

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

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff, President; Paul Swangren, Jr., Ryan Cochran, Bonnie
4 Young, (Justin Gehman, Kleon Zimmerman, 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 8th St Akron

11 Sgt. Jordan Byrnes, West Earl Police Department

12 Tom Burnett 724 Fulton St Akron

13 Glen Beiler 117 Broad St. Akron

14 Tanya Haynes 103 Broad St. Akron

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16 **Roll Call**

17 Kleon Zimmerman-absent

18 Randall Justice-absent (resignation accepted later in the meeting)

19 Paul Swangren, Jr-present

20 Ryan Cochran-present

21 Bonnie Young-present

22 Nathan Imhoff President-present

23 Justin Gehman Vice President-absent

24 Mayor John McBeth-present

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

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28 **Approval of Minutes**

29 Motion to approve minutes for *June 26, 2023*

30 Motion by Paul Swangren; second by Ryan Cochran

31 Discussion: line 23 on page 3 by Bonnie Young, she stated that she was at the meeting for the

32 pavilion location and she also said that she remembered that the Mayor said that the grade

33 could be steeper than 2%. Change "closed" to closer to the playground.

34 Motion carried

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36 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

37 Tonya Haines 103 Broad St

38 **Zoom-none**

39 **Bills-**

40 Ryan motions to approve July 2023 disbursements to pay bills. Second by Paul Swangren, Jr

41 Motion carried

42 **Reports/Announcements**

43 Police Report

1 West Earl Police Sgt. Byrnes mentioned to Council that Chief Higgins could not be at this
2 meeting.
3 Sgt. Byrnes also mentioned that the accreditation process/audit is taking place this week at
4 their station.

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6 **Mayor Report**

7 Street Closure Request for Akron Volunteer Fire Company Open House for Tuesday July 18,
8 2023 A request letter was forwarded to Mayor McBeth for his approval for closing a section of
9 Main Street from Dawn to Diamond Street. The mayor requested to have the Fire Company
10 parking lot open on east side. Mayor stated it will be approved. Discussion on how to direct the
11 cars during the open house.

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13 **Manager's Report**

14 *Administration & Finance*

15 June 2023 month-end financials have been reconciled
16 July 2023 payables will be reviewed by the finance committee

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18 *Parks & Property*

19 Estimated construction time for the Colonial Park pavilion is August/September 2023
20 Stream Project Update-Design meeting is scheduled for late July 2023
21 A request for a luminaire walk and caroling in December 2023 at Colonial Park has been
22 submitted to the Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail committee.

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24 *Streets*

25 A request for street closing was requested by the Akron Volunteer Fire Company for their open
26 house scheduled on July 18, 2023. Sue requested a formal letter so she can forward it to the
27 mayor for approval. This item will be on the July 10, 2023 agenda.

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29 *Public Utilities*

30 Update on the Sanitary Sewer Project- the engineer is generating a punch list and will forward
31 to council and mayor.

32 The Pollution Reduction Plan Draft has been posted on the Borough Webpage and will be on
33 the July 24, 2023 agenda.

34 Sewer flows continue to look good

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36 *Community Relations*

37 Bonnie Young has scheduled concerts in the Roland Park-July 9, July 30 2023. The July 2 concert
38 was cancelled due to threat of rain and was rescheduled for Sunday, September, 3, 2023.

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40 *Planning & Zoning*

41 There are no Planning Commission or Zoning hearings scheduled at this time.

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43 *Personnel*

1 The Emergency Management Coordinator position is being reviewed by the Personnel
 2 Committee
 3 Andrew Smith, Public Works resigned and his last day was June 23, 2023. Staff advertised and
 4 is in the process of interviewing potential candidates for this position
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6 *Other Business*

7 A resolution updating the fee schedule is on the July 10, 2023 agenda.
 8 National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the Broad Street Park from 6pm
 9 to 9pm. Akron Borough staff met again with West Earl Police Department to discuss the event
 10 and to work together to make it an even bigger event than last year.
 11 Violation/Weed letters continue to be sent out addressing grass and weeds at the curb line.
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13 *Board Vacancies*

14 Building Code Appeals Board
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16 **Finance Report**

17 Fund balances June 30, 2023

General Fund	\$308,982.68
Water Fund	\$30,033.18
Sewer Fund	\$168,624.62

Highway Aid	\$52,112.68
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General Fund Reserves	
Restricted	\$158,000.00
Operating	\$113,699.10
Capital	\$114,669.18
Total	\$386,368.28

