

## **BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING – January 27, 2020**

***Council Members present-*** Thomas J. Murray, Sr., President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Nathan Imhoff, Darryl Witmer, Paul Swangren. (Kleon Zimmerman not present)

***Others present-*** Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Thomas Murray, Jr., John Taylor, David Hencl, Mark Branle, Tracey Craft, Joe Latrell, Randall Justice, Wade Hartz.

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

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

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 and January 13, 2020 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Paul Swangren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ***Visitors***

#### **Presentation of proposed cyclocross at Roland Park**

Mark Branle owner of Intercourse and Lititz Bike Works along with David Hencl presented to Council a cyclocross fundraising event at Roland Park on October 24, 2020. Branle mentioned that he would like to use the wooded section in the park and around the gazebo area for the race. The set up would take place the night before and tear down would take approximately one and half hours after the race. The races would begin at 9 am and would be different categories and each race would be two times around the track. 250 registered riders are expected for the event. Food vendors will also be at the event and there will be volunteers directing traffic and porta potties will be brought in. Branle also mentioned that they will have insurance coverage for both the riders and spectators.

Randall Justice asked if there will be an indemnification agreement between the Borough and USA Cycling?

Council asked for a formal request from Lititz Bike Works with all of their requests and submit to Council.

## **Vacancies**

Vacancies for Borough Council

Tracey Craft submitted a resume for the Council Vacancy position.

Tracey gave a brief description on her job experience and mentioned she is interested in Akron Borough and serving her community.

Randall Justice submitted a resume for the Council Vacancy position.

Randall is a practicing attorney and committee man for Akron East and mentioned he is passionate to serve on Council.

Council thanked Tracey Craft and Randall Justice and will vote on filling the vacancy at the February 10, 2020 meeting.

## **Public Works Truck**

Tom Murray, Jr. handed out copies of bid spec's for a new Public Works Truck. Pricing is Co-Star pricing.

Tom Murray recommended the 2021 Freightliner model for a total price of \$145,805.00 with a delivery time of 6 months.

It would require drivers to have a CDL and that would cost \$100.00 for the physical and \$150.00 for the test along with training.

Paul Swangren mentioned to keep the old truck and use for snow plowing and water main breaks. Sue Davidson suggested to put the truck on Municibid to see how much it would bring and then decide if we want to keep the truck.

The new truck purchase will be on the February 10, 2020 Council meeting agenda.

## **Latitude 17**

Mayor McBeth voiced his concern that Latitude 17 LLC is over the allowed amount of impervious surface.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to release the escrow funds to Latitude 17 LLC as recommended by Arro Consulting, Inc. Justin Gehman seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

## **Vacancies**

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to appoint Ryan Cochran as the Borough of Akron Treasurer. Paul Swangren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to appoint Dale Putt to the Borough of Akron Vacancy Board. Paul Swangren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to appoint Dale Putt to the Akron Civil Service Commission. Paul Swangren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Davidson will advertise in the Ephrata Review for a minute taker/transcriber for Council meetings.

## ***Committee Discussion***

### **Community Relations Committee- Darryl Witmer**

Darryl mentioned that he along with Dick Wanner and Mayor McBeth are working on a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book for Akron Borough.

### ***Public Utilities***

Tom Murray, Jr. mentioned that pieces of sewer truss pipe were backing up the Nissley pump station over the weekend. Tom Murray, Jr. also mentioned that Ten Thousand Villages tested for their fire pump today causing cloudy water in the Borough. Ten Thousand Villages did not give the Borough any notice of their testing for their fire pump.

### **Personnel Committee-Paul Swangren**

Nathan Imhoff brought up a concern for Paul Swangren and is it a conflict that Paul works for Ephrata Borough and is chairperson for the Akron Borough Personnel committee.

## **Old Business**

Hanover Engineering is preparing bid specs for the Bomberger Stream Repair phase 2.

Sewer and water line on Front Street needs to be inspected before paving begins.

The proposed cost to paint the standpipe is \$208,125.00. Paul Swangren will send a link to Borough Manager about applying for a grant for the standpipe painting.

Mayor McBeth mentioned turning the street lights over to Akron Borough on Westview Drive.

Handi-Vangelism Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled for the February 10, 2020 Council meeting after the Oath of Office for the newly appointed Council Members and the West Earl Police Chief introduction.

***New Business***

Justin Gehman mentioned getting shirts for Council members with the Borough logo.

***Executive Session***

Paul Swangren made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the Borough Manager evaluation. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Paul Swangren seconded the motion. Motion carried. No action was taken

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Swangren seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Secretary

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