

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-April 10, 2023**

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff, President; Kleon Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr.,  
4 Ryan Cochran, Bonnie Young (Justin Gehman & Randall Justice not present)

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6 **Others Present:** Mayor John McBeth, Susan Davidson, Borough Manager; Sean Molchany, Asst  
7 Borough Manager; Suzanne Lausch, Minute Taker

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9 **Visitors:**

- 10 John Taylor, 216 S 8<sup>th</sup> St Akron
- 11 Police Chief Higgins; West Earl Police Department
- 12 Megan Thompson; Herbein & Co.
- 13 Thomas Burnett 724 Fulton. St Akron

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15 **Roll Call**

- 16 Kleon Zimmerman-present
- 17 Paul Swangren, Jr-present
- 18 Randall Justice-absent
- 19 Ryan Cochran-present
- 20 Bonnie Young-present
- 21 Nathan Imhoff President-present
- 22 Justin Gehman Vice President-absent
- 23 Mayor John McBeth-present

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

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27 **Approval of Minutes**

- 28 Motion to approve Borough of Akron Council meeting minutes for *March 27, 2023*
- 29 Motion by Paul Swangren, Jr; second by Kleon Zimmerman
- 30 Bonnie Young mentioned that on page two of the minutes under Community Relations it should
- 31 state that less than 12% of Pennsylvania police departments are accredited.
- 32 Motion carried with change

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35 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

36 Megan Thompson form Herbein & Company reviewed the 2022 Borough of Akron Audit with  
37 Council and Mayor. Thompson distributed copies of the 2022 audit to Council and Mayor. It  
38 was a clean audit and there were no findings. The 2022 DCED report was submitted before the  
39 April 1, 2023 deadline.

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41 **Zoom-none**

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1 **Bills-**  
2 Ryan Cochran moved to pay the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee. Second by Kleon  
3 Zimmerman  
4 Motion carried  
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6 **Reports/Announcements**

7 **Police Report-**

8 Chief Higgins mentioned that he will have Police report for March 2023 at the next  
9 meeting. Chief Higgins thanked Bonnie Young for her article on the police department. First  
10 liaison meeting for 2023 will take place at Akron Borough Municipal Office on Wednesday, April  
11 12, 2023 at 6pm

12 Chief Higgins shared that the Speed board will be placed in Akron in near future.  
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14 **Mayor Report-none**  
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16 **Manager's Report**

17 **Administration and Finance**

18 Month End financials for March 2023 have been reconciled and April 2023 payables will be  
19 reviewed by the Finance Committee

20 **Parks and Property**

21 5K run at Roland Park sponsored by US Road Running (Monica Padgett) will begin on April 22,  
22 2023

23 Lancaster County Disc Golf Club has begun replacing the concrete pads in the Roland Park  
24 during the week of April 3, 2023. Wesley Moyer from the Disc Golf Club reported vandalism to  
25 some of the concrete pads along with a complaint that people are wading into the Roland Pond  
26 to retrieve golf discs and trying to sell them. West Earl Police Department was notified and they  
27 agreed to extra patrols through the Roland Park.

28 **Streets**

29 The Manor Ridge/Edgehill Drive Street project will tentatively begin April 26, 2023. Residents  
30 will be notified the week of April 10, 2023 with scheduling and road work information.

31 Street sweeping will take place on Thursday, April 20 (East side) and Friday, April 21, 2023  
32 (West side).

33 **Public Utilities**

34 The Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project is currently underway. Streets have been sawcut and  
35 manhole at New and Tenth Streets has been installed.

36 **Community Relations**

37 Bonnie Young has scheduled concerts in the Roland Park for June 11, July 2, July 9 and July 30,  
38 2023.

39 **Planning and Zoning**

40 A Borough Planning Commission meeting was held on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Members  
41 reviewed zoning updates. The Planning commission made a recommendation to the Council for  
42 approval of the subdivision land development plan for Weaver on Main Street based on a clean  
43 review letter.

1 A Zoning Hearing is scheduled for April 20, 2023 and there are two applications. One for 21 N.  
2 Seventh Street owned by Reid Myers who is requesting a use and dimension variances. The  
3 other applicant, Bollinger, is requesting several variances for side yard setbacks, minimum lot  
4 depth and clear sight triangle. Council has copies of the Notice.

5 **Personnel**

6 Staff has a potential hire for the Administrative Assistant position and is awaiting clearances for  
7 a start date of April 17, 2023.

8 The Finance position is being pushed back at this time due to the hiring and training of a new  
9 administrative assistant.

10 The Emergency Management Coordinator position is being reviewed by the Personnel  
11 committee.

12 **Other Business**

13 Susan Davidson has gathered information on other companies for the mass messaging for  
14 emergency and non-emergency items. Staff e-mailed council members and the mayor the link  
15 for the Swiftreach information. This is on agenda for April 10, 2023 Council meeting.

16 PSAB’s annual conference is scheduled for June 4-7, 2023 at the Hershey Lodge. Contact staff  
17 for more information or on-line under PSAB’s webpage. Contact staff if you will be attending.

18 There is a Lancaster County Solid Waste Management meeting scheduled for Thursday, April  
19 27, 2023 from 7:30am-9:30am

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21 The Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the Akron Lions Club on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at the  
22 Roland Park was successful

23 Sewer project is over halfway. No issues

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25 New garage doors are completed at the borough building.

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27 **Finance Report**

28 **March 31, 2023**

**General Fund** **\$37,823.28**

**Water Fund** **\$31,189.01**

**Sewer Fund** **\$294,303.65**

**Highway Aid** **\$262,811.45**

**General Fund Reserves**

Restricted **\$158,000.00**

Operating **\$38,651.92**

Capital **\$427,104.33**

**Total** **\$623,756.25**

**General Fund Reserves**

Restricted (Goal) **\$144,363.00**

**Total** **\$144,363.00**

**Water Fund Reserves**

Restricted	\$72,992.00
Operating	\$235,007.29
Capital	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$307,999.29</b>

**Sewer Fund Reserves**

Restricted	\$121,822.00
Operating	\$314,167.51
Capital	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$435,989.51</b>

**Capital Projects** \$416.01

**Community Fund** \$2,087.95

**Non-Uniform Pension** \$2,440.44  
**Total** \$1,998,816.84

**Escrow** \$6,160.65

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**Parks & Property**

Sean Molchany talked with Randall Justice about Colonial Park concerning an existing planting area that has not been maintained. Staff would like to remove it and plant grass. Tom Burnett (visitor) asked that some of the plants be removed prior to replanting as they were an expensive item. Paul Swangren, Jr. asked that the church that was responsible be notified prior to removing the planting area. Tom Burnett mentioned that he will email staff on who to notify in regards to the plantings at Colonial Park.

5K run at Roland Park sponsored by US Road Running (Monica Padgett) will begin on April 22, 2023

**Community Relations-**

Bonnie planned four concerts for Lloyd Roland Akron Park starting at 6:30 pm.  
 "Fire in the Glen" on June 11, 2023  
 "Rizzettas Tones" on July 2, 2023  
 "Harrisburg Mandolin Ensemble" on July 9, 2023

1 "Mitch and the Mood Swings" on July 30, 2023

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5 **Personnel Report**

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7 a start date of April 17, 2023

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9 **Streets Report**

10 Discussion on Manor Ridge/Edgehill Dr project work and request by contractor for design  
11 changes. No design changes will be accepted; bid stands as it is currently. Residents who  
12 needed sidewalk updates and did not get estimates will be required to pay the fees for the  
13 contractor who is completing the project. Residents had a year to get estimates and provide  
14 council with signed contracts.

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16 **Public Utilities Report**-nothing new

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18 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

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20 **Old Business**

21 **SwiftReach**-Paul Swangren, Jr. recommended allowing the staff to make the decision on  
22 how to proceed for mass communication.

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24 **Colonial Park Pavilion**-Sean Molchany had one estimate from a contractor in the  
25 Council packets for the proposed Colonial Park Pavilion and it does not include the ADA  
26 accessibility path or electric. Paul Swangren, Jr. shared concerns about location and would like  
27 to see that it be near the Rosenberger building. Nathan Imhoff asked Sean Molchany to stake  
28 the location out and take a picture for council members.

29 Motion by Ryan Cochran to move on the construction of the pavilion at Colonial Park using the  
30 Prime Home Contracting LLC and not to exceed \$25,000.00 Second by Bonnie Young.

31 Motion carried

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33 **Food Vendor Trucks**-Sean Molchany and Ryan Cochran reviewed surrounding  
34 municipalities' ordinances regarding food trucks. Sean Molchany will work on a draft ordinance  
35 for Council's consideration.

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37 **New Business**

38 Sewer Project Application for payment-contractor submitted for payment #1; reviewed  
39 by engineer

40 Paul Swangren, Jr. motion to approve Payment#1 and Change Order#1 for the 2022 Sanitary  
41 Sewer Replacement in accordance with the Borough's Engineer recommendation to Ankewicz  
42 Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$110,751.75. Motion second by Kleon Zimmerman

43 Motion carried

44 Approval of change order

1 Paul Swangren, Jr. made a motion to approve change order #1 in amount of \$6300.00 second  
2 by Kleon Zimmerman

3 Motion carried

4 Emergency Management Coordinator-ongoing

5 Junior Council member-Bonnie Young and Justin Gehman along with staff will work on  
6 contacting the school and researching. The Mayor shared that in the past the only benefit for  
7 the student is to put it on their resumes. Also, that meeting nights interfere with student  
8 activities and recommends that this is clear to the students prior to recommending them.

9 **Correspondence and Petitions**

10 Lancaster County Solid Waste Management meeting invitations sent to Council members and  
11 Mayor.

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14 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:40 by Paul Swangren, Jr. second by Kleon Zimmerman

15 Motion carried

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19 Respectfully Submitted,

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21 Susan Davidson, Borough Manager/Secretary

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