

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- OCTOBER 22, 2018

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, H. Jeffrey Shirk, Emily Stoltzfus, Darrell Martin, Erla Martin, Diane Martin, Chris Hurst, Cliff Hurst, Emily Stoltzfus, Caleb Stoltzfus.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Front Street Sidewalk

Emily Stoltzfus mentioned to Council members that her grandparents Darrell and Erla Martin who own the property at 103 Main Street, Akron received a letter stating the sidewalk must be installed on the Front Street side of their property. The Martin's got two estimates, one estimate at \$19,000.00 and another at \$8,000.00. Emily Stoltzfus mentioned that her grandparents are on a fixed income and take care of their disabled daughter and they don't have the funds to put in the sidewalk.

Sue Davidson, Borough Manager explained that according to the Akron Borough Ordinance that when a street is being reconstructed sidewalk is required on the street where there is not sidewalk and sidewalk that is existing must meet Borough specifications. John Williamson mentioned that this ordinance has been in place for a number of years and sidewalk is a safety issue.

John Williamson also mentioned that the Borough Council decided not to put sidewalk on the west side of Front Street because the Rail Trail serves as a sidewalk for that side and there is no house frontage on that side of the street.

Sue Davidson will contact Rep. Zimmerman's Office to inquire if there is any type of assistance to help the Martin's with their sidewalk. Davidson will also get information for low interest loans through the County and contact Emily Stoltzfus with this information.

Zoning Hearing Alternate

Jeff Shirk was interviewed for the Akron Borough Zoning Hearing Alternate.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve Jeff Shirk as the Zoning Hearing Alternate. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue Davidson will get more information on Zoning Hearing Alternates.

Walnut Street Agreement

A copy of the proposed agreement between Akron Borough and Eric Hershey, 918 Walnut Street stating that the Borough of Akron will install sidewalk and curb on the Alley Tract along the frontage of Walnut Street and the Hershey shall maintain the sidewalk and curb improvements. Council will take action at the November 12, 2018 meeting. Sue Davidson will contact Mr. Hershey about the sidewalk.

Air Conditioning Quotes

Quotes were distributed to Council members and Mayor and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bomberger Stream Embankment and Bomberger Road Storm Water bids

Sue Davidson will contact Arro Engineers to get more information on the bids and recommendations from the engineer. Davidson will also contact the property owners on Bomberger that have not signed the easement agreement.

2019 Budget

Council and Mayor reviewed the proposed 2019 and will continue discussion and review at the November 5, 2018 meeting.

Sue Davidson will check on items:

How many acres is rented to the farmer beside Roland Park

Cleaning contract increase for 2019

Increasing building permit fees

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to advertise the November 5th, 2018 Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2019 budget. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other

Copies of the October 19, 2018 letter from Susquehanna River Basin were distributed. The letter states that Susquehanna River Basin has determined that Akron Borough has developed sufficient sources to meet its 15 year and 25 year projected need.

Justin Gehman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson