

Borough of Akron Council Meeting—September 9, 2019

Council Members present: Justin Gehman—President Pro-Tem; Nathan Imhoff, Keith Landis, Darryl Witmer

Others present: Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Erik Kaylor, Hanover Engineering; Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Tom Zell, Chief of Police; Tom Murray, Jr., Ken Asper, Doug Weidman, Tim Kilhefner, Paul Swangren, John Taylor, Kevin Haller, Haller Builders.

Meeting brought to order at 7:09 pm

Motion made by Darryl Witmer to approve meeting minutes from July 22, August 12, & August 26.

Seconded by Nathan Imhoff

Motion approved

Westview:

Tim Kilhefner of the 200 block of Westview Drive asked if the 200 block of Westview Drive will be getting another top coat and if he will have to get sidewalks? Justin Gehman replied—no. Tim Kilhefner also brought up that there is no handicapped access on Third Street. Wheelchairs can't access driveway from sidewalk. Small cars bottom out. Justin Gehman stated that during the restoration program, eventually all properties that have roads done will need sidewalks.

Kevin Haller of Haller Builders discussed putting the final top coating on Westview Drive. Susan Davidson proposed bringing topic up at next meeting. Kevin Haller stated that 25 lots need finished. 2 lots are not having anything built-neighbors bought adjoining lots, 2 other lots need building started.

Westview's street lights—poles are there—wires in—fixtures not on top (3 or 4 lights). PPL will not install until dedication. Susan Davidson said to wait for Erik Kaylor's report and asked Kevin Haller to come to the meeting on 23rd.

Walnut Street:

Citizen wanted to make sure that paving can be done by end of October. Susan Davidson said that this was the schedule. Tim Zimmerman asked whether this will cost homeowners more. Susan Davidson took this to Arro—she requested that Arro put it through their insurance as an errors and omissions claim and is waiting for a response from Arro. Nathan Imhoff wants to retrofit the specifications so this doesn't happen at every property.

Walnut Street to be paved this year—Schuykill paving has been contacted. There is a tight schedule. MacNamore has been notified. Inlet has been added.

Keith Landis asked Kevin Haller for a process of procedure in updating streets/sidewalks to avoid future problems like Walnut Street.

Dick Wanner asked if punch list from Hanover Engineering is complete. Kevin Haller said yes—but they are going thru things that will affect ADA.

Officer's Reports

Police Chief Report:

In car data printers in cars are up and running. School started—no issues with school or crossing guards.

Chief Zell read a complimentary letter from a citizen regarding Office Mitchell Rogers interaction with that citizen.

Borough Manager Report:

Susan Davidson stated that work has begun on 2020 budget. Any info from chairs will be welcome. Donations to the Akron Volunteer Fire Company and the Ephrata Library are on tonight's agenda.

Susan Davidson reported that vandalism to Pavillion 1 was discovered on Aug 16. The vandalism was taken care of by Borough employees the next day. A Police report has been made. Area is regularly patrolled and doors are locked. Darryl Witmer asked if there were cameras installed. Susan Davidson replied that there are no cameras at the park or outside the Borough building. She stated that the water plant has cameras and that inside and outside cameras are in the works for the Borough building.

Susan Davidson asked to speak to Justin Gehman regarding the erosion on Orchard Street.

T-Mobile Amendment Agreement & Resolution (pending)

Hanover quotes for T-Mobile antenna. Quote is \$6,000. Justin Gehman feels T-Mobile should pay for this. Nathan Imhoff requested a breakdown to see who should pay for what. The standpipe needs painted. It has not been painted since 1986. Inspection needed to be able to sign off on contract. Mayor John McBeth brought up the ability to inspect with drones. Susan asked Paul Swangren if Ephrata Borough ever used drones. Paul Swangren was unsure if they had used drones for inspection. Paul Swangren believes T-Mobile should pay for the asbuilt and feels, due to liability, there should be more than just a drone inspection—something from an engineer. Susan Davidson agreed with Mayor McBeth when the Mayor stated that this is a T-Mobile antenna and not a Blue Ridge Cable Antenna.

Non-Uniform Employee Handbook (pending) Susan Davidson sent the non-uniform personnel manual to council for review. Keith Landis is happy how it went together.

Susan Davidson stated that she had visited Autumn Hills Site in Ephrata Township. Autumn Hills is a beautification site along Cocalico Creek that will add to the Ephrata-Lititz Railtrail. Mayor McBeth stated that he would like copy of brochure received by Susan Davidson at the Autumn Hills tour.

Susan Davidson spoke with Jennifer Prunoskie from Hanover about the pollution reduction report.

Finance Report: Keith Landis read into the minutes the August 2019 month end balances.

General Fund	\$ 293,691.19
Water Fund	\$ 12,680.45
Sewer Fund	(\$ 32,192.31)
Highway Aid	\$ 144,211.00
General Reserves	\$ 162,164.67
Water Reserves	\$ 274,925.00
Sewer Reserves	\$ 166,389.79
Community Fund	\$ 2,435.00
Total	\$1,024,304.79

Escrow	\$ 76,211
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Discussion Items

Enterprise Rental Car has paid all fines.

School Resource Officer Agreement

Susan Davidson stated that the amount for School Resource Officers went up. This will be brought up at meeting in 2 weeks

Borough Car

Keith Landis made a motion to accept bid of \$2,155 for the Chevy Malibu Classic sold "as is"

Seconded by Nathan Imhoff

Motion approved

Action Items

Motion to pay donations to Ephrata Public Library and Akron Volunteer Fire Company will be held for meeting on September 23.

Unfinished Business

Dick Wanner from Ephrata Review wanted to know the status of the Walnut Street project. He was told everything will be done to ADA specs. Dick Wanner was told that a PennDot Representative was out and said our concern was justified. The PennDot representative said sidewalks do not have to be ADA, that they can be as close to ADA as possible. The sidewalks should have an 8.3% ADA slope. Akron Borough can determine what can pass and what needs to be changed. Since specifications reference PennDot and they adhere to ADA—Akron Borough can go by what PennDot Rep says.

Community Relations and Special Projects-Darryl Witmer

Darryl Witmer stated that Cindy Mellinger from Blue Ridge Cable offered to help advertise the swap meet and the movies "*The Bugs Life*", on September 14, and "*101 Dalmatians*", on September 21. Darryl Witmer also stated that the Ephrata Library will help by paying the copywrite fees charged for showing the movie. Darryl Witmer further stated that Rosenberger is providing electric this weekend, but Darryl Witmer would like to see electric installed down there eventually.

New Business

Keith Landis submitted his resignation from Council. Mayor McBeth expressed appreciation to Keith Landis for his work. Justin Gehman, Nathan Imhoff, and Darryl Witmer also expressed appreciation for Keith Landis's Service on the Council.

Next Meeting scheduled for Sept 23 at 6:30 pm

Items to be discussed: SRO, Donations, T-mobile Agreement & inspection of water, Comcast Hyberbuild, Wolf Tract, 2020 Budget, Jennifer Prunoskie from Hanover re: pollution report.

Keith Landis made motion to accept bills reviewed by him and Mayor McBeth

Darryl Witmer seconded the motion

Motion carried

Nathan Imhoff sidewalk work needed on Colonial Drive. Nathan Imhoff stated that repairs won't work, the sidewalk needs to be replaced and that handicapped access is limited. Nathan Imhoff would like to know if we can contact Dunkin Donuts sidewalk contractor. Mayor John McBeth wonders if it should be an impervious sidewalk.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019, at 6:30 pm

Motion made for Adjournment made by Justin Gehman

Seconded by Keith Landis. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Respectively submitted,

Dianne J. Hackman