

## **BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 11, 2020**

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

***Others present-*** Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager/Secretary; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Tom Murray, Jr., Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review (via Zoom) and Lt. Chris McKim, Ephrata Police Department (via Zoom).

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

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

Kleon Zimmerman made a motion to approve the April 13, 2020 Borough of Akron Council meeting minutes. Randall Justice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ***Visitors***

Nothing to report

### ***Mayor***

Mayor John McBeth mentioned that Rosenberger North America is interested in donating soccer goal posts for the Colonial Park.

### ***Police***

Distributed April 2020 Police Report

Paul Swangren made a motion to approve Resolution #00233 to nominate a police officer (Craig Johnson) to the Civil Service Commission to provisionally fill a vacancy until a regular appointment is made to fill the full-time police officer position. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Justin Gehman asked if this will hinder Craig Johnson's chances of being hired by the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried.

Paul Swangren made a motion to have the Side letter Agreement between Akron Borough, Craig Johnson and the Akron Borough Police Officers' Association signed by the Akron Borough Council President to permit Craig Johnson to temporarily increase his work hours to assist in coverage issues associated with the vacancy in the full-time position during the period of time before the position is filled through the Civil Service process. Randall Justice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Zell stated that Akron Borough Police Department was officially served paperwork for a lawsuit by the family of Andrew Good. Also named in the lawsuit was the County of Lancaster and Ephrata Borough. This information was forwarded to Akron Insurance Company.

Chief Zell stated that the police department will go back to normal traffic enforcement this Friday, May 15, 2020.

Ephrata Police Department submitted copies of a Contracted Police Services brochure to Akron Borough Council members, Mayor McBeth, Chief Zell and Akron Borough Manager.

### ***Borough Manager***

Distributed April 2020 Report

April 2020 month-end financials have been reconciled and the May 2020 payables will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Street Sweeping took place on April 23 & April 24, 2020.

Water/sewer bills will be mailed on May 15, 2020.

There are no Planning Commission meetings or Zoning Hearing scheduled at this time.

Tax Collector Report

Distributed April 2020 Tax Collector Report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in April 2020	\$475,335.51
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in April 2002	\$489,868.43
Fire Chief Report	
Distributed April 2020 Fire Report	

***Zoning Officer Report***

Distributed April 2020 Zoning Officer Report

***Administration/Finance***

Randall Justice made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee. Kleon Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Borough Manager mentioned that the 2020 Earned Income Tax has an estimated shortfall amount of approximately \$64,000.00 due to the COVID-19 issue.

Paul Swangren made a motion to file Resolution #00231 with the Lancaster County Treasurer by May 19, 2020. Randall Justice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The April 2020 month-end cash balances were read into the minutes.

General Fund	\$492,104.04
Water Fund	\$ 18,603.63
Sewer Fund	\$124,380.28
Hwy Aid Fund	\$255,803.35
General Reserves	\$243,903.83
Water Reserves	\$220,477.73
Sewer Reserves	\$124,676.02
Cap. Projects	\$ 373.57
Comm. Fund	\$ 3,375.08
Total	\$1,483,697.53
Escrow Fund	\$ 5,951.33

The Borough Manager reviewed the April 2020 Revenues & Expenditures Report.

### ***Community Relations***

Darryl Witmer made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to move ahead with the AARP Grant. Paul Swangren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ***Parks/Property***

Chief Zell stated that the Akron Borough Police will not be enforcing social distancing, and this came from the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office.

### ***Personnel***

A Personnel Committee meeting will be advertised for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Akron Volunteer Fire Hall. It will not be a Zoom meeting.

### ***Streets***

Council does not want Walnut Street paving scheduled until all curb and sidewalk has been completed.

Kenelm L. Shirk stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> Street hub is owned by Maple Farms and was never dedicated.

### ***Public Utilities***

Code Administrators is waiting for the certified letter receipts to be returned for the property at 1418 Diamond Street. A Notice of Violation/Order to Vacate was issued to 1418 Diamond Street for a failure to maintain a sanitary sewage pumping system.

The Borough Solicitor will not move forward with the Skyview Water meter issue.

### ***Nitrate System***

Tom Murray, Jr mentioned that if the nitrate numbers are above 8 it must be reported to DEP according to the Borough DEP permit.

Tom Murray, Jr. also mentioned it is a violation with DEP if the Borough would turn off the nitrate system because we would not be in compliance with our permit.

The Borough Manager will send letters to five residents on S. Tenth Street to inform them the laterals must be repaired.

Kleon Zimmerman mentioned the dead-end water issue at New Street.

Paul Swangren made a motion to authorize staff to move forward with an unbudgeted project to temporarily flush New Street. Randall Justice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Borough Manager will get the water/sewer billing numbers for New Street.

### ***Old Business***

Phase 2 of the Rail Trail Stream Repair is on hold until Council can decide on what projects to move forward with in 2020.

### ***Standpipe***

Loan information from Fulton Bank for the standpipe was distributed at an earlier Council meeting.

### ***Comcast***

Comcast was supposed to send revised plans to the Borough and Engineer based on the Hanover's Engineers latest letter. The engineer is still waiting on the revised plans.

### ***Handi-Vangelism***

The next step for Handi-Vangelism is to submit a land development plan and nothing has been submitted at this time.

### ***Wolf Tract***

Storm water plans for Lots 11 & 12 of the Wolf Tract are on hold at this time.

### ***Latitude 17 LLC***

Mayor McBeth wants to know the percentage of impervious surface for the property owned by Latitude 17 LLC.

***Akron Mennonite Church***

Akron Mennonite Church is waiting to hear back from DEP about their permit for their proposed stormwater plan.

***New Business***

Paul Swangren mentioned it is National Police Week and thanked Chief Zell and his department for all they do.

Chief Zell asked Council President Tom Murray, Sr. if Council is going to wait until the public can meet before discussing or having presentations from other police departments. Tom Murray, Sr. mentioned that he does want to wait until we can have the public present and have presentations by other police departments.

Paul Swangren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Secretary

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