

Akron Town Council Meeting

December 15, 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 5:08 p.m. with the public hearing regarding the OCRA Wastewater Project application. Shannon McLeod, Grant Administrator, Baker Tilly spoke about the application that'll be submitted on Thursday, December 19th. The archaeology study was delayed due to the significant snowfall that happened after Thanksgiving and still has the ground covered. OCRA will allow us to still submit our application without this information due to this being an act of God and out of our control. We will proceed with the study as soon as the snow disappears and the completed study will be submitted to OCRA. No public comment was heard. Jim made a motion to close the public hearing at 5:52 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

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

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 17, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 19, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the 2026 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 approve the 2026 council meeting dates as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes. Rebecca will send the dates to the Rochester Sentinel for publication. She will also upload the dates to the Town of Akron's website.

Rich made a motion to approve the CCMG Bid Advertisement as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. Rebecca will submit the advertisement to the Rochester Sentinel for publication on December 24 & 31st.

Verizon cell tower agreement amendment was discussed. Rich is going to reach out to Katie with Verizon to discuss the amendment with hopes of providing clarifying information at the January council meeting.

Jim made a motion to accept the Consent to Assignment of Contracts with Midwestern Engineers/CHA Consulting. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Marshal Report: Incident report for November 2025 was presented. AT&T portable Mi-Fi for the commissions needs replaced. The cost of the replacement will be added to next month's AT&T bill. The new commission is in service and will be going to Signs & Designs by Lewis for lettering. The radar speed sign on SR 14 by Dollar General stopped working. Justin will contact the vendor to purchase a replacement battery.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: Currently waiting for an update from Midwestern Engineering regarding the status of the south water main replacement. Confirmed the work on the south water tower is delayed until Spring of 2026. Completed 9 data log reports over the last month.

Sewer Dept: The lagoons are open and operating as they should be. Wetlands burn off will have to wait until Spring. Attended an onsite visit of the Kewanna WWTP on November 25th.

Street Dept: Snow and Ice removal has went well all things considered. Leaf pickup was affected by the early snowfall. Will try to get one last sweep of the town when all the snow melts.

Miscellaneous: We have completed 10 locate tickets. Pike Memorial Park restrooms have been closed and winterized.

Attorney Report: Andy provided an update on the status of the small claims case.

Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 12-15-2025 – Rainy Day Transfer as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 12-15-2025A – Transfer of Appropriations as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 12-15-2025B – Encumbrances as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 12-15-2025C – OCRA Funding Match as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 12-15-2025D – Resolution to Borrow Funds as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$226,050.13. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$29,744.25. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, January 12, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

James R Saner

Jim Saner, President

Rebecca A Hartzler

Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer