

Akron Town Council Meeting

February 12, 2024

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 January 22, 2024 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca informed the council the Community Crossings Matching Grant was submitted on January 26, 2024. The matching funds will come from MVH, Economic Development & Rainy Day.

Rebecca presented the Nippon Insurance Renewal effective March 1st. Nippon Insurance covers Dental, Short-Term Disability, Long-Term Disability, Life & AD&D. Rich made a motion to accept the renewal as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented estimates from WACD. Rich made a motion to approve the estimate for Shadow Protection for \$1,646.76. Tony 2nd. Rich made a motion to approve the estimate for Firewall Renewal for \$2,169.00. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. Rich made a motion to approve the estimate for Website Overhaul & Upgrade for \$4750.00. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Marshal Report: Incident report for January 2024 was presented. Justin purchased 3 body cams off Ebay. Justin is paying the sales tax and Rebecca will reimburse him for the body cams. The decals on the truck will be done the end of the week at Signs & Designs by Chad Lewis. Justin discussed with the council purchasing backup handguns for the department. He's looking to purchase Glock43X.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: Jake & Aaron are scheduled to take the WT3 exam on February 20th & 27th at Ivy Tech in Warsaw. Sonoco had a major water leak that averaged over 10,000 gallons a day for approximately a week. The leak was on Sonoco's side and has been repaired. D&D Electric replaced both red lights on the North & South Water Towers. The Annual Well & High Service Pump Inspection is scheduled for February 16th & will be completed by Peerless Midwest.

Sewer Dept: Clearbrooke Technologies will be here the week of February 26th to install the chemical setup. We are still discharging at the lagoons due to the high levels in the creek.

Street Dept: The security lights behind Day Hardware have been fixed by Duke Energy.

Miscellaneous: Aaron presented a quote from John Deere to trade in the 2020 Bobcat Mower. Jim made a motion to accept the quote for \$6,898.13. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes. Currently working with D&D to obtain a quote to change out the parking lot lights at Pike Memorial Park to LED. Jim, Jake & Aaron interviewed 3 candidates for the part-time position. Aaron would like to hire 2 of the candidates with the starting wage of \$15.00/hour. Rich made a motion to hire the candidate at \$15.00/hour. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

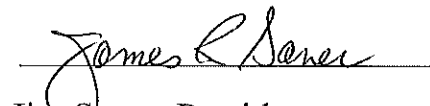
Attorney Report:

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$1,393,874.00. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

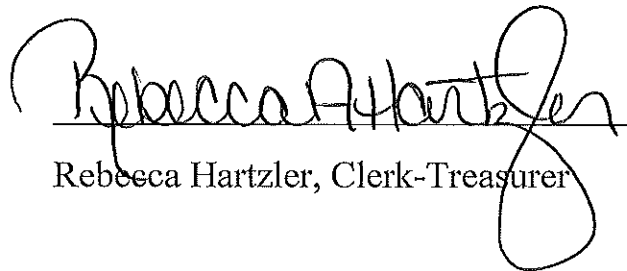
Rich made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$17,721.50. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer