

Council Meeting January 13, 2020

Council Members present- Thomas, J. Murray, Sr. President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Nathan Imhoff, Darryl Witmer, Kleon Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr.

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Dave York, John Taylor, George D. Wolf, Randall Justice, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Joe Latrell, Tracey Craft.

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Darryl Witmer made a motion to approve the Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes of December 9, 2019. Justin Gehman seconded the motion.

Visitors

Nothing to report

Mayor- Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth distributed copies of 2020 program guide for the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley.

Mayor McBeth attended the County Mayor's meeting and it was discussed to keep after the Lancaster County Commissioners for funding for the Lancaster County Drug Task Force.

Police-

Chief Zell distributed the December police report.

Chief Zell mentioned Rite Aid is donating a drug drop off box. Chief Zell asked Council if it should be placed in the Borough lobby or in the area outside the front desk.

Borough Manager

Distributed December 2019 report

Year End reports will be completed by January 31, 2019.

The annual audit by Herbein & Company will begin on January 27, 2020.

Hanover Engineering gave a cost estimate on painting the Borough standpipe in the amount of \$208,125.00.

The Borough Manager mentioned the grinder pump at the Park House needs replaced.

Charges were filed at the local magistrate's office for the owner of the property at 115 N. Ninth Street for operating a short term rental.

The purchase of a new truck will be on the January 27, 2020 agenda.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve Melron Industries to replace the grinder pump in the amount of \$10,813.02 at the Borough park house at Roland Park. Kleon Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council mentioned that the Borough Manager should not meet with any property owners located outside Akron Borough in regards to connecting the Roland Park and the Rail Trail until we talk to Ephrata Borough or Ephrata Township.

The Borough Manager would like to set up meetings with committee chairpersons to discuss 2020 projects.

Tax Collector

Distributed December 2019 Tax Collector Report

County Taxes collected in December 2019	\$5,838.24
Borough Taxes collected in December 2019	\$6,002.72

Paul Swangren, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution #00226 exonerating the Tax Collector from collecting 2019 delinquent Real Estate Taxes. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief

Distributed December 2019 Fire Report

Zoning Officer Report

Distributed December 2019 Zoning Officer report.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Council mentioned there should be just one official Facebook page for Akron Borough and should be maintained by Borough staff.

Mayor McBeth asked how long is this Task Force going to be in existence?
Darryl Witmer mentioned that he is the council representative for the steering committee.

Council mentioned that all decisions should be approved by Borough Council.

Visitors

Residents on Broad Street complained about the noise from brake inhibitors on Route 272. Chief Zell mentioned that he will check into this and get back to Council.

Administration/Finance Committee

Tom Murray, Sr. asked if Justin will be on the Administration and Finance Committee. Tom Murray, Sr. mentioned that he would like to have the different members of Council rotate turns serving on this committee throughout the year.

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

General Fund (includes Reserves)	\$424,120.51
Water Fund (includes Reserves)	\$314,787.69
Sewer Fund (includes Reserves)	\$151,149.28
Escrow Fund	\$ 63,446.49

Highway Aid Fund	\$145,043.88
Capital Projects	\$ 372.06
Community Fund	\$ 2,260.55
Total	\$1,101,180.46

Tom Murray, Sr. reviewed the December 2019 month-end Revenues and Expenditures Report.

Community Relations Committee

Darryl Witmer will serve as primary on the Community Relations and Kleon Zimmerman will also serve on the committee.

Darryl Witmer had nothing to report.

Parks/Property Committee

Nathan Imhoff will serve as primary on the Parks/ & Property Committee and Paul Swangren Jr. will also serve on this committee.

Personnel Committee

Paul Swangren Jr. will serve as primary on the Personnel Committee.

Streets Committee

Justin Gehman will serve as primary on the Streets Committee and Darryl Witmer will also serve on this committee.

Public Utilities Committee

Kleon Zimmerman will serve as primary on the Public Utilities Committee and Nathan Imhoff will also serve on this committee.

Old Business

Walnut Street

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to pay \$13,932.00 from Liquid Fuels to Schuylkill Paving for trenching work on Walnut Street. Paul Swangren Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vacancies

Treasurer, Zoning Officer, Vacancy Board, Civil Service and Minute Taker are all vacancies that need to be filled.

Conditional Use Hearing for Handi-Vangelism will take place on February 10, 2020 at the regularly scheduled Council meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

New Business

Council resignation

Paul Swangren Jr. made a motion to accept the resignation of Monica Hersh as Borough of Akron Council member. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried but not unanimous. Paul Swangren Jr., Darryl Witmer, Thomas J. Murray, Sr., Justin Gehman and Kleon Zimmerman voted yea. Nathan Imhoff voted nay.

Cyclocross Race

Council received a request from Lititz Bikeworks who would like to host a cyclocross race at the Roland Park on October 24, 2020. The Borough Manager will check with the disc golf group to see if they are holding an event that day at the Roland Park. Nathan Imhoff will contact Mark Branle who sent the request letter and get answers to the questions that Council and Mayor have about this event.

Randall Justice asked Council who should he contact about submitting a resume for the Council Vacancy. Tom Murray, Sr. said contact the Borough Manager.

Kleon Zimmerman mentioned he will not be at the January 27, 2020 Council Meeting.

The next Council meeting is January 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Swangren, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

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