

Akron Town Council Meeting  
May 20, 2024

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

Guest: Sign in sheet.

The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2024 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve adjustment requests for Baca & Hardy as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca provided the 2023 Annual Financial Report from Baker Tilly for the council to review.

The council approved publishing the bid advertisement for the CCMG project provided by BF&S in the Rochester Sentinel on June 1<sup>st</sup> & June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Rebecca shared with the council about community residents interested in a Town Wide Clean-Up Day. Different options were discussed.

A resident expressed concern at Cutshall Park with traffic going beyond where the gate & fence were located since employees removed with the dump being relocated. A solution was to install a post on the trail that prevented vehicles from driving beyond the parking area plus adding signage.

Rebecca informed the council that insurance approved repairing the east side of the Town building that was damaged. LeMaster will do the repair work.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for April 2024 was presented. Justin informed the council that a juvenile vandalized the men's restroom facility with spray paint. Jake repainted the wall in the restroom. Justin spoke with the juvenile's parent and the juvenile will be doing community service on July 5<sup>th</sup> to clean up the trash at the park following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival.

**Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** We are working with Shannon to get things around for the grant application for our water operating/distribution system. We completed 2 data log reports for customers.

**Sewer Dept:** All lift station generators have been set. Electrical and gas hook-ups should be completed in the following weeks. The collapsed lateral sewer line at 302 E Rochester St has

been repaired and is now in working order. The road has been patched as well. The wetlands and lagoons are still discharging due to the overwhelming rainfall. A natural spring has sprung at the back side of the property of 209 W Rochester St. We are working on a solution. 2 locations (302 E Rochester St & 202 W North St) are getting sidewalk/curbing repair due to sewer line excavation. R&R Visual has completed 3 days of sewer line root cutting.

**Street Dept:** We have received a quote to trim & cut down a few trees around town and Cutshall Park. The street sign at SR14 & SR114 has been repaired.

**Miscellaneous:** We had graffiti on the men's restroom wall that has been repainted. The juvenile will do community service July 5<sup>th</sup>. We are working on getting the park ready for the Northen Expo with the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water on May 23, 2024.

The council discussed the Superintendent vacancy as of May 31, 2024. After reviewing the applications received, Rich made a motion to promote Jake Gearhart from Assistant Superintendent to Superintendent effective June 1, 2024. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. The council asked Rebecca to publish notice of the Assistant Superintendent job vacancy.

The council requested making contact with INDOT regarding the manholes on Rochester St/SR14. Rebecca will attempt to make contact with an INDOT representative.

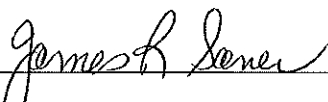
**Attorney Report: Not present**

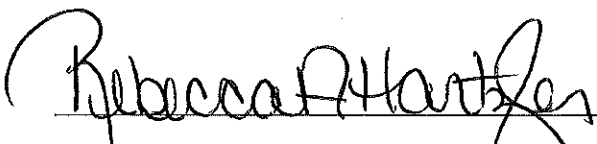
Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$114,406.38. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$20,282.50. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, June 17, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

  
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Jim Saner, President

  
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Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer