

**BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING- August 12, 2019**

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

**Others present-** Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Deb & Doug Weidman, Chris Martin, Thomas Murray, Jr., K. McElhenney, H. Jeffrey Shirk, Ken E. Asper, Dawn Stauffer, Dennis Stauffer, John Taylor, Donald Reese, Brenda Royer, Tim Zimmerman, Joe Latrell, Dick Wanner, Justin Showalter, Erin Hershey.

**Visitors**

Joe Latrell mentioned there are bag worms in the pines at Roland Park. Joe Latrell also what are the rules for putting up a ham radio. John Williamson mentioned you can look at the ordinance online on the Borough webpage.

Dennis Stauffer asked Council if there is any possibility of bringing back leaf collection or have an agreement with West Earl to collect leaves for next year. Council will discuss this issue during the 2020 budget process.

Dennis Stauffer also thanked Council and employees for their help with Lions Club Akron Day in the Park event.

Jeff Shirk mentioned that in 2010 during the Rail Trail planning we were looking at a tunnel proposal and sidewalk laid in at tunnel grade. The Borough was going to put sidewalk in at \$40,000. What are we going to do when Front Street is redone that is the only street that runs parallel to the Rail Trail. Walnut Street problem is not different than Third Street and we need to address our current sidewalk ordinance. Jeff Also mentioned that Council needs to use common sense about the sidewalk ordinance in regard to Front Street.

**Mayor Report**

Mayor McBeth mentioned the Akron Volunteer Fire company Open House is tomorrow night.

Mayor McBeth reviewed the Lancaster County Drug Force 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report.

The Mayor also mentioned that there is a bill in the House allowing local police to use radar after Radar Bill 607 passed 49-1 in the State Senate.

**Police Chief**

Distributed July report

**Borough Manager Report**

Distributed July 2019 report

July 2019 month end financials have been reconciled and the August 2019 payables will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Line painting was completed the week of August 5, 2019 and crosswalk painting will begin Sunday August 11, 2019 and should be completed by the end of the week.

A storm related power outage affected part of the Akron Borough and the water plant. A boil water advisory was issued through our SwiftReach program and the advisory was lifted within a few hours.

Sewer flows are coming down and the Borough has been out of penalty since June 20, 2019.

Water/sewer bills will be mailed on August 16, 2019. The 2019 Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report is available on the Borough website and a copy can be obtained at the Borough Office.

Advertised for a part-time administrative assistant and have made a recommendation to Council to hire Dianne Hackman.

A zoning hearing on July 18, 2019 for Akron Mennonite Church was approved for special exception of their existing cemetery and for Hackman 1242 Hillcrest Road for variances to construct a multi-purpose accessory building. The Hackman hearing has been continued to September 19, 2019.

Hearings for Brian Ehrhart and PenRac LLC have been scheduled at the District Magistrates Office for August 20, 2019 and August 28, 2019 for failure to comply with a Notice of Violation to remove cars owned and operated by Enterprise Rent-A-Car. On July 31, 2019 a judgement was made and awarded to the Borough of Akron from Enterprise Rent-A Car.

Keith Landis, Tom Murray, Jr and the Borough Manager met with Comcast in regards to the right-a-way issue. Comcast will do the research on the right-a-ways and submit the information to the Borough.

The Borough Manager met with Handi-Vangelism about them wanting to change the entrance on Rothsville Road across from Fulton Street. This would require another Conditional Use Hearing.

***Zoning Officer***

Distributed July 2019 report

***Tax Collector Report***

County Real Estate Taxes collected in July 2019	\$17,013.43
Borough Real Estate Taxes collected in July 2019	\$17,533.59

***Fire Chief Report***

Distributed July 2019 report

***Finance Report***- Thomas j. Murray, Sr. (not present)

Sue Davidson read into the minutes the July 2019 month end balances.

General Fund	\$263,631.84
Water Fund	\$ 25,563.65
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,043.86
Highway Aid	\$143,961.14
General Reserves	\$160,669.09
Water Reserves	\$272,819.73
Sewer Reserves	\$160,037.53
Cap Proj	\$ 369.29
Community Fund	\$ 2,435.25
Total	\$1,031,531.38
Escrow	\$ 76,210.92

Monica Hersh made a motion to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee with the exception of one check to Arro Consulting, Inc. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Shirk asked when the Rail Trail was completed the grant money from the state was to be used to pay down the loan. Sue Davidson will have this information for the September Council meeting.

**Community Relations and Special Projects-** Darryl Witmer

Darryl Witmer mentioned there is a concert this Friday, August 16, 2019 at the Roland Park at 7 pm.

Colonial Park Day is September 14, 2019 at Colonial Park with a flea market and food trucks and movie in the evening.

An outdoor movie at the Broad Street Park is scheduled for September 21, 2019.

**Property & Planning Committee-** Keith Landis

Hanover Engineering has surveyed the Akron Volunteer Fire Company parking lot for repaving.

The Borough is waiting on a letter from Ten Thousand Villages allowing for a bus shelter on their property on Rte 272.

The Akron Boy Scouts will be painting fire hydrants in the Borough as part of an Eagle Scout Project.

**Parks Committee-** Nathan Imhoff

Nathan Imhoff mentioned that in the no-mow area at Colonial park keep the viable plants and shrubs and move them together to make a smaller bed. Keith Landis thanked Nathan for taking care of the no-mow areas.

Nathan mentioned that the Pilgrims Church area is overgrown.

**Discussion Items**

Walnut Street

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Arro Consulting litigation matters. Monica seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Monica Hersh mentioned to have the Borough Manager contact MacMor on ADA issues and work with Hanover Engineering to get a list of items that need to be done and use common sense and once the punch list is done give to Chris Martin to get estimated price on work that needs to be finished. Forward information to Arro Consulting for them to submit to their Errors and Omissions Insurance. Sue Davidson will check with our auditor to see if we can pay this out of our Reserves. Nathan Imhoff asked the Borough Manager to have the list completed by tomorrow. Contact Schuylkill Paving tomorrow to see if we can postpone paving until next year.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to have the Borough Public Works Department install a storm box and pipe on Walnut Street according to Hanover Engineering instructions. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Non-uniform Employee Handbook (pending)

Comcast Hyperbuild (pending)

T-Mobile Amendment Agreement and Resolution (pending)

### ***2020 Budget Schedule***

No schedule but the Borough Manager is requesting for budget information from all committee chairpersons.

### ***Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail Event Application***

Keith Landis made a motion to approve the Christian Endeavor Event on November 10, 2019 with the condition that all signs must be removed an hour after the event. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ***Oak Street Parking***

John Williamson distributed a copy of a No parking template in regards to Oak Street for council and Mayor to review.

### ***Action Items***

Nuisance property Ordinance and Resolution

Keith Landis made a motion to approve Ordinance #00098 establishing provisions relating to Nuisance Properties and Nuisance Activities including definitions for all properties effective six months after its enactment by Akron Borough Council. (Ordinance was properly advertised and posted). Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keith Landis made a motion to approve Resolution #00221 adding part 4 to Chapter 6 of the Borough of Akron Code of ordinances regarding Nuisance Property Ordinance and determining a fee of \$650.00 for appeals. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Video Gaming Resolution***

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to approve Resolution #00222 prohibiting the located on Video Gaming terminals in the Borough of Akron. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Mailing Policy***

Keith Landis made a motion to approve the Borough of Akron Mailing Policy for quarterly newsletter sponsorship. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Part-Time Administrative Assistant***

Monica Hersh made a motion to hire Dianne Hackman as part-time Administrative Assistant effective August 14, 2019 at \$16.50/hr at 20 hours a week. Darryl Witmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Akron Directional Sign***

The proof of the Akron directional sign was distributed to Council and Mayor for their review and will move forward with getting new directional signs.

***Unfinished Business***

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to put the 2005 Chevy Malibu(as is) on Municibid at a reserve price of \$1,500.00. Keith Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried but not unanimous. John Williamson, Nathan Imhoff, Keith Landis, Darryl Witmer voted yes and Monica Hersh voted no.

Walnut Street needs effective communication and something that should be done on every project. Check with other municipalities on how they handle street projects.

***Work Session-*** August 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Monica Hersh mentioned that all meetings are Council meetings not Work Session meetings.

Monica Hersh mentioned that Justin Gehman and Keith Landis were mentioned in the Borough News magazine for completion of training programs.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson  
Borough Manager/Secretary

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