General Fund Reserves	
Restricted (Goal)	\$144,363.00
Total	\$144,363.00

Water Fund Reserves	
Restricted	\$72,992.00
Operating	\$200,563.42
Capital	\$0.00
Total	\$273,555.42

Sewer Fund Reserves	
Restricted	\$121,822.00
Operating	\$334,646.16
Capital	\$0.00

	Total	\$456,468.16
Capital Projects		\$965.55
Community Fund		\$2,087.95
Non-Uniform Pension		\$2,440.44
	Total	\$1,681,638.96

Escrow **\$6,236.04**

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Parks & Property

Nothing to report

Community Relations

Bonnie Young shared article from The Shopping News of her interview of Wesley Moyer from Lancaster Disc Golf and the replacement of the tee pads at Roland Park. Bonnie also mentioned, due to inclement weather two concerts in the Roland park have been cancelled but will be moved to dates in the future. Bonnie Young is planning on writing an article on National Night Out which takes place on August 1, 202 at the Broad Street Park.

Personnel Report

Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned that a Public Works person resigned, and advertisement has been placed and several applicants have applied and interviews are taking place.

Streets Report

Nothing to report

Public Utilities Report

Susan Davidson stated there are a few more water/sewer meters to install and the Borough will have completed the installation on the new Kampstrup meters.

Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments

Old Business

Emergency Management Coordinator-in progress

New Business

Request for Rail Trail Luminaire Walk & Caroling at Akron’s Colonial Park-Tom Burnett attended and updated the request and handed out document with information. Options in Roland Park and or/ Rail Trail. Paul Swangren, Jr. suggested the fire ring the Roland Park would be the best site as it has a fire ring. Discussion on the best site for this event. Susan Davidson asked for a definite date and formal letter of request. Nathan Imhoff suggested a mobile steel fire ring closer to the walking path. Ryan Cochran asked if they would provide sanitary facility. Roland

1 Park has a porta potty available. Nathan suggested looking into other sanitary options. Mayor
2 suggested Broad St Park and do it same night as Christmas Tree lighting as an option.

3 **A. Resolutions**

- 4 a. Proposed Resolution for Fee Schedule Update-Paul Swangren, Jr. made
5 motion to approve Resolution #23-06 establishing the Borough's
6 comprehensive schedule of fees and charges for services; Ryan Cochran
7 second

8 Discussion on fee changes by Sean Molchany to Council

9 Mayor McBeth mentioned changing "Park rental" to " Park reservation"

10 Motion carried

11 **B. Ordinances**

12 **C. Motions and Decisions**

- 13 a. Ryan Cochran moved to accept the resignation of Randall Justice from Akron
14 Borough Council; second by Bonnie Young.

15 Nathan Imhoff said that Council has 30 days to fill this vacancy and asked
16 that staff announce vacancy and do interviews for the position. Paul
17 Swangren, Jr. asked if council members could just approve someone without
18 interviews. Nathan Imhoff shared that a committee could be formed to
19 review applicants. This position will only complete the term for Randall
20 Justice which would be for two years. Nathan requested staff call the
21 elections office before requesting input from the Borough Solicitor. Sean
22 Molchany said there could be a special meeting to discuss applicants. This
23 could be discussed at a personnel meeting with public input. Nathan Imhoff
24 mentioned resumes for the Council vacancy are due Friday, by July 21, 2023
25 by noon. Council can review applicants resumes.

26 Question by Tonya Haines asked what the criteria is for reviewing applicants.
27 Sean Molchany shared that the applicant must be at least 18 and live in
28 Borough for at least one year and be a registered voter. Personnel meeting
29 will be at 6pm on July 24, 2023 followed by Council meeting with swearing in
30 at 6:30 council meeting.

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32 **D. Acknowledgments**

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34 **E. Other Business/Deliberations**

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36 **F. Correspondence and Petitions**

- 37 a. Thank You Card from the Lancaster County Deaf Pickleball Players

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39 **G. Executive Session**

40 **Additional Comment:**

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42 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Paul Swangren, Jr. second by Ryan
43 Cochran
44 Motion carried.

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2 Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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4 Respectfully submitted,

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6 Susan Davidson

7 Borough Manager/Secretary

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