

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-August 12, 2024**

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

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7 **Others Present:** John McBeth, Mayor; 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 Chief Higgins, West Earl Police Department  
13 Sue Glick, 119 S Tenth St, Akron  
14 Aaron Murray, Akron Volunteer Fire Company  
15 Glen Beiler, 117 Broad St, Akron  
16 Anthony Sheaffer, 110 Main St Akron

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18 **Roll Call**

19 Kleon Zimmerman-present  
20 Paul Swangren, Jr-present  
21 Ryan Cochran-present  
22 Bonnie Young-present  
23 Nathan Imhoff President-present  
24 Justin Gehman Vice President-present  
25 Tonya Haynes-present  
26 Mayor John McBeth-present  
27 Max Herman-Junior Council Member-present  
28 Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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30 **Approval of Minutes**

31 Motion to approve minutes from July 22, 2024 meeting by Bonnie Young second by Kleon  
32 Zimmerman  
33 Discussion: page 2, line 14: add, "ADA was in place when the steps were constructed around  
34 2005". Mayor brought this to the attention of council members.  
35 Bonnie Young amended her motion to approve with the additional comment and Kleon  
36 Zimmerman amended his second to the motion. Motion approved.

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38 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

39 None

40 **Bills**

41 Ryan Cochran moved to approve the August 2024 Borough of Akron disbursements and fund  
42 the appropriate account for the disbursements as reviewed by the Finance committee. Second  
43 by Kleon Zimmerman  
44 Motion carried

1 **Reports/Announcements**

2 **Police**

3 Police report in books for council members. National Night Out rescheduled for Tuesday,  
4 August 20, 2024. All vendors are available. New officer, Wilberto Torres has been hired and is  
5 attending the Reading Academy with a graduation of December 20, 2024. West Earl requires a  
6 3-year commitment for officers attending the Academy through the township.

7 **Mayor Report**

8 School Resource Quarterly Report-in the council notebooks

9 **Manager’s Report**

10 *Administration & Finance*

11 July 2024 month -end financials have been reconciled.  
12 August 2024 payables will be reviewed by Finance Committee.  
13 Staff has begun work on the 2025 proposed Borough budget. Committee chairpersons please  
14 reach out to staff to schedule a meeting time to review next year’s budget items.  
15 Streets committee has already reached out for a meeting.

16 *Parks & Property*

17 Stream Embankment/Rain Garden update at Roland Park-staff met for a pre-construction  
18 meeting at Roland Park with Aquatic Resource, C.S. Davidson and Land Studies on Thursday,  
19 August 1, 2024. Notice to Proceed is August 6, 2024, but actual construction probably won’t  
20 commence until August 19, 2024. Staff will keep Council and the public updated on the  
21 construction and what areas of the park will be affected.  
22 The SRBC grant amount for the Roland Park project was increased by \$50,000.00 for a total of  
23 \$798,770.71.

24 Bid/Construction Schedule:

- 25 Project awarded: July 8, 2024
- 26 Pre-construction Meeting: August 1, 2024
- 27 Notice to Proceed: August 6, 2024
- 28 End Construction (90-day contract): November 4, 2024.

29 The garage at Pavilion 1 in Roland Park has been cleaned out.

30 *Streets*

31 The date for paving Highland Alley was August 9, 2024, but due to inclement weather the work  
32 will be done at a later date. Businesses will be sent an updated letter with the new paving date.  
33 August 30, 2024 is the next date for the paving and the company will have a rain date for staff.  
34 Update on traffic signal through TRG-permit has been submitted to PennDOT.  
35 Staff requested that C.S. Davidson prepare and submit an emergency highway occupancy  
36 permit to PennDOT for the sanitary sewer repairs on N. Farmersville Road. This permit has been  
37 received.

38 *Public Utilities*

39 Public Works will need to pull manholes after the heavy rains to identify I&I problems.  
40 Copies of the Entech report for the standpipe will be with the August Council packets.  
41 DEP has reached out to schedule a full routine water inspection. The last inspection was done in  
42 2020. September 5, 2024 is the date for the inspection

43 *Community Relations*

44 Mitch & the Mood Swings Concert was held at pavilion #2 on Sunday, July 28, 2024.

1 Movie Nights at the Broad St Park are hosted by Cultivate Church in Akron. Movies are  
2 scheduled for Fridays: August 16 and September 20, 2024 are the remaining dates. Borough  
3 received a certificate of insurance as this was not a Borough sponsored event.

4 *Planning & Zoning*

5 No meetings scheduled at this time

6 The building permit for 1015 and 1019 Main Street for new construction has been submitted  
7 and construction has commenced.

