

Akron Town Council Meeting

April 21, 2025

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal, Jake Gearhart, Superintendent; Anthony Newcomer, Assistant 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 March 26, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 7, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

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

Rich made a motion to approve the quote from Boyce Cloud powered by BS&A not to exceed \$69,755 to upgrade the accounting system for the Town. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Annual Financial Management Reports for the Water & Sewer Utilities from Baker Tilly were provided to the council for review. A Baker Tilly representative will attend a future meeting to discuss the reports as well as the local impact from SB1.

Rebecca shared an update with the council on funding for the AYL Boys Field Lighting Project. She was able to obtain matching funds from many local sources, however the project is short \$5,000. Rich made a motion to support the project and fund the remaining \$5,000 for the lighting project. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca informed the council the Bid Opening has been rescheduled for Monday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. Midwestern Engineers notified all companies of the extension. Sealed Bid Packets are due to the Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on April 28th for consideration.

Marshal Report: Incident report for March 2025 was presented.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We continue to work with Midwestern Engineering on the Water Improvement Project. We had an assessment done on our IT system by Alliance of Indiana Rural Water for the SRF Cybersecurity requirement. We completed 3 data log reports.

Sewer Dept: The constructed wetlands were successfully burned off on March 13th. The lagoons and lift stations are operating well.

Street Dept: We are getting a list of roads together for the next application round of CCMG. Most of the storm damage from around town has been taken care of.

Miscellaneous: The park restrooms are open for the season. We have completed 14 locate tickets. Discuss sinkhole at Cutshall Park.


Attorney Report: Andy discussed receiving an email from Midwestern Engineers to create easement documents for the SR 19 Water Main Replacement that is part of the OCRA Water Improvement Project.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$731,179.93. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$24,292.50. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next monthly council meeting is Monday, May 19, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer