

Akron Town Council Meeting

May 19, 2025

Present: Jim Saner, President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal, Jake Gearhart, Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Attorney

Absent: Rich Solano, Vice-President

Guest: Sign in sheet.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 28, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.

Akron resident Mrs. VanRyn expressed concern to the Akron Council regarding children walking home from school and safely crossing the state roads. She suggested crossing guards or signage like Rochester has. Jim said he would speak with Mr. Sterk at Akron Elementary about the concern and possible solution.

Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineers, provided an update to the council regarding bids for the Water Improvement Project. Jim made a motion to tentatively approve Thomas Excavation for Division I at \$167,119.00 pending Final Financial Approval from OCRA. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes. Jim made a motion to tentatively approve Ascher Building & Design LLC for Division III at \$303,850.00 pending Final Financial Approval from OCRA. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes. The council rejected all bids received for Division II and instructed Midwestern Engineers to Rebid the project.

Jim made a motion to allow Rochester Telephone Company to utilize the Downtown Park on July 29, 2025 from 11AM-2PM for their customer appreciation event celebrating their 130th anniversary at no cost. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the quote for \$475 from WACD for additional networking equipment in the council room to meet the live stream requirements effective July 1, 2025. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the quote for \$1820.12 from Rochester Glass to replace the 2 windows in the EMS room. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.

Marshal Report: Incident report for April 2025 was presented. Justin participated in the Safety Relocation Drill with Akron Elementary School. Justin provided an update on the new police commission he received from Rochester Ford. The build date is anticipated for the week of July 7th. All new radar signs have been installed except for the one on Mishawaka/Water St due to needing INDOT approval. Justin will work with the street department on new signage regarding the updated noise ordinance. Tall grass violations are being addressed.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: Still working with Midwestern Engineering on the water project. The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Northern Expo will be at Pike Memorial Park on Thursday, May 22nd.

Sewer Dept: The lagoons are currently shut down awaiting delivery of chemicals. Checked with Fulton County REMC to make sure the power supply at the lagoons would be able to support additional aerators. Jim made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 aerators for \$33,900 each from Reliant Technologies pending written approval from IDEM. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.

Street Dept: We are still working with Phend & Brown to complete the punch list with the CCMG project from 2024. All radar signs have been installed except for one. We will need to obtain a state permit from INDOT to install. Jake provided an updated regarding the manhole repair by Gaunt & Son at Rochester/Maple St.

Miscellaneous: We have completed 15 locate tickets.


Attorney Report:

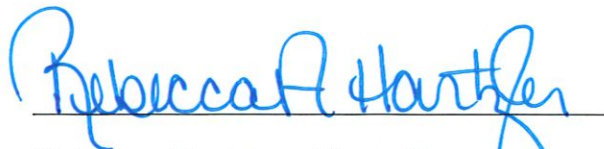
Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$133,633.13. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$21,988.75. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.

The next monthly council meeting is Monday, June 16, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer