

Akron Town Council Meeting December 16, 2024

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Jake Gearhart, Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Town 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 November 18, 2024 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the 2025 Bonds for the following employees: Rebecca Hartzler, \$60,000; Dora Maish, \$15,000; Justin Gearhart, \$15,000 & Derek Halterman, \$15,000. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to accept the Conflict-of-Interest Form for Dax Snyder. Rich 2nd. 2 ayes. Tony abstained. Rebecca will upload to SBOA & provide a copy to the Fulton County Clerk.

Rich made a motion to approve the 2025 council meeting dates as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. Rebecca will send the dates to the Rochester Sentinel for publication. She will also upload the document to the Town of Akron's website.

The council revisited the request from Scott Reese to allow chickens in town limits. Angela & Rod Conner spoke on the topic and were not in favor of allowing chickens in town limits. Mark Cox also expressed concern of allowing chickens in town and was not in favor of allowing them. Cathy Miller spoke in favor of allowing chickens in town limits. The council listened to the opinions of those in attendance. No changes were made. The council informed Mr. Reese he had 30 days to remove the chickens from his property to avoid an ordinance violation.

The new Town of Akron Welcome Signs have been installed. A resident contacted the town office with concern on the placement of the sign on SR14. The placement of the sign was in the exact location as the old sign however this sign is located on the ground. They feel it obstructs their view to leave their driveway. The resident is asking for the sign to be relocated. The sign was installed at the proper distance from the road as stated on the INDOT permit. Jim said he will contact the resident and arrange a time to meet at their home to discuss the concern.

Rebecca provided documentation from MD7 about the AT&T lease. Nothing was decided as more information and clarification is needed on the documentation provided.

Rebecca provided a lease amendment from Verizon for the equipment on the North Water Tower. Nothing was decided at this time and will be added for discussion on the January agenda.

Marshal Report: Incident report for December 2024 was presented. The continuing education course in Hobart was cancelled so Justin will not be completing required training online before

the end of the year. Justin spoke with the council about the Engine Break signs posted in town. The town received notification from INDOT that they need to be removed, local ordinance updated, decibel device purchased and new signage to meet their standards before they will allow posting in the ROW.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We are working on sending letters to certain businesses in town regarding the updated cross connection ordinance. Water leaks at 210 S Mishawaka St & Sonoco Products have been repaired. All sampling for the 2024 year has been completed.

Sewer Dept: Root cutting is scheduled for mid-December. We have submitted the necessary forms to NIPSCO to finish running the gas line for the generator at the SR19 lift station. The old Viking Dollar sewer line relining is a work in progress and will be completed before the end of the year.

Street Dept: We are still working with Phend & Brown on finishing some things up regarding the CCMG project. Leaf pickup is complete. Engine Break sign discussion.

Miscellaneous: The new John Deere mower has arrived. The Bobcat skid loader will be delivered after the 1st of the year.

Attorney Report:

Resolution 12-16-2024 – Rainy Day Transfer. Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 12-16-2024 as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Resolution 12-16-2024A – Transfer of Appropriations. Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 12-16-2024A as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

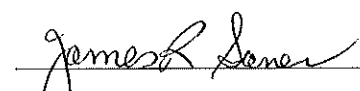
Resolution 12-16-2024B – Amending Resolution 06-17-2024B Town of Akron ARPA Plan. Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 12-16-2024B as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

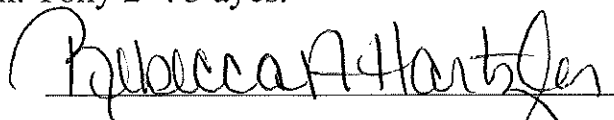
Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$141,117.86. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Payroll Allowance Docket for \$21,145.75 (November) 7 \$30,186.25 (December). Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Friday, December 27, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Rich made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer