

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting-September 9, 2024**

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3 **Council Members Present:** Nathan Imhoff-President; Kleon Zimmerman, Paul Swangren, Jr.,
4 Bonnie Young, Tonya Haynes, Max Herman-Junior Council Member, Alyssa Vasyanovich-Junior
5 Council Member; Martin Sweigart-Junior Council Member. (Justin Gehman & Ryan Cochran not
6 present)

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

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11 **Visitors:**

12 John Taylor, 216 S 8th St Akron
13 Chief Higgins, West Earl Police Department
14 Sue Glick, 119 S. Tenth St. Akron
15 Anthony Schaeffer, Main St. Akron

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17 **Roll Call**

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

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31 **Approval of Minutes**

32 Paul Swangren, Jr made a motion to approve minutes for August 26, 2024; second by Kleon
33 Zimmerman
34 Discussion: none
35 Motion approved

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37 **Visitors/Comments from Public**

38 Sue Glick asked Council if there is a view of the Roland Park project that is a color version of
39 what is being improved rather than the engineering version located in the lobby. Sean
40 Molchany stated that they do not have an illustrative plan of the project. The grant did not
41 cover a pretty picture and there is a cost to create one. Molchany did mention we are waiting
42 to get a download of the plan on the Borough webpage.

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Bills

Kleon Zimmerman moved to approve the September 2024 Borough of Akron disbursements and fund the appropriate account for the disbursements as reviewed by the Finance committee. Second by Paul Swangren, Jr.

Motion carried

Reports/Announcements

Police

Report submitted for Council Review
West Earl Police Department received Akron Fire Company Halloween Parade and street closing letter. The parade is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Nathan Imhoff inquired about crossing the guard situation. Sean Molchany contacted the Akron school; however, the school still does not provide crossing guards. Crossing guards are currently being managed by Akron Borough. This issue was discussed at the last quarterly meeting in May with Ephrata School Superintendent. School “hump” will be removed in the future. Police have been at the school crossing talking with parents regarding the new Akron Elementary Drop Off Policy.

Mayor Report

Halloween Parade sponsored by the Akron Volunteer Fire company scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 was approved for street closings.
Request from Ephrata Marching band to do a fund raiser door to door this Saturday, September 13, 2024. Mayor stated they do not need a permit and request was a courtesy to Mayor and Council.
Mayor McBeth noticed a lot of activity at Broad St Park and talked with a gentleman regarding a Pickle Ball Court for this park and maybe Council would consider budgeting for a Pickle Ball Court next to the Hockey Rink. The mayor also mentioned putting up a ½ basketball court at Broad Street Park. Sean Molchany commented on the noise from the Pickle Balls because of the close buildings. Tonya Haynes offered to research.
Senator Aument is considering a total cell phone ban in schools.

Manager’s Report-Budget meeting October 7, 2024 at 6:00pm

Administration & Finance

August 2024 month-end financials have been reconciled.
September 2024 payables will be reviewed by Finance Committee.

Parks & Property

Stream Embankment/Rain Garden update at Roland Park: contractor is clearing trees and brush last week and this week. Earth moving will start at the parking lot and move toward Main Street. Construction should be ending by November 4, 2024. This is a 90-day contract.

Streets

Highland Avenue paving has been completed
Update on traffic signal through TRG-permit has been submitted to PennDOT.
Staff sent letters/surveys to residents on the 600 block of Broad Street asking for input on another street light. Surveys are due back by September 16, 2024.
Three surveys received back from seven sent

1 *Public Utilities*

2 Sewer flow numbers are looking good. Staff plan on doing more I&I televising this year at
3 Tobacco Road and Oak Street
4 Entech Report-Council has asked staff to talk to the Borough engineer about the closed loop
5 system.

6 DEP has reached out to schedule a full routine water inspection. The date of the inspection was
7 September 5, 2024 and there were a few minor comments. Sean Molchany mentioned that he
8 did speak to the DEP representative that was doing the inspection and asked about the
9 standpipe and permits.

10 *Community Relations*

11 The Akron New Year’s Shoe-In Committee met on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Cindy
12 Hoffert is again serving as the committee chairperson.

13 Movie Nights at the Broad Street Park are hosted by Cultivate Church in Akron. The last movie
14 night is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2024. The Borough did receive a certificate of
15 insurance because this is not a Borough sponsored event.

