

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-July 22, 2024**

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff-President, Kleon Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr.,
4 Bonnie Young, Tonya Haynes (Justin Gehman and Ryan Cochran not present)

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6 **Others Present:** Mayor John McBeth; Sean Molchany, Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Asst
7 Borough Manager; Valerie Wagner; Director of Finance; 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 Anthony Sheaffer 110 Main St. Akron
- 13 Officer Rogers, West Earl Police Department
- 14 Tom Burnett-724 Fulton St. Akron

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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 Tonya Haynes-present
- 22 Nathan Imhoff President-present
- 23 Justin Gehman Vice President-absent
- 24 Mayor John McBeth-present
- 25 Max Herman-Junior Council Member-absent

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

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29 **Approval of Minutes**

- 30 • Paul Swangren, Jr. made a motion to approve the Borough of Akron Council meeting
31 minutes for July 8, 2024 with second by Kleon Zimmerman
- 32 • Discussion: page 3 line 14-C.S. Davidson.... change date from 2020 to 2024

33 Motion approved

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35 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

36 Zoom-none

37 **Bills**

38 **Reports/Announcements**

39 **Police**

40 No report

41 Tonya asked about update on the “found dogs” running free and how the Police Department is
42 handling them at this time. Officer Rogers responded most are claimed by the owners and
43 when we can’t locate the owners the animals are taken to the Humane League.

44 **Mayor Report**

1 Mayor McBeth asked if borough council would consider return to “chicken issue” ordinance
2 regarding previous discussions. Mayor wondered why there was a change regarding structures
3 in the first place. Sean Molchany, Borough Manager mentioned that this issue was discussed
4 during the zoning ordinance update by the Planning Commission and Borough Council.
5 Molchany also added that it is Council’s decision what they want to do, but are we changing the
6 ordinance for just one resident.
7 Discussion ensued regarding the process to change the ordinance.
8 Mayor McBeth sent an e-mail to council members regarding ADA access at gazebo in Roland
9 Park. Kleon Zimmerman asked the mayor what he expected from Council. Discussion ensued
10 regarding ADA requirements and budgeting for the access. The mayor mentioned why are we
11 spending money on the Roland Park Project and not ADA which is required by law. Assistant
12 Borough Manager Susan Davidson mentioned that the Roland Park Project must be completed
13 by the end of this year so that we are in compliance with DEP and EPA regulations. The majority
14 of this project is being funded by grant money from SRBC and NFWF. Also mentioned was ADA
15 requirements were not in place when the gazebo was constructed in the 1980’s. Mayor McBeth
16 stated that ADA was in place when the steps were added in 2005. Molchany mentioned that
17 staff did have two separate engineering quotes on ADA updates at the gazebo – one estimate
18 was \$30,000-\$40,000 and a later estimate was approximately \$70,000. Discussion on removing
19 the Gazebo from the rental list related to lack of ADA requirements.

20 **Manager’s Report-no report**

21 *Administration & Finance*

22 **Finance**

23 Nothing to report

24 **Community Relations**

25 National Night Out Event-August 6, 2024 6pm-9pm

26 Mitch & the Mood Swings Concert-July 28, 2024

27 Bonnie wrote a news release for new concert date and also interviewed Ryan Lessing and wrote
28 a news release for National Night Out

29 Committee met for the National Night Out and the planning is completed and it will be a bigger
30 event this year.

31 **Parks & Property**

32 Nothing to report

33 **Junior Council Members Report**

34 Nothing to report

35 **Personnel Report**

36 Paul Swangren, Jr. mentioned there was a Personnel meeting before the Council meeting.

37 Discussed the Emergency Management Coordinator position. Paul also mentioned receiving a
38 resume from William Howard who serves as West Earl Township Emergency Manager. Howard
39 has all the qualifications necessary and Paul would like to appoint him as the new Emergency
40 Management Coordinator. This is a volunteer position.

41 Paul Swangren, Jr. recommended that Council accept both Junior Council members that applied
42 for the 2024-2025 Jr. Council term.

43 **Streets Report**

44 Staff is coordinating meeting to discuss road improvements for next year.

1 **Public Utilities Report**

2 Nothing to report

3 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

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5 **Old Business**

6 Nathan Imhoff asked about the previous request from a resident to add a street light to her
7 street. Sean Molchany reviewed the street in question. Discussion on another resident request
8 to redirect a street light on her street. PPL needs to be involved in changes.

9 Sean Molchany mentioned at the last Council meeting it was discussed awarding the Roland
10 Park project. Staff reached out to get an additional \$50,000.00 added to the current SRBC grant
11 to cover the shortfall. Paul Swangren, Jr. asked Bonnie Young to write a news release regarding
12 the grant and start date of the Roland Park project. It was also mentioned that staff will keep
13 the public aware of the actual project and the work being done and what sections of the park
14 may not be accessible.

15 **New Business**

16 **Resolutions**

17 **A. Ordinances**

18 **B. Motions and Decisions**

- 19 a. Tonya Haynes made a motion that the Gazebo located in Roland Park not be
20 rented in the future; second by Paul Swangren, Jr. Motion carried.
- 21 b. Paul Swangren, Jr. made a motion to send a letter notifying Greg Leisey, the
22 current Emergency Management Coordinator, that the Borough will no longer
23 need his services and to thank him for his many years as the Borough
24 Emergency Management Coordinator; second by Tonya Haynes.

25 Paul Swangren, Jr. amended the motion to include a tree planting on recognition
26 row per Mayor McBeth request; second by Tonya Haynes amended her second to
27 the motion. Motion carried

28 **C. Acknowledgments**

29 **D. Other Business/Deliberations**

30 **E. Correspondence and Petitions**

31 **F. Executive Session**

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33 **Additional Comment:**

34 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. by Paul Swangren, Jr. second by Kleon
35 Zimmerman.
36 Motion carried.

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38 Respectfully submitted,
39 Susan Davidson
40 Asst. Borough Manager/Secretary

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