

## **BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 28, 2019**

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

***Others present***- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Lowell Sensenig, George Wolf.

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

### ***Bomberger Stream Embankment Easement***

The Borough Manager will contact Flway Construction to request additional time to award the project for the Bomberger Stream Embankment because the Borough is waiting for the signed temporary easement agreement for 205 Bomberger Road.

### ***Park Land Rental***

Justin Gehman made a motion to rent the 4 acres of land to Virgil Sensing for \$1,000.00 a year based on the application of manure in accordance with the PA Act 38 and the manure is applied no earlier than March 31, and until the corn is planted. Payment is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointments of Pension Committee and Zoning Hearing Members will be on the February 11, 2019 Council Meeting agenda.

### ***Police Vehicle***

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to approve Resolution #00216 approving a master lease with Fulton Bank for a 2019 Ford Police Utility Vehicle in the amount of \$29,671.00. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chief Zell did contact a number of banks to see if they offer a vehicle lease. BB&T offered a lease program but at a higher interest rate.

Chief Zell mentioned the Akron volunteer Fire Company has expressed interest in the Police Durango but is not sure at this time what they will do with that vehicle.

### ***Borough Fee Schedule***

The Borough Manager distributed information on fees for zoning hearings, building permits, zoning permits etc from other area municipalities. The Borough Manager mentioned there is more information they need to be gathered and will discuss at greater length at the next committee meeting.

***Warwick to Ephrata Rail trail Rules/Reg's and Event application***

Keith Landis mentioned that he and the Borough Manager attended a Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail Committee meeting on January 23, 2019 to discuss Regulations and Events on the Rail Trail.

All events are scheduled through the Warwick Rec Center and the events are scheduled on Sundays not Saturday and parking is an issue. A copy of the proposed Regulations were distributed to Council and Mayor. Keith Landis mentioned that he has not heard back from Dan Zimmerman about his concerns.

A copy of the regulations were given to Chief Zell to review. It was suggested to add the work "Event" in front of Rules and Regulations.

***Other Business***

George Wolf mentioned that we should track assessments because lower assessments mean less tax dollars and that becomes a burden to tax payers.

***Water Main Breaks***

The Borough Manager mentioned there has been six water main breaks in the past few weeks. The cost to replace water lines on Walnut Street is at least \$100,000.00.

Mayor McBeth commented that we need to have factual data on the age of the street, when the water line was placed and digging up small sections on the street to check for water main health. The Borough Manager mentioned the water operator has a list of water main breaks and the age of the lines. This information will be presented to Council.

***Administrative Office Duties***

Keith Landis and Sue Davidson met with three administrative outsourcing businesses and will have these companies do a presentation at the next meeting. Sue Davidson will forward to Personnel a list of administrative duties that she needs to give up.

***Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan***

At the next committee meeting John Williamson would like to brainstorm ideas of how we move forward on implementing the newly adopted Borough of Akron Comprehensive Plan.

***Proposed Non-Uniform Employee Handbook***

At this time Thomas Murray, Sr left the meeting and was not part of this discussion in regards to non-uniform employees.

Copies of the proposed Non-uniform Employee Handbook was distributed to council members for their review. Comments should be forwarded to the Borough Manager and Monica Hersh and this item will be on the agenda for the next work session meeting.

Keith Landis will get comparisons on benefits from Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

***Old Business/New Business***

Justin Gehman mentioned that the PSAB Conference that takes place in June 2019 be placed on the February 11, 2019 Council Meeting agenda.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Manager/Secretary

SD