

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-March 27, 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.

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6 **Others Present:** Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Sean Molchany,
7 Assistant Borough Manager; Suzanne Lausch, Minute Taker; Larry Alexander, Ephrata Review.

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9 Visitors: John Taylor, 216 S 8th St Akron
10 Chris Beiler-40 S. 10th St. Akron

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12 **Roll Call**

13 Kleon Zimmerman-present

14 Paul Swangren, Jr-present

15 Randall Justice-present

16 Ryan Cochran-present

17 Bonnie Young-present

18 Nathan Imhoff, President-present

19 Justin Gehman, Vice-President-present

20 Mayor John McBeth-present

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

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24 **Approval of Minutes**

25 Motion to approve the Borough of Akron Council meeting minutes for *March 13, 2023*

26 Motion by Justin Gehman; second by Randall Justice.

27 Motion carried.

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29 **Visitors/Comments from Public-none**

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31 **Zoom-** none

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33 **Reports/Announcements**

34 **Police Report**-Police Chief Higgins was not present at the meeting. The Police Report
35 was distributed to Council members and Mayor.

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37 **Mayor Report**-none

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39 **Manager’s Report**

40 **Administration & Finance**-Susan Davidson met with Herbein Auditors last week to
41 discuss the 2022 audit and DCED report. Herbein Auditors will be at the April 10, 2023 Council
42 meeting to review the 2022 Audit report.

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44 **Parks and Property**-none

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Administration and Finance-none

Parks & Property

Community Relations- Bonnie Young interviewed West Earl Police Chief Higgins and wrote an article on the West Earl Police Chief Eric Higgins and the accreditation for the police departments. Bonnie mentioned that less than 12% of Pennsylvania police departments are accredited.

Bonnie Young is planning the summer concerts in the Akron Roland Park and mentioned that the cost would be more than last year. Randall Justice’s Law Firm agreed to the increases for funding the summer concerts.

Parks and Property-Roland Park Disc Golf Course tees will be updated by the Lancaster County Disc Golf Club and along with the tee signs they would like to have sponsorship signs to help raise money for this project.

Personnel Report- Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned that this is an offer pending for administrative assistant. Discussion on Emergency Management Coordinator and role for Akron Borough

Streets Report-A preconstruction meeting took place March 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. for the Manor Ridge/Edgehill Street project. The tentative start date for the street project is April 26, 2023. Sean Molchany will send a construction schedule when available.

Public Utilities Report-nothing new

Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments

Old Business

SwiftReach—Discussion on best way to mass communicate to residents of Akron Borough when the need arises. Several companies reviewed by staff including the current company SwiftReach. Discussion by Council on the most efficient and cost-effective way to communicate to Akron residents. Suggestions for use of other social media and door to door hangers. Social media meets DEP regulations. Managers suggestion is that Borough would not need to continue with SwiftReach since the social media and web page would send the information. Nathan Imhoff recommended telling residents how they could be contacted in case of a mass announcement.

Colonial Park Pavilion-Assistant Borough Manager, Sean Molchany has another estimate of a costar provider than is \$10,000 less than last estimate. Project can move forward with donated monies. Two locations are being reviewed at park for pavilion; one near Rosenberger and one between playground and gazebo. 12 X 16 size. Sidewalk not included in cost for accessibility. Sidewalk for accessibility will be a time and material per quote. Put on agenda for next meeting with estimates.

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2 **Food Vendor Trucks**-permit picked up by vendor; Sean Molchany says he has no
3 instruction on updating Akron Ordinances. Ryan Cochran and Sean Molchany will meet to
4 discuss the ordinance update.
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7 **New Business**

8 **PPL LED Street Light Resolution-**

9 Motion by Paul Swangren, Jr. to approve Resolution 23-001 and agreement between Akron
10 Borough and PPL providing for the furnishing of the conversion of 19 streets lights located on
11 Route 272 to LED. Motion was seconded by Kleon Zimmerman.

12 Motion carried

13 **Jr. Council Member Program**-Discussion on council opinions to invite college or high
14 school students to attend meetings to see how government is run in the Borough.
15 Justin Gehman felt it would be a good idea to reinstitute this program and wanted opinion of
16 council. Student would have to be an Akron resident and term would be 1-2 years. School
17 counselors would be involved. Nathan Imhoff recommended looking into the program prior to
18 decision making.

19 Council would need to prepare a resolution.
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21 **Correspondence and Petitions**

22 **Comcast Franchise Agreement**-letter from Comcast came to municipality on the
23 franchise renewal process.
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25 **Volunteer Fire Fighter Tax Credit Information**-Discussion on how the credit works. Lots
26 of bookkeeping related to this program.
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28 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by Paul Swangren, Jr; second by Kleon Zimmerman
29 Motion carried

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31 Meeting Adjourned,

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33 Respectfully submitted,

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35 Susan Davidson
36 Borough Manager/Secretary

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