

# Akron Town Council Meeting

July 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 June 16, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 24, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes

Akron Welcome Sign Landscape Quote were presented. Jim made a motion to approve the quote from Joe Dirt Landscaping for \$2,000 per sign. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for June 2025 was presented. Jim requested the “No Bicycles/Skateboards” be repainted on the downtown sidewalks as there has been an increase of bicycle traffic on the downtown sidewalks and almost causing accidents to people leaving businesses.

## **Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** We are continuing to work with Midwestern Engineering on the water project. We completed 3 data log reports.

**Sewer Dept:** The lagoons are currently operating well. We are meeting with an engineer regarding the aerator construction permit on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Street Dept:** We are working around town trimming trees.

**Miscellaneous:** We have completed 21 locate tickets. The fourth of July came and went without any major issues. Discussed purchasing temporary fencing.

**Attorney Report:** Andy provided updated on new laws.

**Clerk-Treasurer Report:** The revised easements for Sonoco and Pike Lumber have been sent for the water main replacement project. Rebecca will be attending the ILMCT conference in French Lick. She has reserved an Airbnb as it was cheaper than staying at the hotel. Jim signed

the INDOT street sweeping contract for 2026-2029. Jim also signed the Notice of Awards for Division I, II, & III and was sent back to the engineer.

Jim introduced Ordinance 07-21-2025 – An Ordinance Amending the Rates of the Town of Akron Municipal Sewage Utility. Rebecca will publish a public hearing notice in the Rochester Sentinel for the August 18, 2025 council meeting.

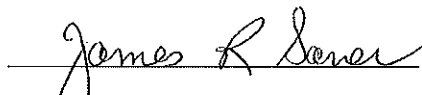
Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$150,185.03. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

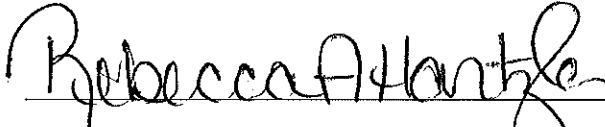
Jim made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for (June) \$25,906.50 & (July) \$25,386.25. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The town council will meet in a special meeting to discuss the 2026 budget on Monday, August 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

The next monthly council meeting is Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

  
Jim Saner, President

  
Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer