

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- FEBRUARY 24, 2020

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Farley Fry, Hanover Engineering; Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Tom Murray, Jr.

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

Sewer Flows

Farley Fry from Hanover Engineering mentioned that the Borough is in catch-up mode with fixing excess sewer flows. Farley suggested doing night time inspections starting with key manholes and work upstream.

Smoke testing was done a few years ago.

Farley will get information on flow meters.

Farley also mentioned to check sewer flows from surrounding municipalities and where the flows are coming into the Borough.

Paul Swangren asked if the Borough would consider joining the IMG.

Paul Swangren mentioned work on laterals and continue camera work and enforce those 5 laterals that need fixed. A proposed sewer ordinance will be on the agenda March 10, 2020 for advertisement.

The Borough Manager will put together a plan for I & I work.

IMG discussion will be on the agenda for the March 24, 2020 meeting.

Rail Trail Embankment Phase 2

Farley Fry mentioned that permitting is needed for phase 2 and suggested that the smaller blocks be used in phase 2 than what was used in phase 1 at the Rail Trail Embankment.

Visitors

Dick Wanner mentioned that he is working on a book for the 125th Akron Borough Anniversary.

Community Relations Committee

Darryl Witmer asked if anyone knows of businesses that would like to advertise in the 125 Akron Anniversary book?

Parks Committee

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that the Cyclecross Group asked if they could have alcohol at the event in October. Nathan told them alcohol is not allowed in the Borough parks.

Personnel Committee

Paul Swangren mentioned that the ordinance needs to be amended for the Borough Manager duties.

Paul Swangren mentioned that the amendments to the new employee handbook will be on the March 9, 2020 agenda.

Streets Committee

The boy scouts have volunteered to paint curbs at fire hydrants. Justin Gehman mentioned we need to paint curbs at no parking areas also.

Old Business

The cost to paint the standpipe is \$208,000.00. Sue Davidson is checking with Fulton Bank about a loan for painting the standpipe.

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that Frank Rice sent a letter asking to cut down trees. Council mentioned that he can not cut down trees or even take down dead trees (even if a public works employee is present) because of liability issues.

The Borough Manager will have a plan for I & I work for the next meeting.

A meeting is set up with Comcast for March 2, 2020 to review the Comcast plans. Hanover Engineering is reviewing the paper plans that Comcast submitted.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adopt Resolution #00227 for the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant amending the amount to \$215,116.00 not \$75,000.00.

The Rain Garden original proposal is to be located behind the Borough Municipal Office Building.

The Skyview water meter issue will be on the March 9, 2020 agenda.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager/Secretary

