Akron Town Council Meeting
July 20, 2026

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.

Guests: See sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2026, Council meeting as presented. Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Pay Claim #2 to DC Construction in the amount of $207,610.65. Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Pay Claim #2 to R. Yoder in the amount of $12,301.98. Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the final pay claim to Ascher Industrial in the amount of $119,830.64, pending clear water sample results from the lab and the south water tower being placed back in service. Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the 2027 CCMG Agreement with Butler, Fairman & Seufert. Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Jim informed the Council that Frank Shepperd with Thrive Communities was purchasing the trailer park, with closing scheduled for July 29. Thrive Communities plans to make extensive upgrades to the property, transforming it into a mobile home community. Jim requested that the Town support the project by paying one-half of the $8,750 invoice from AR Tree Service for tree trimming and removal. Jim made a motion to pay $4,375 from the Economic Development Fund toward the tree trimming and removal. Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Marshal Report:
The June 2026 incident report was presented. The Fourth of July went well, with assistance from the Fulton County Reserves and Josh Church and his staff from CopsGear. Once Clark's badge and equipment arrive, he will begin working part-time for the department.

Superintendent Report:

Water Department: The south water tower is complete and awaiting sample results before being placed back in service. Work on the water plant improvement project should begin soon after the south water tower is back in service.

Sewer Department: There were complications at the SR 19 lift station that resulted in the replacement of two air relief valves and one motor. The VFD for the Blue Frog is overheating, causing it to shut off almost daily. Staff are trying several methods to keep it cool and prevent it from shutting off. The sewer vac is back and, so far, is working well.

Street Department: The new street sweeper attachment arrived, allowing staff to resume sweeping the streets. The paving portion of the CCMG project was anticipated to begin on July 13. The sidewalk portion of the project is complete.

Miscellaneous: Town staff completed 20 locate tickets over the past month. The Fourth of July passed without any major issues.

Rebecca discussed scheduling a 2027 budget meeting with the Council and department heads. The meeting was scheduled for August 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clerk's Office.

Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 07-20-2026, Transfer of Appropriations, as presented. Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the dockets in the amount of $176,552.25. Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket in the amount of $41,199.87. Tony seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

The Council asked Rebecca to send a notification through the Town app and post on social media regarding the water plant improvement project. The notification will inform residents that the filter system will be out of service during the project, which could result in water discoloration and potential changes in water pressure.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 ayes.

James R Saner

Jim Saner, President

Rebecca A Hartzler

Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer