

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-January 23, 2023**

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff, President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Kleon
4 Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr., Randall Justice, Ryan Cochran, Bonnie Young

5 **Others Present:** Mayor Jon McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Sean Molchany,
6 Assistant Borough Manager; Suzanne Lausch, Minute Taker

7 Visitors: Sgt. Jordan Byrnes West Earl PD;

8 John Taylor, 216 S. 8th St. Akron

9 Larry Alexander, Ephrata Review

10 Richard Rupp, Akron

11 Sue Glick, 119 S. 10th St Akron

12 Sam & Jaclyn Hurst, 699 Broad St. Akron

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14 **Roll Call**

15 Kleon Zimmerman-present

16 Paul Swangren, Jr-present

17 Randall Justice-absent

18 Ryan Cochran-present

19 Bonnie Young-present/Zoom

20 Nathan Imhoff-present

21 Justin Gehman-present

22 Mayor John McBeth-present

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24 Meeting opened at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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26 **Approval of Minutes**

27 Motion to approve minutes for December 12, 2022 by Paul Swangren, Jr second by Ryan
28 Cochran. Kleon Zimmerman mentioned that on page 6 line 1 his concern was not with taking
29 rental money but the Hub building itself is a liability.

30 Motion approved with amended changes.

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32 Motion to approve minutes for January 9, 2023 by Ryan Cochran second by Kleon Zimmerman.

33 Motion approved.

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35 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

36 **John Taylor**-compliment to West Earl Police Department. Taylor mentioned he was walking
37 today and someone reported him to the police and said he was carrying a rifle but it was
38 actually an umbrella. An officer approached him with the complaint and John complimented
39 the officer for addressing the complaint.

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41 **Zoom-no visitors on zoom**

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43 **Bills**

44 Ryan said that there are a number of bills that came in so he needs approval to pay the bills.

1 Motion by Ryan Cochran second by Paul Swangren, Jr. to pay bills.
2 Susan Davidson said that the PPL bills were late and that is reason another motion was
3 necessary.
4 Motion carried.

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6 **Reports/Announcements**

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8 **Police Report**

9 **Jordan Byrnes** represented West Earl Police Department.

10 **West Earl Outreach Events**- list of events shared with Council members

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12 **Mayor Report-**

13 Handed out brochure for the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley

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15 **Borough Managers Report**-none

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17 **Administration and Finance**

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20 **Parks & Property**-None; waiting to hear about Colonial Park Pavilion Estimates

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22 **Community Relations**

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25 **Personnel Report-**

26 Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned a personnel meeting was held prior to Council meeting and goals
27 were set

28 Reviewed new position job description and copies of the job description will be emailed to
29 Council.

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31 **Streets Report**

32 Street sweeping scheduled for April 20 and 21. There will only be one street sweeping this year
33 due to budget constraints. Sean Molchany said there would be signage to make residents
34 aware of sweeping to remove parked cars. Discussion ensued on phone calls for reminders as
35 most people now have cell phones and the phone calls go to land lines that are no longer
36 available.

37 Swiftreach was bought by a new company and it will be more expensive. Discussion related to
38 researching other options. Discussion of using e-mail or Facebook or website. Sean
39 recommended WGAL or door hangers.

40 Susan Davidson will reach out to different municipalities to see what type of notification they
41 use and will try to have more information at the February meeting.

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43 **Public Utilities Report**-none

44 Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned that sewer flows are up.

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Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments

Old Business

West View Drive Dedication Process Petition-to be discussed later in the meeting

Roland Park 5K race request-Susan Davidson spoke with a representative regarding this and got additional information.

Time frame would be 7:30-8:00 to 10:00am; small staging; parking; only 30-40 people; actual run is on the Roland Park bike trail.

Concerns by Council: too small parking, too many people, other organizations have submitted requests. No local groups are charged fees for usage. Discussion on limiting to three months and then seeing how it works. Residents participating in run are local residents. Group is just to encourage people to get out and run. Kleon Zimmerman shared that his wife looked into this group and thought it was a good thing. Another recommendation was to “just see how it goes this year”. Local chapter could come to a Council meeting and share information. Susan Davidson will reach out to the local contact to come to a meeting to speak to Council with details.

Borough Newsletter-discussion regarding the mailing of the newsletter to save postage, time and money as many residents don't read it and or most rental throw away instead of sharing with renters. Suggested changes included putting on Akron Borough Website and Facebook pages rather than sending with the water bills. Discussion on only cutting rentals. Communication of the change would come in first mailing of the water/sewer bill. Comment from Akron resident to use resident e-mails. Option could be for residents to sign up for e-mail option. Sean Molchany mentioned that the newsletter is always put on the Webpage.

Ordinance 2023-001-Overnight Parking

Ryan Cochran made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01 amending the Overnight Parking Ordinance. Justin Gehman seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

New Business

Motions and Decisions

Acknowledgments

Street Dedication-

Motion was made by Ryan Cochran to acknowledge receipt of the Street Dedication for West View Drive and to authorize staff to coordinate advertisement with the Borough Solicitor. Kleon Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Other Business/Deliberations

None

Correspondence and Petitions

Ephrata Public Library 2022 4th Quarter Report

1 Discussion on library financial report made available for Council for review.
2 Nathan Imhoff and Bonnie Young will plan a meeting with the Ephrata Library Director
3 and Library board to try and create a relationship between Council and library.
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5 **Adjournment** -motion to adjourn by Paul Swangren, Jr at 7:30 p.m. with second by Justin
6 Gehman
7 Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
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11 Susan Davidson
12 Borough Manager/Secretary
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