

Borough of Akron
Council Meeting Agenda
November 12, 2018

Council Members present

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

Others present

Mayor John McBeth, Borough Manager, Sue Davidson; Minute Taker, Lauren Fisher; Kenelm L. Shirk III, Solicitor; Kyle Robinson, Pam Wolf, Frank Wolf, Penny Talbert, Janie Weidman, Janet Stuff, George D. Wolf, Ann Small, Tom Buch, Ruth Ruby, M.F. Groff, Ray Groff, Alan Ruby, Sam Baughman, Dick Wanner, Dwight Yoder, Ray Buchwalter, Nathan Buckwalter, Marc Andes, Beth Haldeman, Peter Beard, Jeff Dull, Marci Dull, Pam Balmer, Arlene Sensenig, Carl Sensenig

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

Approval of Minutes

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve the October 8, and October 22, 2018 Council Meeting minutes. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried

Ephrata Library

Penny Talbert from the Ephrata Community Library updated Council and Mayor on the year to date statistics, MS4 Education and other events taking place at the library.

Conditional Use Hearing

At this time a Conditional Use Hearing was convened. Handi-Vangelism filed an application for a Conditional Use for a proposed Organizational Headquarters Campus located at 3261 Rothsville Road. Testimony was taken and then closed.

Council members will consider making a decision in regards to the Conditional Use Application at the December 10, 2018 Council meeting.

Citizens Concerns

- Peter Beard of Walnut Street received a notification about a curbed sidewalk needing to be installed. Peter would like a postponement on the current deadline which is in May, 2019. Peter had hired someone in August but there have been various delays. Marc Andes also of Walnut Street noted his concerns with workers being rushed due to the current deadline as this would result in poor quality work.

Peter also requested that the Borough look into the water shut off valves prior to construction.

Nathan Imhoff noted that Council will look into this in 2019 to evaluate the weather conditions.

Officers Reports

- **Mayor**

Mayor John McBeth presented the LNP newspaper article stating that Manheim Township has upped East Petersburg Police Contracting Fee. Akron Borough is constantly doing everything they can to keep the costs down.

33 arrests were made during this quarter and 83 were initiated for Lancaster County Drug Task Force.

Mayor John McBeth attended an open house for the new car business, Bumpers, and had the opportunity to welcome the owner as this is a new business for Akron. It is replacing Evan's Auto Body.

- **Police Report**

The October 2018 police report was distributed.

- **Borough Manager**

Administration & Finance

October 2018 month end financials have been reconciled.

November 2018 payables will be reviewed by Finance Committee.

2019 proposed budget has been advertised for December 10, 2018 for adoption.

Keith Landis and Sue Davidson met with three different bookkeeping companies in regards to outsourcing administrative work. Sue Davidson is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the

Finance Committee and these companies to present their proposal.

Streets

Eric Hershey, 918 Walnut Street questioned section "M" of the proposed sidewalk agreement in regards to mowing the grass adjacent to his property and would like Council to consider removing this item.

Quotes have been received for the Bomberger Street storm sewer replacement and Bomberger Embankment.

Mailed easement agreements for the Bomberger Stream Embankment Project to the residents on Bomberger Road affected by the work. There is one easement that has not been returned because the property owner is requesting that the newest easement be temporary.

Sue Davidson will contact the engineer to find out why another 30 ft is needed for the easement.

The second street sweeping for 2018 will take place Monday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Property

The air conditioning unit for the municipal office needs replaced. The Borough Manager has received quotes and met with the Property Chairperson and will have a spreadsheet for Council meeting.

Parks

The swale at the Roland Park has been completed.

Brooklawn will begin ADA work on Pavilion #1 the week of November 12th, 2018.

There was vandalism at the Roland Park this past month. Racist words were etched on the door at Pavilion #1 on October 9th. On November 6th a door was kicked in at Pavilion #1 and mirrors were broken in the bathrooms beside Pavilion #1. Both incidents were reported to the police, and property was cleaned up by Public Works Department. The door at Pavilion #1 had to be replaced.

Water/Sewer

The SRBC has determined that Akron Borough has developed sufficient sources to meet their 15 and 25 year projected needs and has approved the Total System Limit, as it relates to Akron's reduced system water losses, decreased system demand and additional supply of water available for purchase from EAJA.

Water/Sewer bills were mailed November 15th.

Planning & Zoning

The Planning Commission met on Thursday, November 1, 2018. The Commission made a motion to recommend approval to the Borough of Akron Council the Conditional Use Application for Handi-Vangelism subject to certain conditions.

The Planning Commission made a motion to recommend approval to the Borough of Akron Council the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission made a motion to recommend approval to the Borough of Akron Council a draft Ordinance modifying definitions to lot coverage and maximum impervious surface.

There are no Zoning Hearings scheduled at this time.

Other

Insurance RPF's have been advertised and proposals to be received by November 26th and awarded on December 10, 2018.

A Shoe-In meeting took place November 7, 2018 to plan for this year's New Year's Eve Celebration. Next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2018 at 7pm. This event will take place at the Broad Street Park and hopefully it will not be cancelled again due to the weather.

- **Zoning Officer Report**

Report distributed

- **Tax Collector Report**

Report distributed

County Real Estate Taxes collected in October 2018 \$3,916.17

Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in October 2018 \$3,121.10

- **Fire Chief Report**

Report distributed

Borough Council Committee Reports

Finance report (Thomas Murray Sr.)

Akron Borough Month and Cash Balance

October 31, 2018

Sue Davidson read into the September month-end cash balance.

General Fund \$15,668.24

Water Fund \$25,326.17

Sewer Fund \$46,857.16

Highway Aid \$85,665.99

General Reserves \$167,989.31

Water Reserves \$243,445.54

Sewer Reserves \$215,540.20

Capital Projects \$73.07
Community Fund \$2,006.93
Total \$802,572.61
Escrow \$61,472.29

Sue Davidson reviewed the revenue and expenditures report for October 31, 2018.

Discussion Items

- **Zoning Fees (pending)**
- **E-mail Server (no new information)**
- **Process for Reviewing Invoices (pending)**
- **Short-Term Rental Amendment (pending)**
- **Bomberger Road Storm Sewer bid (pending)**
- **Bomberger Stream Embankment bid (pending)**

Action Items

- A motion was made by Justin Gehman for approval to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee and was seconded by Nathan Imhoff. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Nathan Imhoff to approve Municipal Office Air Conditioning installation from Ressler and Mateer in the amount of \$4,890.00 for the Municipal Office and \$3,687.00 for the Borough Police. Motion was seconded by Justin Gehman. Motion carried.
- No motion was made to approve sidewalk agreement for 918 Walnut Street as the Borough Manager is still waiting to hear back from resident, Eric Hershey, on Walnut Street.
- A motion was made by Nathan Imhoff to advertise the proposed 2019 Real Estate Tax Increase Ordinance (increasing to 3 mills) and was seconded by Keith Landis. Motion carried.

- Nathan Imhoff made a motion to accept Mr. Rehab's repairs and Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

- Hillcrest Swim Club Request - item on December 10, 2018 Council Meeting

Work Session Meeting

- Next work Session Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37PM.