

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-September 11, 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 Sue Glick 119 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Akron
- 14 Chris Beiler, Akron
- 15 Chief Eric Higgins, West Earl Police Department

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17 **Roll Call**

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

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27 Meeting opened at 6:42 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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29 **Approval of Minutes**

- 30 Motion to approve minutes for *August 28, 2023*
- 31 Motion to approve by Bonnie Young second by Kleon Zimmerman
- 32 Discussion: none
- 33 Motion approved

34 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

- 35 None
- 36 **Zoom**-Ryan Cochran

37 **Bills**

- 38 Kleon Zimmerman moved to approve the September 2023, Akron disbursements and fund the  
39 appropriate account for the disbursements as reviewed by the Finance committee. Second by  
40 Justin Gehman
- 41 Motion carried

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43 **Reports/Announcements**

- 44 **Police**- West Earl Police Department Report distributed to Council and Mayor

1 Chief Higgins is attending a 14-week Command & Leadership course  
2 West Earl Police Department Report reflected calls for service, traffic citations, traffic  
3 warnings and criminal arrests for August 2023  
4 Kleon Zimmerman reminded Chief Higgins that during the fair week that traffic will bypass 272  
5 and speed down S. Ninth St.  
6 Police Liaison meeting will be held Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6pm, which is a public  
7 meeting and the meeting will be at West Earl Municipal Building.

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9 **Mayor Report**

- 10 1. Street closure request from Akron Volunteer Fire Company on October 25, 2023 for the  
11 Annual Halloween Parade was signed by Mayor McBeth. The parade will be throughout  
12 the original route in years past starting and Broad Street and ending at the Akron Fire  
13 Hall.  
14 2. Council discussed putting the Mayor's phone number on the newsletter as requested by  
15 the Mayor. Nathan Imhoff reviewed a number of municipalities to review how they  
16 present the Mayors' phone numbers. Mayor McBeth also randomly checked for Mayor  
17 phone numbers at a few municipalities and did find phone numbers for a few Mayors.  
18 Nathan Imhoff views it as a safety issue not to have the Mayor's and council members  
19 phone numbers available. Mayor McBeth feels that for the convenience of the public  
20 that his number should be available. Staff will put the Mayor's phone number on the  
21 newsletter.

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23 **Manager's Report**

24 *Administration & Finance*

25 Month end financials for August 2023 have been reconciled  
26 The Finance Committee will review the September 2023 payables  
27 Staff has begun preparing for the 2024 budget process and is asking Council chairpersons to  
28 meet with staff for input on the budget  
29 Staff is available to meet anytime including evenings. The first budget meeting is scheduled for  
30 Monday, September 28, 2023 at 6 p.m.

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32 *Parks & Property*

33 Staff met with Tonya Haynes on September 6, 2023 and outlined the park committee items and  
34 gave a background on the history of the Akron Parks. Staff also answered questions from Tonya  
35 about serving on Council and the Parks Committee.  
36 Graffiti was found at the Broad St Park on some picnic tables. Public Works has cleaned them  
37 up. Cameras will be installed at the Broad St. Park restrooms the week of September 11, 2023.  
38 Pete Rush was waiting for a parts delivery.  
39 Staff met with Chad from C.S. Davidson and reviewed the plan for the stream restoration and  
40 rain garden. Invoices that were forwarded to SRBC for reimbursement were processed and the  
41 Borough has been reimbursed \$48,392.04.

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43 *Streets*  
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1 *Public Utilities*

2 A request for payment #5 from Ankeiwicz for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Project  
3 was forwarded to Council and will be on the September 11, 2023 agenda.  
4 Sewer flows continue to look good and continue to monitor the water table during this drought  
5 and is looking good  
6 Staff is still waiting for an estimate on the inlet repair at 451 S. Ninth St  
7 The annual MS4 report is due to DEP on September 30, 2023. C.S. Davidson and staff are  
8 reviewing the final draft and should be on the agenda for the September 18, 2023 meeting.  
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10 *Community Relations*

11 The final concert for 2023 featuring “Rizzetta’s Tones” at Roland Park was held on Sunday,  
12 September 3, 2023  
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14 *Planning & Zoning*

15 No Planning Commission or Zoning Hearings currently scheduled.  
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17 *Personnel*

18 The Emergency Management Coordinator proposal was approved at the August 28, 2023  
19 Council meeting and the signed copy was sent back to Randy Gockley. Staff will meet with  
20 Randy Gockley to review next steps for updating the EMC plan.  
21 Staff advertised for the Director of Finance and is scheduling interviews for the week of  
22 September 11, 2023.  
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24 *Other Business*

25 Violation/Weed letters continue to be sent addressing grass and weeds at the curb line.  
26 The Ephrata Fair is the week of September 25<sup>th</sup> and the Akron Lions Club will be using the lodge  
27 that week for preparing the toasted cheeseburgers.  
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29 *Board Vacancies*

30 Building Code Appeals Board  
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32 **Finance**-reviewed by Ryan Cochran

33 Fund balances August 31, 2023

34 <b>General Fund</b> -\$285,688.85	<b>General Fund Reserves</b>
35 <b>Water Fund</b> -\$984.40	Restricted (Goal) \$144,363.00
36 <b>Sewer Fund</b> -\$125,429.18	Total-\$144,363.00

37 **Highway Aid**-\$52,559.27

38 **General Fund Reserves**

39 Restricted-\$158,000.00

40 Operating-\$116,515.52

41 Capital-\$115,142.18

42 Total-\$389,657.70

43 **Water Fund Reserves**

44 Restricted-\$72,992.00

1           Operating-\$203,006.83  
2           Capital-\$0.00  
3           Total-\$275,998.83  
4   **Sewer Fund Reserves**  
5           Restricted-\$121,822.00  
6           Operating-\$272,913.02  
7           Capital-\$0.00  
8           Total-\$394,735.02  
9   **Capital Projects**-\$1,070.45  
10 **Community Fund**-2,087.95  
11 **Non-Uniform Pension**-\$3,764.64  
12 **Total**-\$1,531,976.29  
13 **Escrow**-\$6,290.38

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15 **Parks & Property**

16 Tonya Haynes met with staff to discuss her role on Council and to review Parks and Property  
17 information. Roland Park restrooms will close November through March. Lodge and Pavilions  
18 are booked a year out. One of busiest parks in Lancaster County. \$800,000.00 grant was  
19 awarded Akron Borough for erosion prevention. Broad St Park pavilion can be reserved.  
20 Colonial Park has received a donation from Rosenberg for a pavilion to be built and will be  
21 completed this year.

22 **Community Relations**

23 The article written by Bonnie Young on Akron Borough improvements made it into the papers.  
24 Bonnie apologized to Tom Murray, Jr. for not including his grant writing and acceptance as it  
25 was noted after her deadline. Bonnie would like to know if there is anything she should include  
26 in her next media report.  
27 Mayor suggested that Bonnie begin to think about the New Years Eve Shoe-In event in Akron to  
28 begin advertising for volunteers. Bonnie will write an article in mid-November for the luminary  
29 walk.

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31 **Personnel Report**

32 Advertised for finance position but did not get a huge response; will start interviewing soon.

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34 **Streets Report**

35 Justin Gehman is meeting with Staff this week this week to discuss 2024 streets budget. Tom  
36 Murray, Jr mentioned a section of street lights along 272in Akron Borough have been converted  
37 to LED lights by PPL.

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39 **Public Utilities Report**

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42 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

43 Paul Swangren, Jr is the chairperson of the Personnel committee and Bonnie Young requested  
44 to be a part of the Personnel committee.

1 Tonya Haynes will be chairperson of Parks and Property Committee and Ryan Cochran would be  
2 committee member on Parks and Property.

3 **Old Business**

- 4 1. Pilgrims Mennonite church Luminary Walk and Caroling in December 2023 at Roland  
5 Park

6 Name change suggested to reflect Akron Borough: Akron Community Luminary Walk is  
7 scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 6pm-8pm with back up Saturday,  
8 December 16, 2023

9 Looking to include all churches in Akron and volunteers as well.

10 Bonnie Young volunteered to help with the Luminary Walk  
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12 **New Business**

- 13 1. Ankiewicz Enterprises, Inc. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Change Order #5

- 14 a. Kleon Zimmerman moved to approve application for Change Order #5 for the  
15 2022 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to Ankiewicz Enterprises Inc. in  
16 accordance with the Borough's Engineer recommendations in an amount not to  
17 exceed \$29,690.50 and approve payment #5 in an amount not to exceed  
18 \$131,857.68. Second by Paul Swangren, Jr.

19 Motion carried

- 20 2. Ten Thousand Villages Warehouse Sale

- 21 a. Informational only

22 **A. Resolutions**

23 **B. Ordinances**

24 **C. Motions and Decisions**

25 **D. Acknowledgments**

26 **E. Other Business/Deliberations**

- 27 a. Nathan Imhoff recommended to cancel the September 25, 2023 Council  
28 meeting due to the previous budget meeting that will be held on September  
29 18, 2023 and Ephrata Fair.

30 i. Motion by Justin Gehman second by Paul Swangren, Jr

31 ii. Motion carried

- 32 b. Nathan Imhoff and Bonnie Young will be meeting with new Ephrata Library  
33 Interim Director and the Library council president this week and hoping to  
34 build bridge between Akron Borough and the Ephrata Library

35 **F. Correspondence and Petitions**

36 **G. Executive Session**

37 **Additional Comment:**

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

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42 Respectfully submitted,

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44 Susan Davidson-Borough Manager/Secretary