

1 **Borough of Akron Council Meeting – December 15, 2025**

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

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6 **Others Present:** Mayor John McBeth; Sean Molchany, Borough Manager; Valerie Wagner, Director of
7 Finance

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9 **Visitors:**

- 10 Barry Heuyard, Wolf Rd, Akron
- 11 Warren Bingeman, 412 Edgehill Dr, Akron
- 12 John Taylor, 218 S 8th St, Akron
- 13 Sue Glick, 119 S 10th St, Akron
- 14 Katee Wodarczyk, LNP
- 15 Senator James Malone

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17 **Roll Call**

- 18 Tonya Haynes – present
- 19 Bonnie Young – present
- 20 Ryan Cochran – present
- 21 Paul Swangren, Jr. – present
- 22 Kleon Zimmerman – present
- 23 Justin Gehman, Vice President – present
- 24 Nathan Imhoff, President – present
- 25 Mayor John McBeth – present

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27 President Nathan Imhoff opened the meeting at 6:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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29 **Visitors/Comments from the Public**

30 **A. State Senator James Malone** - Senator Malone presented John McBeth with a citation in
 31 recognition of his many years of public service to Akron Borough. Senator Malone has known
 32 Mayor McBeth for several years, as he was the former Mayor of East Petersburg. Senator
 33 Malone asked the Council if there was anything that Council would like his help with. Nathan
 34 Imhoff spoke of the legislative efforts to get the “ghost poles” removed. Tonya Haynes
 35 commended Senator Malone and his wife for their approachability at the Ephrata Fair. Mayor
 36 McBeth referenced the continued push for local police units to have the ability to use RADAR in
 37 speed enforcement efforts and asked that Senator Malone would support the cause. Senator
 38 Malone spoke briefly about two different bills that are currently in Senate committees.

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 40 Sue Glick provided an overview of the recent Christmas Luminary Walk held at Pavilion 1 in Roland Park.
 41 Glick thanked Council and staff for their support for a very successful event. This year was the first year
 42 the committee collected food donations for Ephrata Area Social Services at the event, resulting in five
 43 boxes of non-perishable donations.

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45 **New Business**

46 **A. Motions and Decisions**

- 1 **1. Motion to adopt the 2026 General Budget** – Ryan Cochran moved to approve the
2 2026 Borough of Akron General budget as presented, second by Tonya Haynes.
3 Discussion: Paul Swangren, Jr. shared his appreciation of staff and Council for the
4 preparation of and the discussions surrounding budget this year. Swangren
5 referenced the advertised millage increase in the Ephrata Review, stating that the
6 advertisement said the tax increase would generate \$117,127 in revenue and
7 compared it to the General Fund capital projects proposed at \$39,000. Paul
8 Swangren, Jr. vocalized his displeasure at the proposed tax increase, stating that he
9 believes the budget can be cut further to prevent a tax increase. Bonnie Young spoke
10 about the urgency to prepare for the future. Tonya Haynes spoke about the fact that
11 the current seated Council has been faced with the task of having to raise taxes
12 because of the lack of action of previous Councils. Haynes spoke fervently about her
13 agreement to raise taxes (and utility rates) in order to appropriately address the
14 issues that are present today, and to not leave it in the hands of future Councils.
15 Kleon Zimmerman spoke against raising taxes; he feels it never ends. Bonnie Young
16 pointed out that the cost of everything goes up continually. Nathan Imhoff asked for
17 roll call vote. Motion carried 5-2.
18 Bonnie Young – yes
19 Tonya Haynes – yes
20 Kleon Zimmerman – no
21 Ryan Cochran – yes
22 Paul Swangren, Jr. – no
23 Justin Gehman, Vice President – yes
24 Nathan Imhoff, President – yes
25 **2. Motion to adopt the 2026 Water Budget** – Tonya Haynes moved to approve the
26 2026 Borough of Akron Water budget as presented, second by Kleon Zimmerman.
27 No discussion. Nathan Imhoff asked for roll call vote. Motion carried 6-1.
28 Bonnie Young – yes
29 Tonya Haynes – yes
30 Kleon Zimmerman – yes
31 Ryan Cochran – yes
32 Paul Swangren, Jr. – no
33 Justin Gehman, Vice President – yes
34 Nathan Imhoff, President – yes
35 **3. Motion to adopt the 2026 Sewer Budget** – Justin Gehman moved to approve the
36 2026 Borough of Akron Sewer budget as present, second by Tonya Hayes. No
37 discussion. Nathan Imhoff asked for roll call vote. Motion carried 5-2.
38 Bonnie Young – yes
39 Tonya Hayes – yes
40 Kleon Zimmerman – no
41 Ryan Cochran – yes
42 Paul Swangren, Jr. – no
43 Justin Gehman, Vice President – yes
44 Nathan Imhoff, President – yes

1 **4. Motion to adopt the 2026 Highway Aid Budget** – Paul Swangren, Jr. moved to
2 approve the 2026 Borough of Akron Highway Aid budget as presented, second by
3 Bonnie Young. Nathan Imhoff asked for roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4 Bonnie Young – yes
- 5 Tonya Haynes – yes
- 6 Kleon Zimmerman – yes
- 7 Ryan Cochran – yes
- 8 Paul Swangren, Jr. – yes
- 9 Justin Gehman, Vice President – yes
- 10 Nathan Imhoff, President – yes

11 **5. Ordinance 2025-002 to adopt the 2026 Real Estate Tax Millage Increase** – Tonya
12 Haynes moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-002 Real Estate Millage Increase, second by
13 Ryan Cochran. No discussion. Nathan Imhoff asked for roll call vote. Motion carried
14 5-2.

- 15 Bonnie Young – yes
- 16 Tonya Haynes – yes
- 17 Kleon Zimmerman – no
- 18 Ryan Cochran – yes
- 19 Paul Swangren, Jr. – no
- 20 Justin Gehman, Vice President – yes
- 21 Nathan Imhoff, President – yes

22 **6. Resolution 2025-006 to adopt Water Rate Increase** – Ryan Cochran moved to adopt
23 Resolution 2026-006 Water Rate Increase, second by Kleon Zimmerman. No
24 discussion. Nathan Imhoff asked for roll call vote. Motion carried 6-1.

- 25 Bonnie Young – yes
- 26 Tonya Haynes – yes
- 27 Kleon Zimmerman – yes
- 28 Ryan Cochran – yes
- 29 Paul Swangren, Jr. – no
- 30 Justin Gehman, Vice President – yes
- 31 Nathan Imhoff, President – yes

32 **7. Resolution 2025-007 to adopt Sewer Rate Increase** – Ryan Cochran moved to adopt
33 Resolution 2025-007 Sewer Rate Increase, second by Tonya Haynes. No discussion.
34 Nathan Imhoff asked for roll call vote. Motion carried 5-2.

- 35 Bonnie Young – yes
- 36 Tonya Haynes – yes
- 37 Kleon Zimmerman – no
- 38 Ryan Cochran – yes
- 39 Paul Swangren, Jr. – no
- 40 Justin Gehman, Vice President – yes
- 41 Nathan Imhoff, President – yes

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43 **B. Acknowledgements**

1 **C. Other Business/Deliberations** – Bonnie Young spoke joyfully of having served on Akron
2 Borough Council for the past four years. Council expressed appreciation for her service.

3 **D. Correspondence & Petitions**

4 **E. Executive Session**

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6 **Adjournment**

7 Bonnie Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm, second by Paul Swangren, Jr. Motion carried.

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9 Respectfully submitted,

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11 Sean Molchany

12 Borough Manager/Secretary

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