Borough of Akron Council Meeting – September 28, 2026

Council Members Present: Nathan Imhoff, President; Ryan Cochran; Tonya Haynes; Tracy Fisher; Kleon Zimmerman; Paul Swangren, Jr. (Justin Gehman, Vice President absent)

Others Present: Mayor Susan Davidson; Sean Molchany, Borough Manager; Valerie Wagner, Director of Finance

Visitors:
Thomas Murray, Jr., Public Works Supervisor
John Taylor, 218 S 8th St Akron
Anthony Sheaffer, 110 Main St Akron
John McBeth, 410 Edgehill Dr Akron
Kerry Martin, 1302 Diamond St Akron
Les & Mary Jane Zimmerman, 380 Tobacco Rd Ephrata (West Earl residents)
Baybars Charkas, LNP
Officer Torres, WEPD

Roll Call
Tracy Fisher – present
Tonya Haynes – present
Ryan Cochran – present
Paul Swangren, Jr. – present
Kleon Zimmerman – present
Justin Gehman, Vice President – absent
Nathan Imhoff, President – present
Mayor Susan Davidson – present

President Nathan Imhoff opened the meeting at 6:35pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes
Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026 Akron Borough Council meeting; second by Kleon Zimmerman. No discussion, motion carried.

Visitors/Comments from the Public
Les Zimmerman asked for an update on the Tobacco Road project. Sean Molchany replied that PennDOT had assigned a Liquid Fuels project number, materials have been ordered, and the contractor is putting the project on their schedule. Nathan Imhoff asked if PennDOT would approve a partial reopening of one lane. Sean Molchany explained that PennDOT would not authorize that because of the unknown condition of the roadway.

Bills
Ryan Cochran moved to approve the September 2026 Borough of Akron disbursements and fund the appropriate account for the disbursements as reviewed by the Finance Committee: General Fund $11,459.77, Water Fund $8,034.86, Sewer Fund $87,420.82 totaling $106,915.45; second by Kleon Zimmerman. Ryan Cochran explained that the majority of the sewer fund invoices were for three sewer lift station pumps. No further discussion, motion carried.

Reports/Announcements
Police Report – No Report

Mayor's Report – No Report

Manager's Report – No Report

Finance
Ryan Cochran stated that the line of credit proposals will be discussed later in the agenda.

Community Relations – No Report

Parks & Property
Tonya Haynes spoke about the chairs at the Lodge and asked when those chairs were purchased. Tom Murray, Jr. replied that they were purchased in June 2025. Sean Molchany explained how the chairs were manufactured with screws that were too short and staff have since reinforced all the chairs with longer screws. Nathan Imhoff asked Haynes if she had ever heard back from Lancaster County Preserveration and Trust.

Personnel
Paul Swangren, Jr. updated Council on the Personnel Committee meeting. There were discussion items but no action items. Megan Imler is doing well as the new Administrative Assistant. Public Works employee Don Johnson's last day was September 25, 2026 and the job has been posted.

Streets – No Report
Sean Molchany provided an update on the DEP monitoring well on South Ninth Street: they will be out on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 to replace the well cap.

Paul Swangren, Jr. addressed a letter from Rosenberger North America regarding the intersection of 272N and Locust Bend Road and the number of accidents that have occurred recently. The letter was sent to Ephrata Township as well. Nathan Imhoff mentioned that the intersection is entirely inside Ephrata Township and the letter to Akron Borough was a courtesy. Next Paul Swangren, Jr. spoke about a letter received from former resident Tom Burnett regarding the intersection at Ninth Street and Main Street and the request to make that a four-way stop. Sean Molchany replied that PennDOT likely will not approve a four-way stop. Mayor Davidson pointed out that the reconstruction of that intersection has been discussed in years past as part of Capital Projects. Tracy Fisher mentioned that the intersection of Main Street and Eleventh Street is also a dangerous one. Nathan Imhoff advised anyone with concerns regarding dumpsters, illegal cars, boats, etc. to report directly to the police, or to Sean Molchany who will forward the concerns to Chief Higgins.

Public Utilities – No Report

Public Hearings/Presentations/Appointments
Old Business
New Business

- **A. Resolutions**
- **B. Ordinances**
- **C. Motions and Decisions**

1. **Ephrata Library Donation –** Nathan Imhoff would like to table this until the outcome of the VoteYes4Libraries is determined.

2. **Akron Volunteer Fire Company Donation –** Kleon Zimmerman moved to approve the second half of the donation payment to the Akron Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of $17,500; Tracy Fisher second. No discussion, motion carried.

