

Akron Town Council Meeting  
January 22, 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 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich made a motion for all positions to remain the same for 2024: Jim Saner, President, Rich Solano, Vice President and Tony Rameriz, Member. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion for Aaron Gearhart to remain Town Superintendent. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion for Justin Gearhart to remain Town Marshal. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion for Andy Perkins to remain Town Attorney. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to keep Lake City Bank as the primary financial institution and Trust Indiana for investments. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2023 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented an updated MOU for Spillman between the Town of Akron & Fulton County. Rich made a motion to accept the MOU as written. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. Rebecca will send the signed MOU to Sheriff Heishman.

Town Garage sale date was set for Saturday, May 18, 2024.

Akron Las Donas requested the use of the Downtown Park in 2024 for Live Entertainment. Rich made a motion to approve the use of the downtown park and wave any fees. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented the list of outstanding warrants for 2021. Rich made a motion to approve the list. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented a list of 2024 Write-off for Utility Accounts. Jim made a motion to approve the list. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented an estimate from Lee Company for new council room furniture. The council discussed the estimate and asked for additional quotes from vendors. She was also asked to reach out to surrounding communities to see who they purchased furniture from.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for December 2023 was presented. Part-Time Deputy Halterman got a promotion with the Fulton County Sheriff's Department so the days/times he will be working has changed. Bonnie Dunbar contacted the department that the food pantry door lock had appeared to be tampered with. No entry was made to the building.

**Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** We did some utility locates for the Akron Church of God's property for a surveyor. Jake & Aaron were able to graduate from the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Apprenticeship program since they completed all the requirements and passed the DSS. They are still working to obtain their WT3 license.

**Sewer Dept:** We had a few backed-up sewer complaints, and none were on the town's end. Two of the three generators are installed. SR14 is installed but waiting on NIPSCO to hook up the gas line. Noyer Dr is installed and hooked up to LP but waiting on startup. SR19 is still waiting on the unit to arrive and be installed. Clearbrooke Technologies will be here in February to look over the setup to get ready for installation. Both pumps at the Main Lift Station have been overhauled and are back in service. A new float tree has been installed to help keep the floats from getting tangled up and causing the lift station to not pump correctly.

**Street Dept:** We got a list of streets over to Rebecca to complete the CCMG application. We had to put a new wiring harness on the 2016 F-350 for the salt spreader.

**Miscellaneous:** All the Christmas decorations are down. We are storing the Christmas Tree in one of Pike Lumber's Storage Buildings. Installed & anchored parking bumpers at Town Hall. Assisted Marshal Gearhart with the replacement of 2 batteries on the portable radar trailer.

**Attorney Report:**

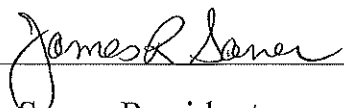
Andy provided an update on the England Property on SR14. The remaining foundation structure has been removed from the property. The remaining garbage falls under a different violation in Kosciusko County. The KC Health Department will issue an order for the property owner to remove the contents from the property.

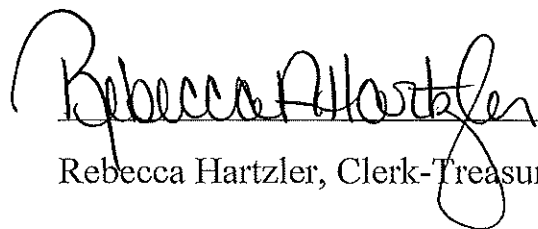
Resolution 01-22-2024 – Rainy Day Transfer – Jim made the motion to approve the transfer of \$70,590.00. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$338,561.23. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

  
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Jim Saner, President

  
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Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer