

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- APRIL 9, 2018

Council Members present- John Williamson, President; Thomas Murray Sr., Vice President; Justin Gehman, Nathan Imhoff, Monica Hersh, Darryl Witmer (Keith Landis not present)

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Thomas Murray, Jr., Evan Shupp, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review, Ephrata Police Officer Paul Moore (Ephrata School SRO); Christopher Turtell, Herbein & Co.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve the March 12 and March 26, 2018 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion . Motion carried.

Visitors

Christopher Turtell from Herbein & Company reviewed the 2017 Borough of Akron Annual Audit. Turtell mentioned in the communication letter there were no difficulties performing the audit, proposed adjustments were minimal and no other reportable matters.

Officer Paul Moore, School Resource Officer for the Ephrata School District gave a presentation and update to Council and Mayor. Paul Moore distributed a quarterly report for 2018 and also thanked Council for their support.

Evan Shupp Public Works Employee gave a brief presentation on the Spotted Lantern Fly. More information will be available on the Borough webpage and newsletter.

Officers Reports

Mayor- Nothing to report

Police Chief- Distributed March 2018 report

Chief Zell mentioned the CCTV installation is completed and operational.

Chief Zell also mentioned on April 25th at the Akron Fire Hall there will be a presentation on active shooter and crime prevention beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Borough Manager

Borough Manager distributed and reviewed March 2018 report

March 2018 financials were reconciled and April 2018 payables were reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Letters were mailed to Walnut Street and Front Street residents along with the updated sidewalk/and curb spec's.

The Borough Solicitor reviewed the bid spec's for the Walnut Street and Diamond Street project.

Borough Office painting is finished and Esco Security has finished installing cameras at the Police Station and Water plant.

The Eagle Scout Project at the Roland Park will begin the end of April 2018.

The Borough Manager has been working with the new Zoning Officer, Michael Bingham on building permits, storm water and impervious surface issues.

The Borough Manager has met with all of Council to discuss the 2018 goals.

Zoning Officer Report

A Zoning Hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2018 – There are three applicants
1152 Main Street- Variance Request for an Air B&B- (Yochum)
125 S. Eleventh Street- Variance Request to replace existing sign- (Ephrata Area School District)
7 N. Ninth Street- Variance Request to change business space into apartment- (Rathod)

Tax Collector Report

County Taxes Collected in March 2018	\$102,757.10
Borough Taxes Collected in March 2018	\$ 81,895.04

Fire Chief Report

Distributed March 2018 report

Council Committee Reports

Community Relations Committee

Darryl Witmer mentioned there will be an Akron Clean Up Day May 19, 2018. PennDot can supply trash bags, vests and gloves.

Parks Committee

Nathan Imhoff mentioned he would like to include into tonight's motion for the 2018 goals the lowest estimate for the retaining wall at Colonial Park.

Administration and Finance Committee

Tom Murray, Sr. read into the minutes the March 31, 2018 month end balances.

General Fund	\$ 83,120.05
Water Fund	\$ 30,618.25
Sewer Fund	\$ 86,736.37
Highway Aid	\$236,021.22
General Reserves	\$ 38,342.35

Water Reserves	\$279,354.35
Sewer Reserves	\$208,689.23
Cap.Projects	\$ 67.60
Community Fund	\$ 2,091.06
Total	\$965,040.48
Escrow	\$ 60,928.36

Tom Murray, Sr. reviewed the March 31, 2018 Revenues and Expenditures Report

Discussion Items

Meeting Place Letter

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to allow and accept the letter dated March 28, 2018 from the Mennonite Central Committee and not take action(in regards to a third church group to use the premises of the Welcome Place). Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Borough Manager will contact MCC and ask if these rental spaces are tax exempt.

Sewer Flows

The Borough Manager along with Tom Murray, Jr .made a brief presentation power point presentation on sewer flows in the Borough over the past ten years and the proposed sewer work for 2018.

Zoning Hearing Fees

Zoning Hearing Fees will be discussed at next month' meeting.

Minute Taker

The Borough Manager will contact the individual interested in taking minutes at Council meetings and see if they would be interested in receiving a 1099 instead of being placed on payroll.

Action Items

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mayor McBeth. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adopt the Rules of Decorum with changes. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council will discuss the proposed ticket ordinance at the April 22, 2018 Work Session.

Justin Gehman made a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer (Arro Engineers) to review the Borough Solicitors comments and move forward and advertise the bids for Walnut Street, Diamond Street, Twelfth Street and Dawn Avenue storm boxes and replacement of handicap ramps. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Bids will be opened on May 8, 2018 and on the May 14, 2018 agenda for Council approval. Motion carried.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve Resolution #00208 requiring curb and sidewalk on Front Street as part of the 2020 Front Street Rehabilitation. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to approve the 2018 goals and to authorize the Borough Manager to implement according to the Borough Code. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to approve Justin Gehman, Keith Landis and the Borough Manager to attend the PSAB Annual Conference June 10-13, 2018. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to approve Justin Gehman to be a voting delegate and Keith Landis as an alternate voting delegate at the 2018 PSAB Annual Conference. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council had question on the zoning classes for Keith Landis.

The next Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for April 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Monica Hersh made a motion to have the Borough Manager move forward with RFP's for all liability insurance (not including health insurance). Tom Murray, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Davidson will contact Flyway Excavating Company to look at the stream embankment on Bomberger Road at the Rail Trail and get an estimate.

Work Session- May 22, 2018

Council Training

Proposed Ticket Ordinance

Minute Taker

Meeting Place Tax Exemption Information

Truck Weight limits

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

Meeting adjourned. 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson

Akron Borough Manager/Secretary

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