

Akron Town Council Meeting
July 15, 2024

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Jake Gearhart, Superintendent; Anthony Newcomer, Asst. Superintendent; Andy Perkins, 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 June 17, 2024 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the memorandum of meeting from the Executive Session on July 1, 2024. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to award the CCMG project to Phend & Brown. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. Rich also asked Rebecca to contact Phend & Brown for an updated price on using virgin material to complete the project. The council is aware this requires a change order, and the cost will be covered by the town.

Marshal Report: Incident report for June 2024 was presented. Justin shared the Akron 4th of July events went well with no issues. He praised the volunteers with Fulton County EMA, Fulton County Reserves, Josh with CopsGear & town employees for their help during the 4th. Justin shared he was contacted by a citizen regarding the Fireworks Ordinance for the Town. The Ordinance was passed back in 1986. Rich asked Rebecca to get a copy of the Ordinance for the board to review. The board will discuss if any changes need to be made at the August meeting.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We are working with Larry Norman to fix a water leak at 302 N Virgil St. We completed 2 data log reports. We are waiting for Peerless Midwest to complete work on our high service pump and motor for the water plant. We repaired a major water main break on S SR19 with the assistance of Construction Services of Indiana. A boil advisory was ordered due to pressure loss and lifted a few days later once samples came back clear. We supplied Shannon with all the necessary documentation requested for the OCRA grant application.

Sewer Dept: Still waiting on gas hookups for 2 of the 3 lifts station generators (SR 19 & SR14 lift stations). Due to the overwhelming rainfall, we had to open the discharge for the wetlands which will require daily testing by Astbury. The lagoons are still discharging. Jake discussed

with the Council about lining the pipe connecting 106 N Mishawaka St. Jake will work on getting an updated quote from the company to make the repair.

Street Dept: The street curbs have been repainted for the year. AR Tree Service will be in town cutting down and trimming trees on Monday August 12th.

Miscellaneous: The Akron 4th of July celebration went well. New employee training is going well with Anthony Newcomer, Town Assistant Superintendent.

Attorney Report: Andy shared with the Council he provided a letter to Shannon for the OCRA Grant application. He also notified them of an upcoming Ordinance Violation hearing on July 25th. Andy provided a letter for the council to review and send to a property owner requesting their attendance at the September meeting to discuss a land purchase agreement.

Rebecca shared with the council some wording in the Employee Handbook wasn't correct regarding employee benefits. She spoke with Kristen at New Focus HR and she indicated the wording needed to be corrected. Rebecca shared the revised employee handbook with the council. Jim made a motion to approve the revised employee handbook. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

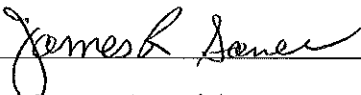
Rebecca requested a meeting be set to discuss the 2025 budget. The budget meeting has been set for Tuesday, August 13th at 1:00 p.m.

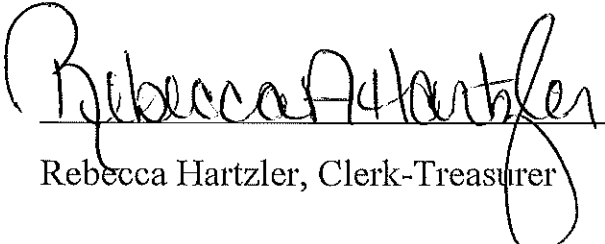
Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$157,380.90. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$23,053.50. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, August 19, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer