

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- AUGUST 13, 2018

Council Members present- John Williamson, President; Thomas J. Murray, Sr., vice-President; Justin Gehman, Nathan Imhoff, Monica Hersh, Keith Landis, Darryl Witmer,

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Tom Murray, Jr., Evan Shupp.

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to approve the July 9 and July 23, 2018 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

Nothing to report

Officers Reports

Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth mentioned that Main Street will be closed from Diamond Street to Dawn Avenue on August 14, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for the Akron Volunteer Fire Company Open House. Letters were sent to the residents that will be affected by the street closing.

Mayor McBeth reviewed the Lancaster County District Attorney's 2nd quarter report.

Police Chief (not present)

Distributed July 2018 report

Borough Manager

Distributed July 2018 Report

July 2018 financials have been reconciled and August 2018 payables have been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

PennDot inspected the Walnut/Diamond Street project and there were no issues.

Crosswalks were painted the week of August 6 and yellow line painting is scheduled for the week of August 13, 2018.

The air conditioning unit in the Borough Office needs replaced.

The retaining wall at Colonial Park is finished. The hockey rink repair at Broad Street Park has been completed.

Water/sewer bills will be mailed August 15, 2018.

158 Kamstrup meters have been delivered and will be installed over the next few months.

Hydrant flushing will take place September 17 through September 20, 2018.

Council members requested the actual quote on the Colonial Park retaining wall. Council thought the wall would be much longer than what was done.

Zoning Officer Report

Sue Davidson will e-mail report to Council and Mayor.

Tax Collector

County Real Estate Taxes collected in July 2018	\$15,431.49
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in July 2018	\$12,298.54

Fire Chief

Distributed July 2018 report

Borough Council Committee Reports

Administration and Finance Committee- Thomas Murray, Sr.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mayor. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray, Sr. read into the minutes the July 2018 month-end balances.

General Fund	\$155,233.53
Water Fund	\$ 33,485.18
Sewer Fund	\$ 61,704.04
Highway Aid Fund	\$192,196.18
General Reserves	\$148,343.32
Water Reserves	\$261,827.03
Sewer Reserves	\$214,498.67
Capital Projects	\$ 70.59
Community Fund	\$ 2,535.06
Total	\$1,069,893.60
Escrow	\$ 61,180.37

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

Keith Landis mentioned that all invoices should be initialed by a member of the Finance Committee.

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Community Relations & Special Projects- Darryl Witmer

Darryl Witmer put Dave Correll in touch with the Warwick/Ephrata Rail Trail Committee in regards to the 5K race Christian Endeavor wants to have in November 2018. At the last WERT meeting the committee

agreed they need to come up with a plan for events on the Rail Trail. The next WERT meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2018.

Discussion Items

Zoning Fees

Nothing at this time

Zoning Hearing Alternate

Keith Landis mentioned he know someone who is interested in serving as an alternate and will have them send a resume to the Borough Manager.

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SRBC

John Williamson, Sue Davidson and Tom Murray, Jr. along with Casey Martin from Representative's Zimmerman's office met with Susquehanna River Basin Commission today in Harrisburg to discuss the development of a water resource plan and to request SRBC to consider changing the requirements of our plan. The meeting went well and SRBC will get back to us with a decision in the next few weeks.

Colonial Park No-Mow Area

Keith Landis mentioned that two out of the three no-mow areas at the Colonial Park have been cleaned out.

John Williamson mentioned that volunteers worked on the no-mow area but they do not want to continue doing volunteer maintenance.

Evan Shupp (Akron Borough Public Works Dept) mentioned the two of the no-mow beds can be combined and distributed a diagram of a no-mow pollinator area. Evan Shupp also mentioned that Mountain Spring Nursery in Reinholds is liquidating a lot of their inventory and would like to purchase trees, shrubs and plantings for the Rail Trail and Colonial park including screening that was promised for residents along the trail.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to have the Public Works Dept go ahead and rework the no-mow areas in Colonial Park as shown on Evan Shupp's plan. Tom Murray Sr. seconded the motion. Nathan Imhoff amended the motion to include more native pollinators to be planted. Tom Murray, Sr. seconded the amended motion. Nathan Imhoff amended the motion to provide up to \$200.00 in planting material for the now mow-area. Tom Murray, Sr. seconded the amended motion. Justin Gehman stated that the Public works Dept should not be spending time on maintaining the no-mow area and we should get volunteers to do this work. Motion carried.

Short Term Rental

Copies of the proposed Short-Term Rental ordinance were distributed to Council and Mayor for their review and will be on the agenda for the August 27, 2018 Work Session meeting for discussion.

Bomberger Road Storm Sewer

The Bomberger Road Storm Sewer issue will be discussed at the August 27, 2018 Work Session.

Action Items

Bomberger Stream Embankment

Keith Landis made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to obtain easement agreements from the six property owners along the Bomberger Stream embankment. A copy of Exhibit A (drawing of the easement) must be attached to the agreement. Arro will supply this information. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Schedule

A proposed 2019 budget schedule will be discussed at the August 27, 2018 Work Session Meeting.

Comprehensive Plan

A draft of the Akron Borough Comprehensive Plan was distributed to Council and Mayor and will be discussed at the August 27, 2018 Work Session meeting.

Keith Landis mentioned that the Borough did not hire a consultant for the Comprehensive Plan and commended John Williamson for the great job he did on the plan.

Unfinished Business

Mayor McBeth mentioned the sign on Route 272 (before the traffic light) needs to be updated and also the Welcome to Akron Sign.

Work Session- Monday, August 27, 2018-

Agenda Items

Comprehensive Plan

Short-Term Rental Ordinance

2019 Budget Schedule

Air Conditioning – Municipal Office

Bomberger Stream Embankment

Colonial Park and Rail Trail plantings

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson

Borough Manager/Secretary

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