

Akron Town Council Meeting
September 18, 2023

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Aaron Gearhart, Superintendent; Jake Gearhart, Asst. Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Town Attorney.

Guest: Sign in sheet.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim opened the public hearing at 6:00pm regarding the 2024 proposed budget. Rebecca shared information regarding the budget figures. No public comment was heard. Jim made a motion to close the public hear at 6:05pm. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Tony made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 21, 2023 council meeting as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 23, 2023 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented an adjustment request for Meliss Abbott. Rich made a motion to approve the request. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented an agreement from BF&S Engineers for 2024 Paser Rating & Asset Management for streets. Rich made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented on TextMyGov platform for community notification/engagement. The company slashed their prices from the original proposal. The council did not feel it was a tool that our community would benefit from for the price as this time.

Marshal Report: Incident report for August 2023 was presented. Justin informed the council he completed and passed NIMS 400. Justin will do Halloween Safety at Akron Elementary School on October 30th. Justin asked Rebecca to order more glow bracelets for him to pass out to the students. Trick or Treat for Akron will be on October 31st from 6-8PM.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We did 5 data logger reports. We collected all TTHM & HAA5 samples for IDEM. We had a water main leak on Whittenberger St that has been repaired. Chad with the Alliance came and helped locate the leak to save on having to tear out much of the newly paved street. We meet with Shannon McLeod regarding water project needs for potential OCRA grant. Rebecca & Chad with the Alliance spoke and said IDEM is providing a study guide in January

2024 for the WT3 test. We had a issue with out MRX (meter reading device) which delayed the billing process a few days. Scott with Utility Supply came and figured out it was an antenna issue.

Sewer Dept: We had a pump go out on LS#1. Parts are ordered to repair the pump. Quote for generators at all lift stations were discussed. Aaron is currently working with Flow Techniques about blowers for the lagoons.

Street Dept: We trimmed the trees at Water & Mishawaka St & SR14 & Rochester St because it was obstructing the views for bus & semi drivers. A street tree lost a limb and damaged the fence at Gagnon motors. We still have no update on the CCMG paving project. Leaf pick up will be October 16-December 1st.

Miscellaneous: We had a mid-build meeting with WA Jones about the new dump truck. We should have it by the end of September. We hung a banner at the intersection for the Autumn in Akron Car Show on September 30th at Pike Memorial Park. The restrooms as Pike Memorial Park will be closed the week of October 17th as long as the weather remains nice. Replaced 2 hold signs at the Disc Golf Course.

Ordinance 09-18-2023 – An Ordinance Updating Town Code to Reflect State Code – Rich made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

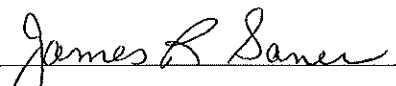
Ordinance 09-18-2023A – An Ordinance Regarding Trah Collection Fees – Rich made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. The rate increase for trash tags becomes effective January 1, 2024.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$303,310.84. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

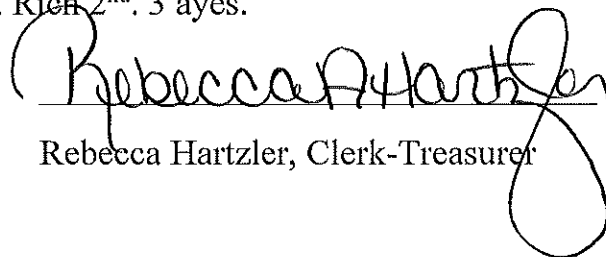
Rich made a motion to approve Payroll Allowance Docket for \$19,367.89. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, October 16, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer