

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-April 24, 2023**

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

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

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9 **Visitors:**

10 John Taylor, 216 S 8th St Akron

11 Police Chief Higgins; West Earl Police Department

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13 **Roll Call**

14 Kleon Zimmerman-present

15 Paul Swangren, Jr-present

16 Randall Justice-absent

17 Ryan Cochran-present

18 Bonnie Young-absent

19 Nathan Imhoff President-present

20 Justin Gehman Vice President-present

21 Mayor John McBeth-present

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

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25 **Approval of Minutes**

26 Motion to approve minutes for *April 10, 2023*

27 Motion by Ryan Cochran; second by Kleon Zimmerman. On page three of the minutes, line 1 it
28 should say April 20, 2023 not April 27, 2023. On page 4, line 15 there is a typo it should state
29 2023 not 3023.

30 Motion carried

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32 Randall Justice arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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34 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

35 None

36 **Zoom**-one person Sue Glick

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38 **Bills**-no report

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40 **Reports/Announcements**

41 **Police Report-**

42 Report submitted to Council by West Earl Police Chief Higgins. Chief Higgins will be on leave
43 May 9 through May 23 2023.. Nathan Imhoff asked Police Chief Higgins if the West Earl Police

1 Department is active in investigating drug dealings when reported by Akron residents. Chief
2 shared that their police officers will check out the information and if necessary, they will share
3 with the Lancaster County Drug Enforcement Department.

4 **Mayor Report**

5 Mayor McBeth shared that he learned a lot about homeless persons and what is being done to
6 assist them. Mayor McBeth attended the Ephrata meetings on Homelessness and shared that
7 groups in Ephrata Borough work independently of each other and should share their resources.
8 Six to eight organizations work with the homeless population in Ephrata Borough.

9 Recommendation at these was to combine resources and use a central location for resources.

10 Mayor McBeth also mentioned that the Ephrata police said that no one has been attacked by a
11 homeless person in Ephrata. Chief Higgins said that homeless persons will only be referred to
12 Ephrata resources if the person has ties to the Ephrata community.

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14 **Managers' Report**-none

15 **Finance Report**-none

16 **Community Relations Report**-none

17 **Parks and Property Report**

18 Nathan Imhoff talked with Mr. Spensor, CEO of Rosenberger and shared that he was happy
19 with Borough getting a contractor for the Colonial Park Pavilion

20 Susan Davidson mentioned that there will be a home school track and field by the Lititz home
21 educators on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at the Roland Park in the morning.

22 Nathan Imhoff asked about parking for the Roland Park and asked if there are any grants for
23 those types of items. Sean Molchany shared that Akron doesn't qualify for those grants
24 although he has submitted an application to DCNR for infrastructure improvements.

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26 **Personnel Report**-Paul Swangren, Jr. shared that the new Administrative Assistant has started
27 and is doing well. Personnel Committee is still researching information on the Emergency
28 Management position.

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30 **Streets Report-**

31 Street Project-Schedule- Manor Ridge/Edgehill Drive paving project is tentatively scheduled to
32 begin on April 26, 2023. Residents on Manor Ridge Drive and Edgehill Drive have been notified
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34 **Public Utilities Report**-none

35 Council expressed concerned about lack of movement on current sewer project. Sean Molchany
36 states he will reach out to the Borough engineer and e-mail Council the status.

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38 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

39 **Old Business**

1 **Food Vendor Trucks**-no new information since the last meeting

2 **Emergency Management Coordinator**-discussion by committee ongoing

3 **Jr. Council Member Program**-Paul Swangren, Jr. shared that there is an Article in Borough News
4 magazine regarding Jr. Council program. Susan Davidson reiterated that in the interview
5 process that it be explained that it is a commitment. Nathan Imhoff feels that this would be a
6 good program for the students. Susan Davidson asked if Council will be moving forward on this
7 program and Sean Molchany asked who would be activating this program. Paul Swangren, Jr.
8 said that personnel committee could begin process and the school guidance counselors would
9 be contacted for additional information. A Resolution will be on the May 8, 2023 agenda
10 meeting for Council votes. Davidson asked council to review resolution for comments or
11 editing. School year would be the term timeframe for the students. Justin Gehman will contact
12 high school counselors for additional information.

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14 **Acknowledgments**

15 Akron Borough Zoning Ordinance

16 Nathan Imhoff acknowledged receipt of the proposed Akron Borough Zoning Ordinance. The
17 Ordinance has been reviewed by the Akron Borough Planning Commission and has been
18 recommended for approval. Nathan Imhoff also authorized Borough Staff to forward a copy to
19 Lancaster County Planning for review, and forward a copy to the Borough Solicitor to advertise
20 a Public Hearing for June 26, 2023.

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22 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:05 by Paul Swangren, Jr second by Kleon Zimmerman

23 Motion carried

24 Meeting adjourned.

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26 Respectfully submitted,

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28 Susan Davidson

29 Borough Manager/Secretary

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