

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-August 14, 2023**

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff, President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Kleon  
4 Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr., Ryan Cochran, Bonnie Young, Tonya Haynes.

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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 Thomas Murray, Jr-219 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St Akron
- 12 Tom Burnett 724 Fulton St. Akron
- 13 Gene Melocheck 105 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St Akron
- 14 Sue Glick 119 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Akron
- 15 West Earl Police Officer Jeremy Sorenson

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18 **Roll Call**

- 19 Kleon Zimmerman-present
- 20 Paul Swangren, Jr-present
- 21 Ryan Cochran-present
- 22 Bonnie Young-present
- 23 Nathan Imhoff President-present
- 24 Justin Gehman Vice President-present
- 25 Tonya Haynes-present
- 26 Mayor John McBeth-present

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

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30 **Approval of Minutes**

- 31 Motion to approve minutes for *July 24, 2023*
- 32 Motion to approve by Ryan Cochran second by Justin Gehman
- 33 Discussion: none
- 34 Motion approved

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36 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

37 Gene Melocheck 105 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Akron

38 Shared with Council his concerns about a neighbor’s dog consistently coming into his yard and  
39 defecating. He has had numerous conversations with the neighbor regarding the dog with no  
40 resolution. He shared that he did put up a fence in an attempt to prevent the dog from entering  
41 his property to relieve itself. This has not worked as the dog leaves the owner’s property and  
42 comes around to an open side of the fence and defecates. He was asking for Council’s advice on  
43 how to deal with this concern. Police officer Jeremy Sorenson shared that he would need to

1 have proof that this particular dog was defecating on his property before anything could be  
2 done if reported.  
3 Nathan Imhoff agreed that the Council cannot do anything and that calling the police would be  
4 the course of action to take to remedy this issue.  
5 Tonya Haynes asked if there was a dog product that would help prevent the dog from coming  
6 into his yard. Melocheck did say that he had looked into some products. Justin Gehman  
7 suggested that a highlighted ordinance could be dropped off to the neighbor by the police. He  
8 said that he would try other options prior to doing the highlighted ordinance.

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10 **Zoom**-no one on zoom

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12 **Bills**

13 Ryan Cochran moved to approve the August 2023, Board of Akron disbursements and fund the  
14 appropriate account for the disbursements as reviewed by the Finance committee. Second by  
15 Kleon Zimmerman  
16 Motion carried

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18 **Reports/Announcements**

19 **Police**- Chief Higgins submitted the Police report prior to the meeting. Tentative day set up in  
20 September for Crossing Guard training at West Earl.

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22 **Mayor Report**

23 School Resource Officer Quarterly Report was distributed to the Mayor and Council  
24 Mayor McBeth mentioned that next year there will be “Every 15 minutes Program” about car  
25 accidents and this program is done prior to the Ephrata High School Prom.

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27 **Manager’s Report**

28 *Administration & Finance*

29 July 2023 month-end financials have been reconciled  
30 August 2023 payables will be reviewed by the Finance Committee  
31 Freedom Systems was working onsite for billing training on July 25 through July 27, 2023.  
32 Training went well and the water/sewer bills are being mailed on August 16, 2023.  
33 Staff will begin the 2024 budget preparation process this month and are asking Council  
34 chairpersons to please meet with us for your input in the budget. Staff is willing to meet  
35 anytime including evenings.

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37 *Parks & Property*

38 Staff would like to set up some meeting time with Tonya Haynes, newly appointed Council  
39 member and review the committee items and answer any questions.  
40 Estimated construction for the Colonial Park pavilion is August/September 2023.  
41 Staff met with Chad from C.S. Davidson and reviewed the plan for the stream restoration and  
42 rain garden. Invoices are being forwarded to National Fish and Wildlife and SRBC for  
43 reimbursement.

1 Borough Manager has noticed people wading into the pond at Roland Park and has notified the  
2 police to keep an eye out and make sure to ask them to get out of the pond.  
3 Restroom vandalism in the Broad St. Park again. Third time this month  
4 Considering cameras and staff did get a quote.  
5 Paul Swangren, Jr. recommended a trail cam until another system can be identified and  
6 installed

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8 *Streets*

9 Waiting to hear from C. S. Davidson regarding the final invoice (retainage) for Ankiewicz for the  
10 Sanitary Sewer Project.

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12 *Public Utilities*

13 A water main break on Dawn Avenue was repaired on July 18 and another water main break  
14 was identified on August 2, on S. Ninth St. and repaired on August 2, 2023. Martin Paving  
15 patched both areas on Monday, August 7, 2023. Sewer flows look good.

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17 *Community Relations*

18 Mitch and the Mood Swings concert on July 30, 2023 in the Roland Park was well attended and  
19 the next and last concert (Rizzetta's Tones) is scheduled for Sunday, September 3, 2023.  
20 National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 6pm to 9pm at the Broad St.  
21 Park. This event was well attended and considered a huge success. Officer Samantha Heise  
22 from the WEPD coordinated and planned for this community event. Staff extending a big thank  
23 you to Akron Borough staff who helped with setting up and cleaning up for the event. Thanks to  
24 the Akron Volunteer Fire Company and numerous others that helped make this community  
25 event successful.

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27 *Planning & Zoning*

28 No Planning Commission or Zoning Hearings currently scheduled.

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30 *Personnel*

31 The Emergency Management Coordinator position is being reviewed by the Personnel  
32 Committee.

33 Donald Johnson was hired as a FT Public Works employee (replacing Andrew Smith who  
34 resigned). Donald's first day was Monday, July 31, 2023.

35 Staff is moving forward with the advertising for the Director of Finance. Delay was due to  
36 unexpected resignation of the previous Administrative Assistant and the hiring and training of a  
37 new employee.

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39 *Other Business*

40 Friday, July 28, 2023 around 5:30 pm a power outage affected the west side of Akron and  
41 surrounding area and electric power was restored by approximately 8:30 pm. Staff did reach  
42 out to the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator as well as the Mayor and Council  
43 members. The Emergency Management Coordinator did have two air-conditioned buildings  
44 that could be opened to the public whose power was affected and needed to be out of the

1 heat. Power was restored before that was necessary. Recommendation to improve  
2 communication between EMC and staff.  
3 Violation/Weed letters continue to be sent out to residents regarding grass and weeds at the  
4 curb lines.  
5 The Akron Lions Club extended an invitation to Council members and Mayor to attend their  
6 next meeting which will be a picnic at Roland Park, Pavilion #1 on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at  
7 6:30 pm. Please contact staff if you will be attending.

8 *Board Vacancies*  
9 Building Code Appeals Board

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11 **Finance**-reviewed by Ryan Cochran  
12 Fund balances July 31, 2023

13 <b>General Fund</b> -\$206,694.64	<b>General Fund Reserves</b>
14 <b>Water Fund</b> -\$2,248.90	Restricted (Goal) \$144,363.00
15 <b>Sewer Fund</b> -\$164,914.79	Total-\$144,363.00

16 **Highway Aid**-\$52,331.81

17 **General Fund Reserves**

18       Restricted-\$158,000.00

19       Operating-\$114,834.28

20       Capital-\$115,142.18

21       Total-\$387,976.46

22 **Water Fund Reserves**

23       Restricted-\$72,992.00

24       Operating-\$201,745.91

25       Capital-\$0.00

26       Total-\$274,737.91

27 **Sewer Fund Reserves**

28       Restricted-\$121,822.00

29       Operating-\$274,344.44

30       Capital-\$0.00

31       Total-\$396,166.44

32 **Capital Projects**-\$1,016.44

33 **Community Fund**-2,087.95

34 **Non-Uniform Pension**-\$2440.44

35 **Total**-\$1,490,615.78

36 **Escrow**-\$6,266.75

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38 **Parks & Property**

39 No report as Tonya Haynes has just filled the new council position

40 Nathan Imhoff recommended that Tonya meet with both Sue Davidson and Sean Molchany.

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42 **Community Relations**

43 Bonnie Young shared that the Mitch and the Mood Swings concert was well attended.

44 Within the next two weeks Bonnie would like to interview Sue Davidson and Sean Molchany.

1 Last concert is scheduled for September 3, 2023 (Rizzetta's Tones)

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3 **Personnel Report**

4 Justin Gehman recommends a meet and greet of new employees with Council.

5 New employee started and doing well for Public works. Paul Swangren, Jr. will plan a meet and  
6 greet during the next Personnel meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023. Staff will be posting for  
7 the full-time budgeted finance position.

8 Paul Swangren, Jr. got in contact with Randy Gockley for the position of Emergency

9 Management Coordinator for Akron Borough. Paul Swangren, Jr. shared that Randy Gockley can  
10 review and offer new plan for Akron Borough at a small fee. Randy Gockley will forward this  
11 information to Paul.

12 Kleon Zimmerman recommended that there be better information regarding places to go for  
13 excess heat situations. Tonya Haynes recommended this information be placed in the  
14 newsletter.

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16 **Streets Report**

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18 **Public Utilities Report**

19 Water Meter Changing Program

20 Some meters will be replaced next year

21 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

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23 **Old Business**

24 Emergency Management Coordinator-in progress

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26 **New Business**

27 **A. Resolutions**

28 **B. Ordinances**

29 **C. Motions and Decisions**

30 **D. Acknowledgments**

31 **E. Other Business/Deliberations**

32 **F. Correspondence and Petitions**

33 a. Thank you letter from Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley for the 2023  
34 donation from Akron Borough.

35 b. Lancaster County Historic Preservation Summit Invitation-September 22, 2023

36 c. Ryan Aument is having a meet and greet at Roland Park Pav #1 on August 29<sup>th</sup>,  
37 2023

38 G. Justin Gehman heard back from the school counselors for Junior Council member  
39 and the meeting with the head counselor is scheduled for September 12, at 2:30  
40 p.m.

41 H. Frisbee Golf tournament at Roland Park this over the first weekend in August with  
42 good turnout mentioned by Paul Swangren, Jr.

43 **I. Executive Session**

44 **Additional Comment:**

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2 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:27 by Paul Swangren, Jr. second by Kleon Zimmerman

3 Motion carried

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6 Respectfully submitted,

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8 Susan Davidson

9 Borough Manager/Secretary