time administrative assistant position.

Hanover Engineering is surveying the area at the Akron Volunteer Fire Company that needs to be repaved.

Two zoning hearings are scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7 p.m. Applicants are Akron Mennonite Church requesting a special exception and Hackman from 1242 Hillcrest Road requesting variances.

A civil complaint was filed at the District Magistrate Office against Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Pan Rac LLC and Brian Ehrhart for failure to comply with a Notice of Violation and Cease and Desist.

***Zoning Officer Report***

Distributed June 2019 Report

***Tax Collector Report***

County Real Estate Taxes collected in June 2019	\$22,824.30
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in June 2019	\$23,522.10

***Fire Chief Report***

Distributed June 2019 Report

***Borough Council Committee Reports***

Administrative & Finance Committee- Thomas Murray, Sr.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mayor. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray, Sr. read into the minutes the June 2019 month-end balances.

General Fund	\$356,100.33
Water Fund	\$ 36,807.07
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,785.36
Hwy Aid Fund	\$148,772.12
General Reserves	\$132,621.25
Water Reserves	\$268,639.23
Sewer Reserves	\$232,363.45
Capital Projects	\$ 368.60
Community Fund	\$ 2,435.25
Total	\$1,184,892.66
Escrow Fund	\$ 76,210.92

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

***Community Relations & Special Projects-*** Darryl Witmer

Darryl Witmer mentioned that a free concert took place at the Roland Park on June 28, 2019 from 7 p.m. to 9p.m. and there were about 100-125 people in attendance.

Darryl also mentioned that another free concert will take place on Friday, August 16, 2019 at the Roland Park.

***Planning, Property and Ordinance Committee-*** Keith Landis

Keith Landis mentioned he is waiting for information from Hanover Engineering in regard to the paving at the Akron Volunteer Fire Hall.

***Parks Committee-*** Nathan Imhoff

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that the no mow area at Colonial Park should be cleaned up. Public Works will clean up the no mow area and everything that is a viable plant or tree and get rid of everything else and use pre-emergent to help prevent weeds from growing.

Darryl Witmer mentioned trees branches from Broad Street park are hanging down at the Sweigarts's old property next to the park.

Tom Murray, Jr mentioned that all but 10ft needs to be trimmed back on Front Street.

Monica Hersh asked if we could reach out to Carol Stark for volunteers to help with cleanup at our parks.

***Discussion Items***

***Administrative Office Duties***

Interviews for the Administrative Office position have been scheduled.

***Walnut Street***

Distributed Field Observer's Log prepared by Hanover Engineering for Walnut Street.

Tom Murray Sr. mentioned that the report from Hanover Engineering should have more clarity and a representative from Hanover Engineering should be present at the next meeting with a corrected report and how they are going to correct these issues.

Residents from Walnut Street wanted to know if expense was going to fall back on the residents?

The timeline of completions for the sidewalks to be installed on Walnut Street was May 31, 2019. Chris Martin from CD Martin LLC would like to have the sidewalks finished by July 31, 2019.

Justin Gehman made a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to contact Arro Consultants to expeditiously rectify the sidewalk and curb deficiencies. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A report will go to all the Walnut Street Property owners and invite Hanover Engineers to the next meeting.

***Non-Uniform Employee Handbook***

The Borough Manager will be meeting with Monica Hersh on Friday, July 12, 2019 to discuss the proposed Non-Uniform Employee Handbook.

***Comcast Hyperbuild***

The Borough Manager will contact Lititz Borough about their issues with Comcast.

***Mailing Policy***- Pending

***T-Mobile Amendment Agreement & Resolution***

Hanover Engineering has not scheduled the as build inspection for the standpipe.

***Action Items***

***Proposed Nuisance Property Ordinance***

Keith Landis made a motion to advertise the proposed Nuisance Property Ordinance for August 12, 2019 adoption. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor McBeth asked if the enforcement officer for the Nuisance Property Enforcement Officer must be present or witness the offense. No the enforcement officer does not need to be present at the time of the offense.

***Implementation Task Force for the Comprehensive Plan***

Appoint of the Task Force for the Implementation of the Borough of Akron Comprehensive Plan  
Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to appoint the Task Force for the Implementation of the Borough of Akron Comprehensive Plan. The Task Force will be Joyce Moyer, David Tuy, Deborah Fast, Penny Talbert, Denise Auker, Linda Kane. These meetings will be open to the public and the first meeting will take place in September 2019. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Unfinished/New Business***

The Borough directional signs on Route 272 should include WERT Rail Trail.

Chief Zell mentioned that issue with ESCO and the police CCTV has been taken care of and repaired. The water plant cameras have also been looked at by ESCO and there are no issues.

A thank you letter from the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley was sent to Mayor McBeth and Council for their 2019 donation of \$1,000.

Mayor McBeth mentioned that the Borough Committee meetings should be called Council meetings not Work Committee meetings.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Secretary

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