# Akron Town Council Meeting
# October 19, 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, 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 September 21, 2026 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Eric Walsh, Baker Tilly spoke about the Sewer Rate Study they conducted.

Rich made a motion to approve Pay Claim #5 for R. Yoder in the amount of $141,949.96. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for September 2026 was presented. Justin participated in the Akron Elementary School relocation drill. He will be conducting Halloween Safety to Akron Elementary students on Thursday, October 29th. Ordinance Violation letters will be mailed in the coming weeks. Justin will also have a meeting with Attorney Perkins to discuss updating language in Ordinances and hopes to have that information to the council for the November meeting.

**Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** The filter tank is complete, passed sampling requirements, and is back in service. This wraps up the work for the water improvement project. Jake will discuss with Mark Sullivan, CHA about the transducer on the filter take was painted over and requests it needs replaced before final close out of the OCRA water project.

**Sewer Dept:** We attended a virtual meeting with CHA Engineering on October 9th, doing a final review of the wastewater improvement project plans. The lagoons are still open and flowing the best they can. Anthony, Jim & Jake went over to Claypool on September 24th to check out their new SAGR system for their lagoons. Jake attended the IFA Regional meeting in Walkerton on October 8th.

**Street Dept:** DC Construction is finished with the punch list items for the CCMG project. BF&S is working on finalizing the project before final payment is made and the grant is closed out. Curbside leaf pickup started today, October 19th and will run through November 30th.

**Miscellaneous:** The park restrooms will be open until the weather changes.

**Attorney Report:** Andy discussed HEA 1360 Access to Public Records which became effective July 1, 2026 which addresses a sharp increase in automated bots, data scraping, and phishing attempts.

Rich made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-19-2026 –2027 Budget as presented. Jim 2nd. 2 ayes. Tony abstained due to being a member of the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 10-19-2026 – Rainy Day Transfer as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim introduced by title only Ordinance 11-16-2026 – Sewage Bond Ordinance.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for $212,739.27. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket for $27,344.01. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, November 16, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim Saner, President

Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer