

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-July 8, 2024**

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff-President; Justin Gehman, Vice-President; Kleon
4 Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr., Ryan Cochran, Tonya Haynes, Bonnie Young (Zoom), Max
5 Herman-Junior Council Member

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7 **Others Present:** Mayor John McBeth, Sean Molchany, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Asst
8 Borough Manager; Suzanne Lausch, Minute Taker

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10 **Visitors:**

- 11 John Taylor, 216 S 8th St Akron
- 12 West Earl Police Officer Mitchell Rogers
- 13 Sue Glick, 119 S. Tenth St. Akron
- 14 Martin Sweigart, 319 Fulton St. Akron
- 15 Robert Weaver, HVMI
- 16 Jaclyn and Sam Hurst, 699 Broad St. Akron
- 17 Alyssa Vasyanovich 639 Fulton St. Akron
- 18 Anthony Schaeffer, Main St. Akron

19 **Roll Call**

- 20 Kleon Zimmerman-present
- 21 Paul Swangren, Jr-present
- 22 Ryan Cochran-present
- 23 Bonnie Young-present via Zoom
- 24 Tonya Haynes-present
- 25 Nathan Imhoff President-present
- 26 Justin Gehman Vice President-present
- 27 Mayor John McBeth-present
- 28 Max Herman-Junior Council Member-present

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

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32 **Approval of Minutes**

33 Ryan Cochran made a motion to approve the Borough of Akron Council meeting minutes for
34 June 24, 2024; second by Tonya Haynes
35 Discussion: none
36 Motion approved

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39 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

40 Anthony Schaeffer mentioned that he is waiting on an e-mail from Council in regards to the
41 ordinance on chickens. Nathan Imhoff stated that he sent a response and will send it again.

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43 Jaclyn Hurst from 699 Broad Street requested information on how to start getting a street light
44 on Broad Street. Sean Molchany, Borough Manager mentioned the next step would be staff

1 looking at the area and then Council will discuss and advise. Council could ask for a petition of
2 the neighborhood if necessary. Molchany mentioned the process can takes up to eight months
3 to two years.

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5 **Bills**

6 Ryan Cochran made a motion to approve the July 2024 Borough of Akron disbursements and
7 fund the appropriate account for the disbursements as reviewed by the Finance committee.

8 Second by Kleon Zimmerman

9 Motion carried

10 **Reports/Announcements**

11 **Police**

12 Officer Mitchell Rogers was present at the meeting. The current Police report was sent to
13 Council and Mayor. Officer Rogers mentioned that a new police officer is being sworn in tonight
14 during the West Earl Supervisors meeting.

15 **Mayor Report**

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17 Mayor McBeth mentioned that he attended the Cocalico Historical Society event and shared
18 how Denver Borough got its name.

19 **Manager's Report**

20 *Administration & Finance*

21 June 2024 month -end financials have been reconciled.

22 July 2024 payables was reviewed by Finance Committee.

23 *Parks & Property*

24 Stream Embankment/Rain Garden plans have been submitted to the state for permitting. Staff
25 continues to meet with the Borough engineer to review the next steps as we move forward
26 with the project. Bids were opened on June 26, 2024. Aquatic Resource gave the low bid at
27 \$749, 889.15 and Flyway Excavating gave bid of \$798,888.00. The bid came in higher than
28 expected but our engineer is optimistic that the Borough can get additional grant money for
29 this project from SRBC. This would come under the same SRBC grant and the grant would have
30 to be updated by resolution.

31 Bid/Construction Schedule:

32 Project awarded-July8, 2024

33 Notice to Proceed: August 6, 2024

34 End construction (90-day contract): November 4, 2024

35 The garage at Pavilion 1 in Roland Park has been cleaned out (not entirely) by Frank Wolf.

36 *Streets*

37 Highland Alley paving is set for August 5, 2024.

38 Traffic signal update-The Borough authorized TRG to begin the permit process on June 10,
39 2024.

40 Staff requested that C.S. Davidson prepare and submit an emergency highway occupancy
41 permit to PennDOT for the sanitary sewer repairs on N. Farmersville Road.

42 TRG is a traffic engineer company working within Lancaster and York counties

43 *Public Utilities*

44 Sewer flow numbers are down and the borough is out of penalty

1 It is anticipated that Entech will deliver a draft report on the Borough standpipe to the Borough
2 by July 12, 2024 and will be on the agenda for July 22, 2024 council meeting for discussion.

3 Water tables are currently fine

4 *Community Relations*

5 Mitch & the Mood Swings Concert was cancelled for Sunday June 30, but the rain date is
6 Sunday, July 28, 2024.

7 Movie Nights at the Broad Street Park is hosted by Cultivate Church in Akron and movies are
8 scheduled for Fridays: July 26, August 16 and September 20, 2024. The borough did receive a
9 certificate of insurance because this is not a Borough sponsored event.

10 *Planning & Zoning*

11 No Zoning hearings scheduled at this time.

12 C.S. Davidson is recommending based on their inspection of installed improvements for HVMI
13 that the security be reduced by \$643,586.20 for a total remaining amount of \$401,571.82. This
14 item will be on the July 8, 2024 council meeting agenda.

15 The building permit for 1015 & 1019 Main Street for new construction has been submitted for
16 review by Bollinger Builders.

17 *Personnel*

18 Staff will contact Randy Gockley to check on the status of the draft. Staff is suggesting that
19 council waits to approve the plan until an Emergency Management Coordinator is appointed
20 and that individual has an opportunity to review the draft plan.

21 Emergency Management Coordinator update: Aaron Murray and Brian Brooks have both
22 withdrew their resumes for the position. A new resume was forwarded to the Personnel
23 Chairperson for review.

24 Justin Gehman has reached out to two potential Jr. Council members. Martin Sweigart and
25 Alyssa Vasyanovich will be attending the July 8, 2024 meeting.

26 *Other Business*

27 At the last liaison meeting in April 2024, staff noted that the current contract is up at the end of
28 2025 and it is never too late to start contract discussions. Staff did reach out to the West Earl
29 Manager to arrange a meeting time with council and supervisors to begin discussions. West Earl
30 did reach out with some dates in July.

31 Staff from West Earl and Akron Borough will meet again on July 17, 2024 to finalize plans for
32 the 2024 National Night Out Event scheduled for August 6, 2024 at the Broad Street Park.

33 The Ambulance Report was sent via e-mail per Council's request.

34 *Board Vacancies*

35 Building Code Appeals Board

36 Vacancy Board

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1 **Finance**-reviewed by Ryan Cochran
 2 Fund balances June 30,2024
 3 **General Fund**-\$330,953.61 **General Fund Reserves**
 4 **Water Fund**-\$25,621.59 Restricted (Goal) \$100,000.00
 5 **Sewer Fund**-\$161,721.64 Total-\$100,00.00
 6 **Highway Aid**-\$179,898.57
 7 **General Fund Reserves**
 8 Restricted-\$102,363.00
 9 Operating-\$137,679.85
 10 Capital-\$111,520.54
 11 Total-\$351,563.39
 12 **Water Fund Reserves**
 13 Restricted-\$72,992.00
 14 Operating-\$168,695.65
 15 Capital-\$0.00
 16 Total-\$241,687.65
 17 **Sewer Fund Reserves**
 18 Restricted-\$121,822.00
 19 Operating-\$189,514.04
 20 Capital-\$0.00
 21 Total-\$311,336.04
 22 **Capital Projects**-\$2051.90
 23 **Community Fund**-\$1703.59
 24 **Non-Uniform Pension**-\$3,764.64
 25 **Total**-\$1,610,302.62
 26 **Escrow**-\$15,193.41

27 **Community Relations**

28 Bonnie Young thanked Tonya Haynes for assisting in communication to Mitch and the Mood
 29 Swings concert.

30 Bonnie will write a news release for National Day Out in the next couple weeks

31 **Parks & Property**

32 Roland Park project will be beginning in August, Tonya Haynes asked if the Borough has ever
 33 used any of the bid companies prior to this project. Nathan Imhoff shared that the Borough had
 34 Flyway Excavating do the stream embankment on Bomberger Road. Tonya asked how the
 35 project would affect users of the Roland Park. Molchany mentioned areas will be fenced off as
 36 the project progresses and will keep residents and the public updated on the progress of the
 37 project and park availability.

38 **Junior Council Members Report**

39 Interview for 2024-2025 Junior Council Members

40 Justin Gehman again asked the Ephrata High School counselors to advise council on new Junior
 41 Council members. Council asked each candidate for Junior Council member to share their
 42 reasons for wanting to be on Akron Borough Council.

1 Alyssa Vasyanovich shared that she moved from Ephrata to Akron and enjoys living in Akron
2 and feels like the community is welcoming and friendly. She works as a delivery driver for JD
3 Pazzo. She would be honored to be selected to be a Junior Council member
4 Martin Sweigart shared that he will be a senior at Ephrata High School and lives in Akron. He
5 likes living in Akron and would like to be on the council to get experience and is interested in
6 Urban planning. He mentioned learning about leadership values and skills as a council
7 participant.
8 Tonya Haynes asked, “How do you see your role on council affecting your community as well as
9 Ephrata High School. Martin thought it would bring more connection between Ephrata and
10 Akron and improve Ephrata High School. Alyssa says she would like to share their perspective as
11 young adults in the community.

12 Bonnie Young complemented both Junior Council applicants on their desire to be Council
13 members.

14 Paul Swangren, Jr. shared that he saw that both of them are on the National Honor Society.
15 Alyssa participates in several band groups as well as German Honor Society. Martin is on cross
16 country, National German Honor Society participant-secretary and plays violin. The Jr. Council
17 appointment will be discussed at the next Personnel meeting.

18 **Personnel Report**

19 Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned that the two Emergency Management Coordinator position
20 applicants withdrew their interest. Paul received information from another interested applicant
21 and Personnel Committee will review at the next Personnel meeting. Paul Swangren, Jr. also
22 mentioned the 2024-2025 Jr. Council member appointments will also be discussed at the July
23 22, 2024 Personnel meeting.

24 **Streets Report**

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26 **Public Utilities Report**

27 none

28 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

29 **Old Business**

30 **New Business**

31 **A. Resolutions**

32 **B. Ordinances**

33 **C. Motions and Decisions**

- 34 a. Tonya Haynes made a motion to award the low bid to Aquatic Resource for
35 Roland Park Project in amount not to exceed \$749,889.15 second by Kleon
36 Zimmerman; motion carried
37 b. Paul Swangren, Jr., based on inspection of improvements, made a motion for
38 a security reduction of \$643,586.20 for a total remaining amount to be
39 \$401,571.82 for Handi-Vangelism Project second by Ryan Cochran; motion
40 carried

41 **D. Acknowledgments**

42 **E. Other Business/Deliberations**

43 **F. Correspondence and Petitions**

44 **G. Executive Session**

1 **Executive Session**

2 **Additional Comment:**

3 Ryan Cochran asked about street projects. Sean Molchany mentioned the Streets Committee
4 needs to meet to discuss future street plans.

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6 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn was made by Justin Gehman.; second by Kleon Zimmerman
7 Motion carried.

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9 Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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11 Respectfully submitted,

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13 Susan Davidson

14 Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary

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