

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- MAY 13, 2019

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

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Police Chief Thomas Zell, Thomas Murray, Jr., Scott Anderson, Eric McCracken, Jerry Naugle, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Paul K. Swangren, Jr., Don Reese, Tracy Craft, Dave & Cindy York, Joe Latrell.

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

Approval of Minutes

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve the April 8, 2019 and April 22, 2019 Borough of Akron Council Meeting minutes. Tom Murray, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors

John Williamson recused himself at this time and turned the meeting over to Tom Murray, Sr. Vice-President of Council.

Great Valley Consultants

Scott Anderson, Eric McCracken and Jerry Naugle from Great Valley Consultants, made a brief presentation and answered questions from Council members and Mayor.

Great Valley Consultants work with eighteen municipalities and authorities and the City of Reading. Great Valley Consultants services included traffic and street projects, Storm Water Management and MS4 permitting, preparation of grant applications, zoning and Geographical Information Systems.

Great Valley Consultants do not have a lot of experience with nitrate removal systems or the buying back street light projects.

Great Valley Consultants also mentioned being there for the municipality in an emergency situation and will be on any job site as often as the municipality requests.

Tom Murray, Sr. asked "What is your greatest strength and what is your greatest weakness?" Jerry Naugle from Great Valley answered their greatest strength is being proactive and responsive and their greatest weakness is not being as efficient as we should be.

Council and Mayor thanked Great Valley Consultants.

The meeting was turned back to John Williamson, President of Council.

Cindy York, Hillcrest Road mentioned that some sidewalks in the Borough are not walkable and also mentioned that the whoever installed the handicap ramps on Walnut Street did a good job.

Don Reese, Miller Road, Akron mentioned there is a lot of overgrowth at the Rail Trail on Front Street and is the Borough doing anything about it. The Borough Manager will look at Front Street and have Public Works Department take care of the overgrowth.

Tracy Craft, 4th Street, Akron mentioned that the 300 block of Westview (owned by Garman Builders) has high grass and weeds. The Borough Manager will contact Garman Builders.

The PPL pole on Diamond Street will be replaced this week.

Dick Wanner mentioned that on the Rail Trail (500 ft west of Main Street) a pipe extends beside the Rail Trail and it always has water sitting ...The Borough Manager mentioned it is on the list of work to be completed

Officer's Reports

Mayor-Mayor John McBeth

Mayor McBeth mentioned that he visited a new business that recently opened called Studio 27 Design located on Route 272.

Mayor McBeth also reviewed the Lancaster District Attorney's Drug Task Force Quarterly Report.

Police Chief

Distributed April 2019 report

Chief Zell mentioned that 160 lbs of drugs were collected on the Drug Take Back Day on April 27, 2019.

Chief Zell mentioned he would like to have Council adopt a Nuisance Properties Ordinance for problem properties in the Borough.

Chief Zell mentioned safety issues with the Make-A-Wish Convoy that took place on Sunday, May 12, 2019. 1) Trucks driving too fast through the traffic light 2) Kids on laps of drivers 3) several trucks towing vehicles with people in the vehicle.

The Borough Manager will contact PA State Association of Borough's for a Nuisance Properties Ordinance template.

Borough Manager Report

Distributed Report

Property Solutions completed the storm water project on Bomberger Road.

Flyway Construction has completed Phase 1 on the Bomberger Stream Embankment Project.

Crack Sealing work is scheduled for July 10-14, 2019. The Public Works Department is doing the work and renting a crack sealer and materials from Sealmaster. Streets to be crack sealed-Main, Colonial, Fulton, Manor Ridge, Sixth, N. Ninth, Meadowview, Diamond Dawn and Fairview.

The pothole on oak Street across from Maple Farm is scheduled for repair by Martin Paving on Friday, May 17, 2019.

The Borough Manager met with Martin Paving to get quotes on street repairs/patching and needs to schedule time with the Streets Chairperson to discuss quotes.

Meeting with residents and their contractor on Front Street, Tuesday, May 14 to answer any questions about installing sidewalks.

Public Works completed the porta potty enclosure on the Rail Trail.

Akron Day in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Volunteers from Ephrata Area Social Services will be mulching at the Roland park.

The Ephrata Rail trail Dedication took place Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 10 am at the Cocalico Creek Bridge.

There was a water main break April 30, 2019 on Colonial Drive. Public Works had to replace a 6 ft piece of pipe. Residents on Colonial Drive were on a boil water advisory from Wednesday, May 1 through Monday morning May 6. The Borough lost 150,000 gallons of water during the break.

The Borough Manager met with the Personnel Committee on April 29, 2019 to discuss administrative duties. Another meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss the non-uniform handbook.

Three applicants for the season summer position were interviewed and the recommendation for this position will be on the agenda for the May 28, 2019 Work Session Agenda.

Interviewed an applicant for the minute taker position.

Akron Clean Up Day took place Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Broad Street park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Akron Day at the Barnstormers is scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2019. Tickets are \$8.00.

The Akron Borough Planning Commission met on May 2, 2019. The Akron Mennonite Church presented a conceptual plan for a Memory Garden/Nature preserve and the next step would be a request for a special exception in front of the Akron Zoning Hearing Board.

A zoning hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019 for Enterprise Rent-A-Car requesting a special exception for off-site parking of 6 vehicles on the Retreat parking lot.

The Dodge Durango and Chevy Malibu are on Municibid until June 4, 2019.

The Borough Manager would like to meet with the committee chairpersons in the next few weeks to discuss 2019 projects.

PNTR installed a new computer in the Borough Manager's office.

Zoning Office Report

Distributed April 2019 report

Tax Collector Report

Distributed April 2019 Report

County Real Estate Taxes collected in April 2019	\$497,803.70
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in April 2019	\$513,023.56

Fire Chief Report

Distributed April 2019 report

Borough Council Committee Reports

Administration and Finance Committee- Thomas Murray, Sr.

Tom Murray, Sr. read into the minutes the April 2019 month end balances

General Fund	\$469,267.18
Water Fund	\$ 19,805.74
Sewer Fund	\$ 58,392.25
Hwy Aid Fund	\$148,219.85
General Reserves	\$ 63,421.50
Water Reserves	\$243,326.69
Sewer Reserves	\$247,088.40
Cap Projects	\$ 349.27
Community Fund	\$ 1,951.25
Total	\$1,251,822.13
Escrow	\$ 75,768.00

Tom Murray, Sr. reviewed the April 2019 Revenues and Expenditures Report.

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

Community Relations and Special Projects Committee- Darryl Witmer

Doggie Day at Roland park is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ordinance & Safety Committee- Keith Landis

Keith Landis and Chief Zell will work together on a Nuisance Properties Ordinance draft.

The Borough Manager will contact Red Rose Transit and PennDOT in regard to a bus shelter.

Streets Committee- Justin Gehman

Nothing to report

Parks Committee-Nathan Imhoff

Nathan Imhoff showed Council a sample of Perke-Pave which is a porous material made from recycled tires used on playgrounds and trails. Ephrata Township and West Earl Twp have used this type of material on their playgrounds.

Personnel Committee- Monica Hersh

Monica requested committee time at the next Work Session meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Discussion Items

Zoning Fees, Administrative Office Duties, Non-uniform Employee Handbook will be on the agenda for the May, 28th, 2019 Work Session Meeting.

Action Items

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to adopt Resolution #00218 allowing Council to establish fees for Short Term Rentals and adding Sections E & F that if total expenses exceed the minimum fees, the applicant shall pay the additional expenses. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to appoint the Borough Manager as the Permit Officer for Short Term Rentals. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried but not unanimous. John Williamson, Justin Gehman, Keith Landis, Nathan Imhoff and Darryl Witmer voted yes. Monica Hersh and Thomas Murray, Sr. voted no.

Justin Gehman made a motion to approve the bid from Schuylkill Paving for the Walnut Street Paving project in the amount of \$63,300.00. Tom Murray, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Streets Bids for Walnut Street Paving

Schuylkill Paving- \$63,300.00

JVI Group- \$67,950.00

New Enterprise Stone Co.- \$72,958.00

Pennsy Supply Inc.- \$77,250.00

Construction Masters, Inc.- \$80,000.00

Affordable Paving Excavating, LLC- \$90,596.50

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that he still has an issue with the curb at Diller and Walnut Street. The curb is higher and needs to be fixed. Tom Murray, Sr., Nathan Imhoff and the Borough Manager will meet at Walnut and Diller to look at the curb.

Council wants in writing the review history from the Borough Solicitor and Engineer for the T-Mobile Amendment Agreement. No action taken.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to appoint Justin Gehman as a voting delegate for the purpose of electing Officers of the Association and voting on proposed resolutions and policies during the 2019 PA State Association of Borough's Annual Conference. The election of Officers is Tuesday, June 11, 2019 and voting on proposed resolutions and policies will occur during the Closing Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray, Sr. made a motion to accept the resignation of Lauren Fisher the minute taker. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business/New Business

Mennonite Central Committee forwarded a letter to Council regarding their 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2020. This item will be on the agenda for the May 28, 2019 agenda.

Mayor McBeth mentioned that the Akron Church of the Brethren still has not completed their work from the demolition of a building from last year. The Borough Manager will contact Akron Church of the Brethren.

Borough of Akron Work Session- Tuesday, May 28, 2019 6:30 p.m.

- 1) Zoning Fees
- 2) Nuisance Properties Proposed Ordinance
- 3) Personnel
- 4) T-Mobile Amendment
- 5) Engineering RFP's
- 6) Mennonite Central Committee 100th Anniversary
- 7) Police Chief Hiring Process

Monica Hersh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager/Secretary