

BOROUGH OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2019

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

Others present- Susan Davidson, Borough Manager/Secretary; John Taylor, Paul Swangren, Thomas Murray, Jr. (Mayor John McBeth not present)

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

2020 Proposed Budget

Council reviewed the 2020 Proposed Borough of Akron Budget.

Council wants Public Works employee Evan Shupp's salary to be one half in the Water Fund and one half in the General Fund including benefits and Public Works Brody Simmons salary, one half in the Sewer Fund and one-half in the General Fund including benefits.

Council also mentioned the standpipe painting should be included in the projects list.

The goal to have the budget approved for advertising by October 28, 2019 meeting.

Rain Garden and Stream Restoration Grant

John Williamson mentioned to Council that he is applying for a \$120,000.00 grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The grant is for the proposed rain garden behind the Borough Office Building and to restore about 500 ft of the eroded stream in Roland Park. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation requires one-third match. Akron's match will consist of Chesapeake Bay Foundation's contribution, Akron Borough's engineering and legal work to implement the Stormwater Management Fee and Capital Improvements Plan in 2021. Additional match can come from property owners work to install rain gardens, infiltration trenches, and other BMP's. The grant application is due October 22, 2019.

This item will be on the October 14, 2019 agenda.

Executive Session

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to go not Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried. 8:00 p.m.

Nathan Imhoff made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Monica Hersh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No decisions were made on the discussion of personnel and possible litigation.

2020 Proposed Budget (cont'd)

Justin Gehman mentioned he cannot see the Borough raising taxes to hire a fulltime police officer. Monica Hersh agreed.

Nathan Imhoff mentioned to have small tax increases every year instead of having a large increase after many years. Darryl Witmer mentioned the Borough should not raise taxes in 2020. Nathan Imhoff agreed not to hire an extra full-time police officer in 2020 and to talk to Chief Zell about hiring another part-time officers instead of a full-time officer.

Council asked that the Borough Manager get information on where to drop off leaves and to contact West Earl, Martins Mulch and Lanco Tree Service and other landscaping companies.

Hillcrest Swim Club

Justin Gehman made a motion to revise the Hillcrest Swim Club sewer bill for the most recent quarter to \$141.78. Nathan Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business/New Business

Tom Murray, Jr., Akron Borough Public Works employee received three quotes(all quotes were through Costars) for the a borough dump truck chassis

- 1) Freightliner 2021- \$84,177.00
- 2) International 2020-\$84,170.00
- 3) Western Star 2021-\$89,968.00

The body quote from EM Kurtz is approximately \$61,000.00.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Manager/Secretary