

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-June 12, 2023**

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff, President, Kleon Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr.,
4 Ryan Cochran, Randall Justice, Bonnie Young (Justin Gehman 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 Dennis Stauffer, 209 S. 10th St Akron

12 Deborah Fast, 1006 Main St. Akron

13 David Weaver, Ephrata

14 Chief Higgins, West Earl Police Department

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16 **Roll Call**

17 Kleon Zimmerman-present

18 Randall Justice-present

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 *May 22, 2023*

30 Motion by Paul Swangren, Jr; second by Ryan Cochran

31 Motion carried

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33 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

34 Harbor Engineering presenting Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for 29 Main Street, Akron Pa
35 Presentation by company for subdivision plan for 29 Main St Akron. Unit proposed is for single
36 family dwelling.

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38 Dennis Stauffer from the Akron Lions Club thanked the Borough for Akron Day in the Park and
39 to the Police Department for providing security. Dennis mentioned there were no issues and it
40 was great day and there were over 100 cars were in the car show.

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42 Debra Fast- member of Ephrata Public Library board was present and if there is a discussion
43 involving the library, she would like to thank Council and would like to encourage them to
44 support the library.

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Zoom-none

Bills-Ryan Cochran made motion to approve to approve the bills as reviewed by the Finance Committee. Kleon Zimmerman second
Motion carried

Reports/Announcements

Police Report

West Earl Police Chief Higgins shared that there was an initial meeting for “National Night Out” that is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the Akron Broad Street Park. Chief Higgins also mentioned that the Police report for the month will be sent to the Borough tomorrow.

Mayor Report

Mayor McBeth thanked Dennis Stauffer for Akron Day in the Park sponsored by the Akron Lion’s Club.
The Mayor also thanked the Council and Randall Justice for the summer concerts in the Akron Roland Park.
Mayor McBeth approved the request for the street closings for the 2023 National Night Out.

Manager’s Report

Administration & Finance

Month-end financials for May 2023 have been reconciled
The Finance Committee will review the June 2023 payables
The new software system will be updated the week of June 19, 2023. Staff has requested that the update be done after the June 15, 2023 water/sewer bill due date

Parks & Property

Park Colonial pavilion permit *was* received on June 9, 2023 with no start date currently scheduled
Stream Project Update-A meeting was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 with the engineers and the design is progressing. Another meeting is scheduled for late June 2023.

Streets

The application for payment for the Manor Ridge/Edgehill Drive is on the June 12, 2023 council meeting agenda.

Public Utilities

Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project payment application #3 is on the June 12, 2023 council meeting agenda along with a change order #3 requesting and extension to finish the project.
Staff has been monitoring the water table due to extremely dry spring and lack of rain forecasted in the near future. Currently water levels are okay but the staff will continue to monitor water levels.

Sewer flows continue to look good.

Community Relations

Akron Day in the Roland Park was a huge success with many participants.

1 Bonnie Young scheduled concerts in Akron Roland Park for June 11, July 2, July 9 and
2 July 30, 2023.

3 Bonnie Young has also interviewed Daryl Witmer who will be hosting movies in the
4 Broad Street Park. The first movie will be on Sunday, June 18, 2023 starting at dusk. Other dates
5 to be announced later but will be on Saturday evenings.

6 *Planning & Zoning*

7 No Planning Commission or Zoning Hearings are scheduled for June 2023.

8 Harbor Engineering will present the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for 20 Main St,
9 Akron at the June 12, 2023 council meeting.

10 The proposed Borough of Akron Zoning Ordinance will be on the June 26, 2023 agenda for
11 public hearing and adoption.

12 *Personnel*

13 The Personnel Committee is reviewing the Emergency Management Coordinator
14 position.

15 *Other Business*

16 At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lancaster County Commissioners on
17 Wednesday, June 7, 2023, approved a ban on open burning effective Friday, June 9, 2023. The
18 Council and the Mayor received a copy of the resolution via e-mail.

19 National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the Broad Street Park
20 from 6pm-9pm. Akron Borough staff met with West Earl Police Department to discuss the event
21 and to work together to make it an even bigger event than last year. West Earl sent a letter to
22 Mayor McBeth requesting some road closures for the event. This request is on the June 12,
23 2023 council meeting agenda.

24 Violation/Weed letters continue to be sent out addressing grass and weeds at the curb
25 lines.

26 Staff is requesting to purchase a trailer to haul equipment necessary for water main
27 breaks. Currently there is nothing available to safely haul this equipment. Monies are not within
28 the capital budget but there are monies available for this type of purchase. Paul Swangren, Jr
29 suggested looking into purchasing a used trailer and customizing it for the equipment rather
30 than purchasing a new trailer. Staff will look into used versus new trailer.

31 *Board Vacancies*

32 Building Code Appeals Board

34 **Finance Report**

35 Ryan Cochran read into the minutes the May 2023 month-end cash balances.

**May 31,
2023**

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| General | |
| Fund | \$419,231.99 |
| Water Fund | \$27,397.18 |
| Sewer Fund | \$108,376.12 |

**Highway
Aid** \$264,901.46

General Fund Reserves
Restricted \$158,000.00
Operating \$83,628.67
Capital \$168,304.06
Total \$409,932.73

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

Water Fund Reserves
Restricted \$72,992.00
Operating \$215,388.07
Capital \$0.00
Total \$288,380.07

Sewer Fund Reserves
Restricted \$121,822.00
Operating \$384,917.22
Capital \$0.00
Total \$506,739.22

Capital Projects \$820.37

Community Fund \$2,087.95

Non-Uniform Pension \$2,440.44
Total \$2,030,307.53

Escrow \$6,210.53

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- 2 **Parks & Property**
- 3 None
- 4 Randall Justice apologized for missing last two meetings due to extenuating circumstances
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- 6 **Community Relations**
- 7 Bonnie Young thanked Dennis Stauffer, representative from the Akron Lions Club for Akron Day
- 8 in the Park
- 9 Concert on Sunday, June 2 was a success; "Fire in the Glen" was the group. Bonnie shared that
- 10 this musical group is a crowd pleaser.
- 11 Bonnie is interviewing Daryl Witmer regarding the movie nights in the Akron Broad Street Park.
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1 **Personnel Report**
2 none
3 **Streets Report**
4 none
5 **Public Utilities Report**
6 none
7 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**
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9 **Old Business**
10 **Emergency Management Coordinator**-in progress
11 **New Business**
12 National Night Out Road Closure Request
13 Copy of the Lancaster County Ban on Open Burning
14 Randall Justice gave written resignation from Council but will continue to support the Akron
15 Borough Council. Council must accept the letter by July 24, 2023.
16 **A. Resolutions**
17 **B. Ordinances**
18 **C. Motions and Decisions**
19 *Application for Payment for Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project #3*
20 Kleon Zimmerman motioned to approve application for payment #3 in the amount
21 of \$136,234.75 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to Ankiewicz
22 Enterprises Inc. in accordance with the Borough’s Engineer recommendations;
23 Motion second by Paul Swangren, Jr
24 Motion carried
25 *Contract change order for Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project #3*
26 Randall Justice motioned to approve Change Order #3 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer
27 Project to Ankiewicz Enterprise Inc in accordance with the Borough’s Engineer
28 recommendations; Motion second by Ryan Cochran
29 Motion carried
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31 *Application for Payment for Edgehill/Manor Ridge Reconstruction*
32 Kleon Zimmerman motioned to approve application for payment in the amount of
33 \$240,395.93 for the Edgehill Drive and Manor Ridge Reconstruction Project to
34 Martin Paving, Inc. Payment includes Extra Work and Change Order in accordance
35 with the Borough’s Engineer’s recommendations; Motin second by Randall Justice
36 Motion carried
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38 *Approval of Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for 29 Main St*
39 Ryan Cochran motioned to approve the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan grant
40 with the following modifications in accordance with Section 22-106 of the
41 Subdivision Land Development Ordinance of 2017:
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- Section 22-305: Preliminary Plan application procedures
- Section 22-402 1.C.(2). k.: significant features within 300 feet of property.

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1 The approval is contingent upon the owner/applicant's written acceptance of the
2 conditions outlined in the Borough/Engineers' review letter dated May 2, 2023 and
3 subject to the submission of information meeting those conditions.

4 Motion second by Randall Justice

5 Motion carried

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7 *Approval of 2023 Donation Disbursements*

8 Motion by Paul Swangren, Jr made a motion to approve the 2023 Akron Borough
9 donation to the Akron Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$17,500.00 (1/2 of
10 the 2023 annual donation). Motion seconded by Kleon Zimmerman.

11 Motion carried

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13 Ryan Cochran made motion the Borough of Akron make funds available to the
14 Ephrata Public Library in the amount of \$5,300.00 (1/2 of the annual 2023 donation).
15 Funds may be used for repairs and maintenance of the library building as well as
16 acquisition and replacement of in print library collections. Funds shall be advanced
17 after the library provides receipts or invoices detailing the use of funds. Paul
18 Swangren, Jr. seconded motion.

19 Discussion regarding extra restrictions made by Ryan Cochran prior to making funds
20 available for the library.

21 Randall Justice suggested that the motion be rescinded due to lack of clarity and
22 also asked if the council has asked any other groups for receipts. No other groups
23 were asked for receipts.

24 Ryan Cochran shared that he had a discussion with library board president
25 concerning new restrictions for the donation.

26 Suzanne Lausch asked why the agenda notification did not specifically identify
27 the groups for the donation disbursements for the public. Susan Davidson shared
28 that this was typically how the agenda reads for donation disbursements. Suzanne
29 remarked that since this was a concern to the residents of Akron, perhaps the
30 groups should be identified specifically in the Council meeting agenda.

31 Nathan Imhoff asked for a roll call vote on the Ephrata Public Library donation
32 disbursement

33 **Roll call**

34 Bonnie Young-yes

35 Kleon Zimmerman-yes

36 Ryan Cochran-yes

37 Randall Justice-yes

38 Paul Swangren, Jr.-yes

39 Nathan-no (not behind contingencies recommended by Ryan Cochran)

40 Motion carried.

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1 *Ephrata Rec Center*
2 Kleon Zimmerman motioned to approve the 2023 Akron Borough donation to the
3 Ephrata Recreation Center in the amount of \$6,240.00 (total of the 2023 donation).
4 Motion second by Ryan Cochran.
5 Motion carried

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7 *Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley*
8 Paul Swangren Jr. made motion to approve the 2023 Borough of Akron donation to
9 the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley in the amount of \$2,500.00 (total of the
10 2023 donation). Motion second by Ryan Cochran
11 Motion carried

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13 *Ephrata Community Ambulance*
14 Bonnie Young made motion to approve the 2023 Borough of Akron donation to the
15 Ephrata Community Ambulance in the amount of \$5,000.00 (total of the 2023
16 donation) Motion second by Ryan Cochran
17 Motion carried

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19 **D. Acknowledgments**

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21 **E. Other Business/Deliberations**

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23 **F. Correspondence and Petitions**

24 Lancaster County Housing & Community Development DCBG Program

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26 Lancaster County Historic Preservation Summit Invitation on September 22, 2023

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28 **G. Executive Session**

29 **Additional Comment:**

30 Mayor McBeth mentioned to Council that once Randall Justice’s resignation is accepted the
31 council has 30 days to replace him and usually, Council President notifies chairman of political
32 party of resigning council member.

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34 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:42 by Paul Swangren, Jr second by Kleon Zimmerman
35 Motion carried.

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37 Meeting adjourned.

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39 Respectfully submitted,

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41 Susan Davidson
42 Borough Manager/Secretary

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