16 *Planning & Zoning*

17 No meetings scheduled at this time

18 *Personnel*

19 Staff met with William Howard the newly appointed Emergency Management Coordinator and
20 reviewed a few items on the proposed Emergency Management Coordinator policy. Changes
21 will be made and forwarded to the Mayor and Council. Staff will add this to the September 23,
22 2024 agenda for approval.

23 *Other Business*

24 Akron Borough and West Earl next liaison meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11,
25 2024 at 6pm at the West Earl Township Building
26 Ambulance report was sent via e-mail per council’s request.

27 *Board Vacancies*

28 Building Code Appeals Board

29 Vacancy Board

30 **Finance**-reviewed by Susan Davidson

31 Fund balances August 31,2024

32 General Fund -\$293,698.20	General Fund Reserves
33 Water Fund -\$4,631.27	Restricted (Goal) \$100,000.00
34 Sewer Fund -\$105,604.60	Total-\$100,00.00

35 **Highway Aid**-\$181,454.69

36 **General Fund Reserves**

37 Restricted-\$102,363.00

38 Operating-\$117,083.77

39 Capital-\$112,471.73

40 Total-\$331,918.50

41 **Water Fund Reserves**

42 Restricted-\$72,992.00

43 Operating-\$170,796.47

44 Capital-\$0.00

1 Total-\$243,788.47
2 **Sewer Fund Reserves**
3 Restricted-\$121,822.00
4 Operating-\$217,446.91
5 Capital-\$0.00
6 Total-\$339,268.91
7 **Capital Projects**-\$2092.53
8 **Community Fund**-\$1703.59
9 **Non-Uniform Pension**-\$3,764.64
10 **Total**-\$1,507,925.40
11 **Escrow**-\$15,325.75
12 **Community Relations**
13 New Year’s Eve Shoe-In Meeting Update-met last week and decided to ask permission from
14 council to solicit funds for \$1000.00 from local businesses.
15 Paul Swangren, Jr made a motion to allow the New Year’s Eve committee to solicit funds for
16 2024-2025 Shoe-In Event; second by Bonnie Young
17 Motion carried
18 Bonnie wrote an article about Junior Council Members for the Shopping News
19 Larry Alexander incorporated info in his article for the Ephrata Review
20 **Parks & Property**
21 Tonya Haynes mentioned that Justin Gehman contacted Play by Design to get a quote for
22 Roland Park Akron Pines Playground. Company staff would be flown in to discuss with design
23 etc Elementary children. This group also did Lititz Tree House Park and others. Would like to
24 present to budget for 2025. The group from Play by Design will assist finding funding.
25 **Personnel Report**
26 Nothing to report
27 **Streets Report**
28 Street Light Request-Broad Street-see manager report
29 Miscellaneous patch work with street hump removal in front of the Akron Elementary School
30 **Public Utilities Report**
31 Nothing to report
32 **Junior Council Members Report**
33 Allysa Vasyanovich mentioned that she would like to have the Ephrata AM announcement
34 include the Junior Council members so students from Akron with questions on the Borough
35 could ask them to take the questions back to council.
36 **Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments**
37 **Old Business**
38 **New Business**
39 Council agreed to have a meeting to discuss the 2025 budget on October 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
40 This meeting will have to be specially advertised.
41 **A. Resolutions**
42 **B. Ordinances**
43 **C. Motions and Decisions**

- 1 a. Motion to approve 2024 donation (remaining 2024 budgeted amount) for
- 2 the Ephrata Public Library
- 3 i. Motion by Bonnie Young to approve the \$10,000.00 budgeted for the
- 4 Ephrata Library; no second by any council member. Motion did not
- 5 carry
- 6 ii. Discussion about how it would be spent-put on Agenda for next
- 7 meeting on September 23, 2024.
- 8 b. Motion to approve 2024 donation (remaining 2024 budgeted amount) for
- 9 Akron Volunteer Fire Company
- 10 i. Motion by Kleon Zimmerman, \$17,500.00 second by Bonnie Young
- 11 1. Motion approved

12 **D. Acknowledgments**

13 **E. Other Business/Deliberations**

14 **F. Correspondence and Petitions**

15 **G. Executive Session**

16 **Executive Session**

17 **Additional Comment:**

18 **Adjournment** -Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Paul Swangren, Jr.; second by Kleon Zimmerman
19 Motion carried

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21 Meeting adjourned.

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23 Respectfully submitted,

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25 Susan Davidson

26 Asst. Borough Manager/Borough Secretary

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