8 *Personnel*

9 Randy Gockley did submit a cleaned-up draft of the Emergency Management Policy. Staff will  
10 review with the newly appointed Emergency Management Coordinator.

11 *Other Business*

12 Akron Borough and West Earl met to discuss the future police agreement. Meeting went well.  
13 The committee will meet again the first quarter of 2025.

14 *Board Vacancies*

15 Building Code Appeals Board

16 Vacancy Board

17 **Finance**-reviewed by Ryan Cochran

18 Fund balances July 31,2024

19 <b>General Fund</b> -\$242,432.60	<b>General Fund Reserves</b>
20 <b>Water Fund</b> -\$6796.80	Restricted (Goal) \$100,000.00
21 <b>Sewer Fund</b> -\$130,353.53	Total-\$100,00.00

22 **Highway Aid**-\$180,675.85

23 **General Fund Reserves**

24 Restricted-\$102,363.00

25 Operating-\$122,718.94

26 Capital-\$111,993.07

27 Total-\$377,075.01

28 **Water Fund Reserves**

29 Restricted-\$72,992.00

30 Operating-\$169,719.48

31 Capital-\$0.00

32 Total-\$242,711.48

33 **Sewer Fund Reserves**

34 Restricted-\$121,822.00

35 Operating-\$215,971.03

36 Capital-\$0.00

37 Total-\$337,793.03

38 **Capital Projects**-\$2076.33

39 **Community Fund**-\$1703.59

40 **Non-Uniform Pension**-\$3,764.64

41 **Total**-\$1,485,382.86

42 **Escrow**-\$15,193.41

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1 **Community Relations**

2 Four items: Mayor McBeth and Bonnie Young attended the Mitch & the Mood Swings concert  
3 and reported about 250 residents attended this event. Bonnie interviewed Sean regarding the  
4 \$50,000 grant increase for the Roland Park Project and wrote an article for the newspapers. She  
5 also informed newspapers of new date for National Night Out. Zoom meeting to plan the  
6 luminary walk for 2024.

7 **Parks & Property**

8 U.S. Road Running Request for 2025-every third Saturday of the month. Only the construction  
9 will interfere with the remaining dates. No issues reported at this time.

10 Tonya Haynes made a motion to approve the U.S Road running request for 2025; second by  
11 Justin Gehman.

12 Amended the motion to include any difference in the course from 2024 in 2025 should be  
13 shared with council.

14 Motion carried

15 **Junior Council Members Report**

16 2024-2025 school year schedules have been released

17 **Personnel Report**

18 Nothing

19 **Streets Report**

20 Street Light Request -Broad Street-property owner did forward a visual movie to Tonya Haynes  
21 who sent it to Sean Molchany. There are street lights on either end of the street but nothing in  
22 between. Only place to put light would be mid-block. Suggested reaching out to people along  
23 the street prior to action.

24 Street committee meeting with Staff on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

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26 Anthony Sheaffer of Main Street mentioned when there is an emergency on the Rail Trail how  
27 do you direct emergency services to the correct place? Nathan Imhoff mentioned that each  
28 light pole has a specific number that determines location.

29 **Public Utilities Report**

30 Council got an updated report on new water tank from Entech. Council should forward  
31 questions to Kleon Zimmerman and Sean Molchany to be able to get answers prior to the next  
32 meeting. Deed restriction on Broad St. Park could be an issue. What is the life of the stand pipe  
33 now if nothing is done.

34 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**

35 **Old Business**

36 **New Business**

37 **A. Resolutions**

38 a. Ryan Cochran moved to approve Resolution 24-002 Traffic Signal  
39 Maintenance Agreement with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation,  
40 and to submit future applications for Traffic Signal Approvals; second by Paul  
41 Swangren, Jr.; motion carried

42 **B. Ordinances**

43 **C. Motions and Decisions**

- 1 i. Paul Swangren, Jr. made a motion to appoint William Howard as the
- 2 Emergency Management Coordinator; second by Bonnie Young;
- 3 motion carried
- 4 ii. Justin Gehman moved to appoint Jr. Council members, Max Herman,
- 5 Martin Sweigart and Alyssa Vasyanovich as Jr. Council Members for
- 6 the 2024-2025 school year; second by Tonya Haynes.
- 7 iii. Motion carried

8 **D. Acknowledgments**

9 **E. Other Business/Deliberations**

10 **F. Correspondence and Petitions**

- 11 a. Ephrata Public Library Quarterly Report
- 12 b. Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley Thank You Letter
- 13 c. Ephrata Community Ambulance Thank You Letter

14 **G. Executive Session**

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16 **Additional Comment:**

17 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:25 by Paul Swangren, Jr.; second by Kleon Zimmerman  
18 Motion carried

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20 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Susan Davidson  
23 Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary

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