3. **Weaverland Disaster Services Donation –** Paul Swangren, Jr. moved to approve a one-time donation of $10,000 to Weaverland Disaster Service for the tree cleanup work from the storms on July 4th and 5th and return the check received for material harvested from Roland Park of $2,100 as an additional donation, with the $10,000 donation made in lieu of the second half of the contribution to the Ephrata Public Library; second by Tracy Fisher. Kleon Zimmerman doesn't believe "in lieu of a donation to the library" should be included in the motion; it is a separate matter. Nathan Imhoff agreed that the two topics should be voted on separately. Tonya Haynes asked where that money would come from, Paul Swangren, Jr. says it should come from the budgeted money for the library. Nathan Imhoff pointed out that the Weaverland Disaster Service saved Akron Borough tens of thousands of dollars. Paul Swangren, Jr. stated that the motion should specify where the unbudgeted expense will come from. Roll call vote. Motion does not carry, 4-2.

Tracy Fisher – yes
Kleon Zimmerman – no
Tonya Haynes – no
Ryan Cochran – no
Paul Swangren, Jr. – yes
Nathan Imhoff – no

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Tracy Fisher – yes
Kleon Zimmerman – yes
Tonya Haynes- yes
Ryan Cochran – yes
Paul Swangren, Jr. – yes
Nathan Imhoff – yes

4. **2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Non-Uniform Pension –** Ryan Cochran moved to approve the 2027 Non-Uniform Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of $38,412; second by Paul Swangren, Jr. Light discussion followed on how it's calculated. No further discussion, motion carried.

D.

E. Acknowledgements

F. Other Business/Deliberations

1. **Akron Standpipe Proposals and Discussion –** Sean Molchany advised to put the proposal cost into the water capital budget for 2027. Ryan Cochran asked how much

was budgeted in the 2026 water capital: $30,000 and has not been spent yet. Nathan Imhoff asked if there would be a motion made to authorize staff to move forward. Ryan Cochran asked if any final design and costs have been determined. Sean Molchany replied that this needs to be completed first to further define the project before final design and costs. Once engineering has been completed, the project would be eligible to apply for grants. Kleon Zimmerman moved to approve the engineering fees to C. S. Davidson for the project to line the inside of the standpipe and paint the outside for a cost not to exceed $34,434.40; second by Paul Swangren, Jr. Motion carried.

2. **US Road Running Races Roland Park –** Discussion on whether or not the group is a non-profit group; they are a for profit organization. Nathan Imhoff stated that US Road Running Races have been easy to work with and accommodating and have not made the park unusable to other visitors during the races. Paul Swangren, Jr. would like to see the group donate per year for use of the park. Ryan Cochran moved to authorize US Road Running to continue as in years past under the same terms and conditions, providing proof of insurance, with a $500 annual cost which will be credited to the parks fund; second by Tracy Fisher. No further discussion, motion carried.
3. **Special Budget Meeting 10/5/26 6pm –** this has been scheduled for advertisement in the Ephrata Review.
4. **West Earl Police Services Agreement –** the final draft has been submitted to Council for review and comment. Sean Molchany would like to see it listed as an action item for vote at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting: Monday, October 12, 2026.
5. **Line of Credit Proposals –** Ryan Cochran explained that two line of credit proposals have been submitted from Fulton Bank and Ephrata National Bank (ENB) for Council's review and comment. The Finance Committee began seeking information on a line of credit after the Borough experienced several infrastructure emergencies. ENB has a better interest rate and more favorable terms. The line of credit could be used for equipment, the standpipe, etc. and could be termed out as an installment loan. Paul Swangren, Jr. asked about Pennvest: Sean Molchany replied that they offer low-interest loans for a specific project but not a line of credit. Mayor Davidson asked if ENB would waive any fees. Ryan Cochran moved to accept the term sheet from ENB dated 8/27/26 for a line of credit of $500,000; second by Paul Swangren, Jr. Tonya Haynes asked where the funds would come from to repay any advances, staff responded that the repayment would come from the operating fund of whatever the project was: a street repair would be General Fund, a sewer pump failure would be repaid from the Sewer Fund, etc. Ryan Cochran suggested having a process where Council would formally approve any advance. Mayor Davidson suggested checking with the Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to ensure all stipulations and reporting are correct.

G. Correspondence & Petitions

H. Executive Session

Miscellaneous Discussion

Nathan Imhoff shared with Council that the Akron Lions Club would like to take over the New Year's Eve Shoe-In event, and he has asked the Club to write a formal letter stating such.

Adjournment

Paul Swangren, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm; second by Kleon Zimmerman, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Molchany
Borough Manager/Secretary
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