

Akron Town Council Meeting
April 15, 2024

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

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 March 8, 2024 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2024 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Kelly Gardner & Chad Reynolds with the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water presented Jake Gearhart with a Certificate for completion from their Water Apprenticeship Program.

Jim made a motion to approve Pike Lumber Company's CF-1 Tax Abatement forms. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes. Rich abstained.

Greg Fitzloff from KEDCO was present to discuss a potential housing initiative for Akron.

Harper Apt with Cottage Watchman presented a quote to update the security camera system at Town Hall. Rich made a motion to approve the quote for \$12,370 with the contingency to add an additional 2-3 cameras if needed for coverage. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented a proposal from Butler Fairman & Seifert to assist with the Community Crossings Grant bidding documentation and process. Rich made a motion to approve the agreement. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Marshal Report: Incident report for March 2024 was presented. Justin presented the quote from ElanCity for additional radar signs. Rich made a motion to approve the quote for \$18,000 to purchase additional radar signs using public safety funds. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We replaced 2 leaking residential water meters. WTH is close to having our lead service line layer set up.

Sewer Dept: The generator at Lift Station 1 is up and running. The other 2 lift stations are still waiting for Natural Gas connection. Lift Station 2 generator is about ready to ship from the manufacturer. We had a collapsed lateral sewer line under E Rochester St. The line runs to 302

E Rochester St. Thomas Excavating from Culver assisted with fixing due to the collapsed line being 10 feet under the state highway. We are currently discharging from the Constructed Wetlands due to the significant amount of rainfall.

Street Dept: The trash dumpsters have been moved out to the lagoons. The previous location of the dumpsters at Cutshall Park has been filled in. We trimmed back a few trees that were hanging low around signs. The street sign at SR14/114 got hit. We have cleaned all the catch basins.

Miscellaneous: The park restrooms have been opened for the season. We have a few minor repairs but overall in good condition. We replaced the can lights under the east pavilion. New LED parking lot lights have been installed at Pike Memorial Park and funded by Pike Memorial Trustees. The flower beds at the Downtown Community Park & War Memorial have been cleaned up.

Attorney Report: Andy shared he is still waiting on the survey from Bunnell regarding the parcel behind 106 N Maple Street.

Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 04-15-2024 – FEDCO/INDIANA STELLAR PATHWAY PARTNERSHIP. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

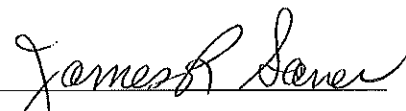
Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 04-15-2024A – A Resolution of the Town of Akron, Indiana Regarding Background Checks for Prospective Employees. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes

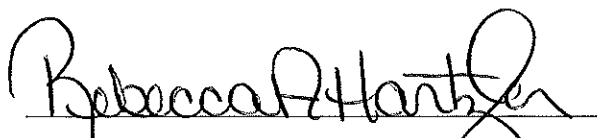
Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$157,057.63. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$33,400.75. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, May 20, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Rich made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Jim 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer