

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-August 28, 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.

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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 Sue Glick 119 S. 10th St. Akron
- 12 Larry Alexander-Ephrata Review
- 13 Tom Murray, Jr.-219 S. 11th St Akron
- 14 Chief Higgins West Earl Police Department

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16 **Roll Call**

- 17 Kleon Zimmerman-present
- 18 Paul Swangren, Jr-present
- 19 Ryan Cochran-present
- 20 Bonnie Young-present
- 21 Nathan Imhoff President-present
- 22 Justin Gehman Vice President-present
- 23 Tonya Haynes-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 *August 14, 2023*
- 30 Motion to approve by Paul Swangren, Jr second by Justin Gehman
- 31 Discussion: none
- 32 Motion approved

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34 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

35 **Zoom**-no one on zoom

36 **Bills**

37 **Reports/Announcements**

38 **Police**- none; October 26, 2023 accreditation official

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40 **Mayor Report**-none

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42 **Manager’s Report**

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- 1 1. “Never Forget 9/11 Cruise”-Susan Davidson was contacted by Akron Fire Police
2 regarding a motorcycle ride that will travel through Akron with request for help
3 going through the red light. Davidson requested a formal letter and certificate of
4 insurance and has not heard back from the coordinator of the ride. This is a PennDot
5 road and will need official approval from them. Davidson was told that it would take
6 approximately 5 minutes for the motorcycles to go through the red light in Akron.
7 The ride takes place from Manheim to Ephrata Elks. Nathan Imhoff mentioned that
8 the formal paperwork by this Friday, September 1, 2023 if the group wants fire
9 police assistance.
- 10 2. Staff would like to get budget meeting times set for the proposed 2024 budget.
11 Monday September 18, 2023 at 6pm was settled for the budget meeting with
12 further discussion if necessary.

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14 **Parks & Property**

15 Susan Davidson, Borough Manager mentioned that the bathrooms in Broad Street Park were
16 vandalized and staff are in process of getting cameras installed. Also, a small incident in Roland
17 Park restrooms where a person was found in the bathrooms after the park was closed.

18 Bathrooms have an automatic lock during night hours.

19 Sean Molchany, Assistant Borough Manager mentioned that on September 25 the project will
20 begin for the Pavilion at Colonial Park. Nathan recommended a ribbon cutting after completion
21 of the Pavilion.

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23 **Community Relations**

24 Bonnie Young wrote an article about our Borough Staff, Susan Davidson and Sean Molchany,
25 and sent to newspapers regarding their improvements in Akron.

26 Bonnie Young will be attending the meeting at Ephrata High School with Justin Gehman
27 regarding the Junior Council member.

28 On September 3, Ryan Cochran is scheduled to introduce band for the last concert this season
29 at the Roland Park as Bonnie Young will be on vacation.

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31 **Personnel Report**

32 Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned that there was a Meet and Greet at this evening’s Personnel
33 meeting so Council and Mayor could meet the new employees. Paul Also mentioned that the
34 full time Director of Finance position has been advertised.

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36 **Streets Report**

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39 **Public Utilities Report**

40 Grant for groundwater level monitoring. Tom Murray applied and got a grant from the
41 Susquehanna River Basin Commission for \$7,500.00 to replace transducers. Sewer flows remain
42 good.

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44 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

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Old Business

Bonnie Young moved to approve the proposal by Gockley Emergency Planning and Training for review and update of the Borough’s Emergency Management Plan in an amount not to exceed \$900.00 Second by Kleon Zimmerman

Discussion: Ryan Cochran asked if the EMC would write the plan or is it usual to pay for a plan? Either is appropriate.

Motion carried.

New Business

- 1. Ankiewicz Enterprises, Inc. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Change Order #4
 - a. Paul Swangren, Jr. moved to approve application for Change Order #4 for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to Ankiewicz Enterprises Inc. in accordance with the Borough’s Engineer recommendations in an amount not to exceed \$24,425.68. Second by Kleon Zimmerman.
 - b. Discussion: Paul Swangren, Jr. pointed out that the Borough engineer worked to get the issues corrected and credit from Ankiewicz. Ryan Cochran asked if the Akron Volunteer Fire department parking lot was assessed for damage. Sean Molchany said that it was not inspected as he did not give them permission to store items there. He will review the lot for damage.
Motion carried.
- 2. Resignation letter from Randall Justice from the Borough Planning Commission
 - a. Kleon Zimmerman moved to accept the Resignation from Randall Justice from the Borough Planning Commission; second by Justice Gehman
Motion carried

- A. Resolutions**
- B. Ordinances**
- C. Motions and Decisions**
- D. Acknowledgments**
- E. Other Business/Deliberations**
- F. Correspondence and Petitions**

- a. Ephrata Public Library 2024 Contribution Request
 - i. Requesting \$26,400 for 2024.
 - ii. Bonnie Young suggested meeting with the new Interim Ephrata Public Library Director and Nathan Imhoff agreed.

G. Executive Session

Additional Comment:

Adjournment -Motion to adjourn at 7:10 by Paul Swangren, Jr. second by Justin Gehman
Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

- 1 Susan Davidson
- 2 Borough Manager/Secretary
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