

Akron Town Council Meeting
January 12, 2026

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal, Jake Gearhart, Superintendent; Anthony Newcomer, Asst. 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 for all positions to remain the same for 2026: Jim Saner, President, Rich Solano, Vice President and Tony Rameriz, Member. Tony 2nd 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion for Jake Gearhart to remain Town Superintendent. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion for Justin Gearhart to remain Town Marshal. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion for Andy Perkins to remain Town Attorney. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to keep Lake City Bank as the primary financial institution and Trust Indiana for investments. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 15, 2025 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the utility adjustments as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Butler Fairman & Seufert representative, Tinisha Weigelt opened the received sealed bids for the 2026 CCMG project. The following bids were received:

- 1) DC Construction - \$866,576.25
- 2) Phend & Brown - \$953,120.95
- 3) E&B Paving - \$989,162.00
- 4) Gaunt & Son - \$1,016,502.50
- 5) Brooks - \$1,042,476.94

The bids were taken under advisement pending engineer review. The company will be announced at the February 9, 2026 council meeting.

The Butler Fairman & Seufert agreement for assistance with the PASER rating & Asset Management Uploads was presented. Rich made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Town Garage sale date was set for Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Rebecca presented the list of outstanding warrants for 2023. Jim made a motion to approve the list. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented a list of 2026 Write-off for Utility Accounts. Jim made a motion to approve the list. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Marshal Report: Incident report for December 2025 was presented.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We completed 6 data log reports. We repaired a non-working curb stop at 106 E Walnut St. Thomas Excavating has performed pressures test on the new water main,

Sewer Dept: The lagoons are open and operating as they should be.

Street Dept: Leaf pickup is officially done for the season. The new skid loader snowplow is in and will allows us to properly clean the walking trails. Jake discussed the repairs needed to the alley between Dilly's & Good to Go. A quote was presented for the work and the council requested a not to exceed amount be added before consideration. Jake will contact the company for an updated quote to present at the February meeting.

Miscellaneous: We completed 5 locate tickets. Jetter vac work has been complete, discussion on suggested work. The 2005 Ford F250 with Western Plow & skid steer plow attachment were sold in the Metzger Auction on January 1, 2026. The tornado siren on the south side of town is not working, we are communicating with J&K Communications to resolve the issue.

Attorney Report: Andy provided an updated on the Abbott Small Claims Case that starting Feb 2nd they will be making bi-weekly payments of \$250.00 until paid in full.

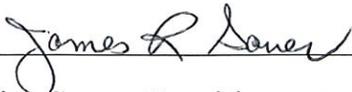
Rebecca presented 2025-year end transfer of appropriations for council approval. Rich made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$84,174.49. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

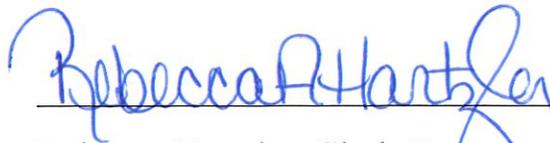
Rebecca informed the council that she mailed via USPS the water bond payment the beginning of December to Old National Bank in Evansville. The payment was due January 1st. A representative from Old National Bank contacted the town and stated the check hadn't been received the week before the due date. We ended up issuing payment via ACH so the payment was not late. I was notified on January 5th via email that the check was received by Old National. They were advised to shred the check since the payment was made via ACH.

The next council meeting is Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer