

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-March 25, 2024**

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3 **Council Members Present-** Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Kleon Zimmerman, Paul Swangren,  
4 Jr.; Bonnie Young, Tonya Haynes; Max Herman-Junior Council Member; Rebecca Abraham-  
5 Junior Council Member. (Nathan Imhoff, Ryan Cochran, Earianne Evangelista not present)

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7 **Others Present:** Mayor John McBeth, Sean Molchany, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Asst.  
8 Borough Manager; Valerie Wagner, Director of Finance; Suzanne Lausch, Minute Taker

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10 **Visitors:**

11 John Taylor, 216 S 8<sup>th</sup> St Akron

12 Sue Glick

13 Larry Alexander, Ephrata Review

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-absent

20 Bonnie Young-present

21 Nathan Imhoff President-absent

22 Justin Gehman Vice President-present

23 Tonya Haynes-present

24 Mayor John McBeth-present

25 Earianne Evangelista-Junior Council Member-absent

26 Rebecca Abraham-Junior Council Member-present

27 Max Herman-Junior Council Member-present

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

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31 **Approval of Minutes**

32 Motion to approve March 11, 2024 minutes by Paul Swangren, Jr; second by Tonya Haynes

33 Discussion: Bonnie Young addressed line 24 page 2. Tonya Haynes made statement regarding  
34 checking with Lancaster about chipping animals not Bonnie Young.

35 Paul Swangren, Jr. motioned to amend council meeting minutes for March 11, 2024 regarding  
36 Tonya Haynes, not Bonnie Young, making statement regarding checking with Lancaster about  
37 chipping animals. Seconded by Tonya Haynes.

38 Motion approved

39 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

40 **Zoom:** none

41 **Bills-**none

42 **Reports/Announcements**

43 **Police Report**

1 “Coffee with a Cop” will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Akron Borough Office on  
2 Tuesday, March 26, 2024.  
3 The next Akron Borough and West Earl Police Liaison meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April  
4 10, 2024 at 6pm at Akron Borough Offices.  
5 Chief Higgins answered a question from the Mayor McBeth regarding a call for Akron.  
6 Reclassification of call type was made.  
7 **Mayor Report**  
8 Nothing to report  
9 **Manager’s Report**  
10 The next Council meeting on April 8, 2024 Herbein & Co will be on the agenda to review the  
11 2023 annual audit. The Finance Chairperson and staff met with Herbein & Co to review the  
12 audit and there were no issues.  
13 **Finance**-none  
14 **Community Relations**  
15 Bonnie Young did two interviews including Chief Higgins and West Earl Police Department ;  
16 Bonnie also interviewed Ryan Spenser from Rosenberger for a news release and requested a  
17 photo op for the pavilion at Colonial Park. Bonnie mentioned that she wrote two articles for  
18 this event.  
19 **Parks & Property**  
20 Roland Park project still in progress. Staff will be meeting next week with the engineer for a progress  
21 report.  
22 April 27, 2024 is the scheduled date for ribbon cutting for the Colonial Park pavilion.  
23 Tonya Haynes and Earianne Evangelista are Planning a cultural night for Saturday, June 15, 2023 with  
24 cultural foods for the community at the Roland Park Lodge.  
25 **Personnel Report**  
26 Senior Officials Workshop-All Hazards Preparedness-part of emergency management plan. Let  
27 staff know if anyone wants to attend. Staff will send e-mail regarding the course with additional  
28 details.  
29 A Personnel meeting was held at 6pm prior to Council meeting to review transition from  
30 Davidson to Molchany as Borough Manager. Both managers met with staff to update them on  
31 changes.  
32 The updated Emergency Management plan is moving forward. Staff will reach out to Randy  
33 Gockley for a draft of the plan so Council can review. Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned that the  
34 plan is a living breathing document that will need updated at times because of things changing.  
35 **Streets Report**  
36 Street sweeping is scheduled for Thursday, April 4 & Friday April 5, 2024.  
37 **Public Utilities Report**-none  
38 **Junior Council Members Report**  
39 Nothing to report  
40 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**  
41 Vacancy Board Appointment-John Taylor  
42 Motion made by Kleon Zimmerman to appoint John Taylor to the Borough of Akron Vacancy  
43 Board; second by Paul Swangren, Jr.  
44 Motion carried

1 **Old Business**

2 **New Business**

3 **Resolutions**

4 **A. Ordinances**

5 **B. Motions and Decisions**

6 **C. Acknowledgments**

7 **D. Other Business/Deliberations**

8 **E. Correspondence and Petitions**

9 **F. Executive Session**

10 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 6:46 by Paul Swangren, Jr.; second by Kleon Zimmerman

11 Motion carried.

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13 Meeting adjourned.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

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17 Susan Davidson

18 Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary

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