

Akron Town Council Meeting

December 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.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 13, 2023 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented the 2024 Health Insurance options provided by Creative Benefit Solutions. Jim made a motion to renew the policy with Anthem for 2024. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The 2024 Bonds for the following employees were presented: Rebecca Hartzler - \$45,000; Dora Maish - \$15,000; Justin Gearhart - \$15,000 & Derek Halterman - \$15,000. Rich made a motion to approve the bonds as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the annual statement regarding anti-nepotism & conflict of interest. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca informed the council the 1782 Notice for the 2024 budget has been received and the budget was approved by the DLGF as submitted.

Rich made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2024 as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the annual updates to the 2024 Employee Handbook as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented a quote from Clay's Flooring to install baseboard in the council room & hallway at Town Hall. Rich made a motion to approve the quote for \$3640.05 as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Marshal Report: Incident report for November 2023 was presented. The Durango is currently at Tim's Body Shop being repaired from a deer incident. The RAM truck also had some cosmetic repair work done to the driver's door. Justin discussed with the council about purchasing additional body cameras for the department. Justin informed the council the required mandates for 2023 have been completed.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: The water department has been dealing with quite a few high-water bill complaints in the past month. The lead and copper consumer notice and their results have been provided to the 10 residences where the collection took place. A meter was replaced at 612 E Walnut St. IDEM has approved Aaron to be the Provisional Water Operator due to Dan's health

issues. The provisional license is only good for 1 year. Aaron & Jake plan to retake the WT3 exam the beginning of 2024.

Sewer Dept: We dealt with a couple backed up sewer complaints, but none were on the town's side. We had issues with lift station #1 floats. Peerless Midwest assisted with the repairs. We are installing a new device to hang the floats so they don't continue to get tangled up. The rebuilt pump has been put back into service. Peerless will pull the other pump once we know the rebuilt pump is working with no issues. We are looking at different alarm systems for lift station #1 due to having issues with the floats recently. Aaron presented the quote from Clearbrooke Technologies for the sludge treatment program. Rich made a motion to accept the quote of \$11,633 as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Street Dept: Leaf season is complete for 2023. We had 45 loads and put 675 miles on the truck. Aaron is working to get a list of streets for the next round of CCMG funding application. All snow equipment is ready. The leaf machine worked this year with no issues other than the controller to lift the hose up & down. The 2016 F350 is at Rochester Ford due throttle issues. We are contacting different companies for quotes to get the leaf box sandblasted and repainted before the 2024 season. It's starting to deteriorate, and we want to preserve the equipment.

Miscellaneous: The new Christmas tree and decorations have hung up throughout town. We have advertised for the part-time general laborer position since Mike Tyler submitted his resignation that's effective December 31, 2023. Mike has worked for the Town for the last 11 years. The council suggested a luncheon and plaque for his years of service to the community. Rebecca and Aaron will work together and organize the event. The Fire station back parking lot and Marcus Drive paving is complete. The parking bumpers will be placed accordingly and staked into the ground.

Attorney Report: Andy provided an update regarding the England property on SR14 that it's currently in the bid process for cleanup.

The following Akron BZA reappoints were presented to the board for approval: Dale Ward & Chad Corbett. Jim made a motion to reappoint both individuals to the Akron BZA for another term. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Resolution 12-18-2023 – Transfer of Appropriations. Jim made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

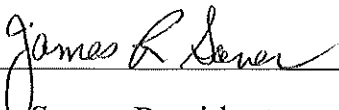
Resolution 12-18-2023A – Encumbrances. Rich made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$103,447.46. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

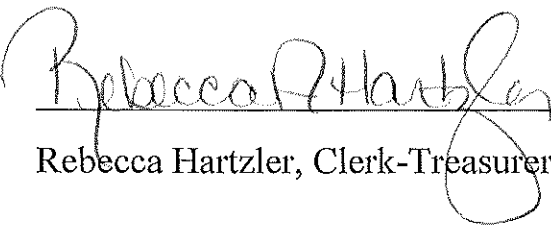
Rich made a motion to approve Payroll Allowance Docket for November \$18,246.38 & December \$29,555.10. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, January 22, 2024 @ 5:45 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer