

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-August 26, 2024**

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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, Max Herman-Junior Council
5 Member; Alyssa Vasyanovich- Junior Council Member; Martin Sweigart-Junior Council Member
6 (Tonya Haynes not present)

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8 **Others Present:** Mayor John McBeth, Sean Molchany Borough Manager; Susan Davidson, Asst.
9 Borough Manager; Tom Murray, Jr. Public Works Supervisor; Valerie Wagner; Director of
10 Finance Suzanne Lausch, Minute Taker

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12 **Visitors:**

- 13 Larry Alexander-Ephrata Review
- 14 John Taylor, 216 S 8th St Akron
- 15 Sue Glick 119 S. 10th St Akron
- 16 Tom Burnett-724 Fulton St. Akron
- 17 Bill Howard-66 Batters Circle Leola
- 18 West Earl Police Officer Justin Cruce
- 19 Anthony Sheaffer- 110 Main St Akron
- 20 Karen Pollock-Entech Engineering
- 21 Christina Sweigart 319 Fulton St Akron
- 22 Warren Sweigart 319 Fulton St Akron

23 **Zoom**

- 24 Jessica O’Hara
- 25 Dave Lausch 14 Meadow View St. Akron

26 **Roll Call**

- 27 Kleon Zimmerman-present
- 28 Paul Swangren, Jr-present
- 29 Ryan Cochran-present
- 30 Bonnie Young-present
- 31 Tonya Haynes- not present
- 32 Justin Gehman, Vice-President- present
- 33 Nathan Imhoff President-present
- 34 Mayor John McBeth-present
- 35 Max Herman-Junior Council Member-present

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

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39 **Approval of Minutes**

40 Motion to approve by Paul Swangren, Jr minutes for August 12, 2024 second by Justin Gehman
41 Discussion: page 1 line 28 change time to 6:30 p.m. from 6:00 p.m.
42 Motion approved

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1 **Resolution 24-003**-Jr. Council Members
2 Justin Gehman made a motion to approve Resolution 24-003 Authorizing Participation in the
3 Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person Program; second by Paul
4 Swangren, Jr.
5 Motion carried.

6 **Swearing In of Jr. Council Members by Mayor McBeth for the 2024 -2025 School Year**

7 Alyssa Vasyanovich-Senior at Ephrata High School
8 Martin Sweigart-Senior at Ephrata High School
9 Max Herman-Senior at Ephrata High School

10 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

11 Tom Burnett mentioned the first Luminary meeting was held for this year's event.

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13 **Entech-Standpipe Evaluation**

14 Representative from Entech, Karen Pollock, was available to answer council questions regarding
15 the Standpipe Evaluation. Pollock offered information regarding grants and assistance for the
16 project. Discussion with council members regarding options for repairing or replacing the
17 standpipe.

18 Sean Molchany suggested that Council begins to start the project with budgets and decisions
19 regarding the Standpipe as time is of the essence. Paul Swangren, Jr. recommends beginning
20 with permitting and regulations for the project. Next step is to discuss with DEP, Borough
21 engineers and inspectors regarding the Standpipe project.

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23 Bill Howard the newly appointed Emergency Manager for Akron Borough introduced himself to
24 Council.

25 **Bills**

26 **Reports/Announcements**

27 **Police**

28 No report

29 **Mayor Report**

30 No report

31 **Manager's Report**

32 No report

33 *Administration & Finance*

34 **Finance-**

35 No report

36 **Community Relations**

37 Susan Davidson, mentioned the next Shoe-In meeting is September 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

38 The Shoe-In committee will discuss how much money they will need to raise from donations
39 and ask Council for permission to solicit the funds. This item will be on the Council agenda for
40 the next meeting.

41 Bonnie Young wrote two articles in local papers; one regarding the grant for the Roland Park
42 Project; second article was on the date change for National Night Out.

43 Paul Swangren, Jr. shared that Keith Greiner mentioned Akron Borough in his most recent
44 newsletter.

1 **Parks & Property**
2 No report
3 **Personnel Report**
4 No report
5 **Streets Report**
6 Street Light Request for the 600 block of Broad Street-Letters will be sent out this week
7 **Public Utilities Report**
8 No report
9 **Junior Council Members Report**
10 School started today
11 New cell phone policy this year- cellphones will only be allowed to be used at lunch and
12 hallways
13 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**
14 **Old Business**
15 **New Business**
16 **Resolutions**
17 **A. Ordinances**
18 **B. Motions and Decisions**
19 **C. Acknowledgments**
20 **D. Other Business/Deliberations**
21 **E. Correspondence and Petitions**
22 a. Akron Volunteer Fire Company Thank You Letter
23 **F. Executive Session**
24 **Executive Session**
25 **Additional Comment:**
26 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. by Paul Swangren, Jr. second by Bonnie Young
27 Motion carried.
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29 Meeting adjourned.
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31 Respectfully submitted,
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33 Susan Davidson
34 Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary
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