

Akron Town Council Meeting

March 23, 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.

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 February 9, 2026 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

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

Akron resident, Derek Arceneaux spoke with the council about having a sewer issue with backups at his residence caused by the tree roots from a town street tree. He requested the town remove the tree before he repairs his sewer line. Jake will contact AR Tree Service about adding this tree to the tree removal project.

Rebecca presented claims received from Mark Sullivan, Midwestern Engineers for the OCRA Water project. Jim made a motion to approve Thomas Excavating Pay Claim #2 for \$77,931.35 & Midwestern Engineers for \$18,480.00. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes

Rebecca presented agreements from Baker Tilly for Grant Administration for the OCRA Wastewater Project. Rich made a motion to approve the agreements as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the Conditional Purchase Agreement with Option to Purchase Groninger Land as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

INDOT documents received for their Project Des. 2401490 & 2500402 states it will include sidewalk replacement on SR 14 from SR19 to SR 14/114 on the north and south side of the road. This INDOT project is slated for the Spring of 2029.

Rebecca shared with the council she received a call from Sonoco about providing approval for discharge into our sewer system since IDEM is requiring pre-treatment now at their facility. Rebecca is working with Dan Fox, Certified Operator on getting the necessary documents in order.

Rich made a motion to approve the annual CF-1 Form for Pike Lumber Company. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. Rebecca will submit the forms to the Fulton County Auditor.

Marshal Report: Incident report for February 2026 was presented. Justin informed the council that the radar sign on SR 14 near Noyer Drive is still not working even with new battery replacement. Justin has made the decision to replace the sign with the extra new radar sign we have and will troubleshoot the sign further when it's not along the state highway. Justin is currently working with Motorola on a licensing issue with our body cams.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We completed 9 data log reports. Thomas Excavating has connected 4 houses to the new water main. We replaced 5 water meters over the last month.

Sewer Dept: We replaced the rainfall data logger that failed. The wetlands were successfully burned off on Monday, March 9th.

Street Dept: The tentative state date for the alley concrete work between Dilly's and Gas Station is the week of March 23rd weather pending. Jim made a motion to approve the sewer vac repair with Brown Equipment Company (BEC) for \$16,317.80. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes. Jake presented quotes for tree removal necessary before the start of the CCMG project. Jim made a motion to approve the quote from AR Tree Service for \$7,652.50. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Miscellaneous: Jake informed the council he hired David Roe for the vacant part-time position. Rich made a motion to pay \$16.00 per hour for Mr. Roe. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Attorney Report:

Rebecca shared a report she received via email from Attorney Perkins who was unable to be present at our meeting due to the Fulton County Area Plan Commission Meeting. The information was regarding the data center moratorium the Fulton County Commissioners passed in February. If the Akron council wants to implement the moratorium for their community, they will need to notify the public that an ordinance will be entertained at the April Council meeting. The public must be notified 48 hours or more prior to the April 20th council meeting.

Rebecca informed the council that Duke Energy replaced the main power supply line with Town Hall on Monday, March 16 & 17.

Rebecca informed the council on March 2, 2026, the Town of Akron was awarded a \$750,000 grant from OCRA for the wastewater project.

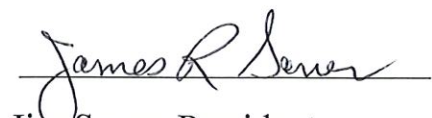
Rebecca shared the CCMG match from the state for \$693,261 was received today.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$76,975.67. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

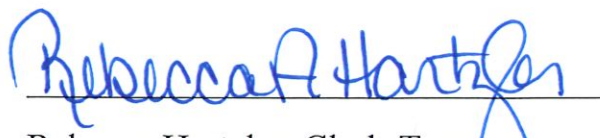
Rich made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for \$33,003.96. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

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Jim Saner, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca A. Hartzler". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer