

Akron Town Council Meeting April 20, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Town Council meeting was conducted by conference call.

Present (via Teleconference): Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Brandon Slone, Member; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Aaron Gearhart, Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Attorney; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Leah Sanders, Media

Due to the conference being held by teleconference, there was no one from the community that reached out with interest to join the call. If anyone is interested, they will be provided the phone number and participate code to gain access to the meetings.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 23, 2020 council meeting as amended by Rebecca. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Business:

The community wide garage sale schedule for Saturday, May 16, 2020 has been postponed due to the current pandemic. The council discussed possible dates and they agreed to move the event to Saturday, September 19, 2020.

Jim announced that we received \$70, 905.32 from INDOT's Community Crossings Matching Grant. The following roads will be included in this project: Walnut St from Whittenberger to Mishawaka; Whittenberger St from Walnut to Rochester; West St from Rochester to Central; Water St from Mishawaka to Johnson; Orchard St from Virgil to Slaybaugh; & Virgil St from Central to Walnut. The town is required to match 25% and these funds will come from the MVH fund. The council must sign the agreement and send electronically to the district program director and the original to INDOT in Indianapolis.

Jim also announced we received a \$30,000 matching grant from Fulton County Community Foundation for the Rural Street Trail extension. FCCF has requested the town match \$15,000 towards the project. Lori Tilden-Geiger and Rebecca are working on submitting a grant through the K21 Foundation in Kosciusko County for the \$15,000 match. The grant deadline is May 1st.

Duke Energy provided an Outdoor Lighting Budgetary Estimate to update all streetlights to LED's. The council discussed the document from Duke and made the decision to move forward with the project. The council selected Method 2 – Option C (3-year term) at \$1,664.77/month. Rebecca will inform Duke of the council's decision so a contract can be provided for the council to sign at the next meeting. Once a contract is signed, the project will take

approximately 2-3 months to complete. Rich made a motion to upgrade the streetlights to LED's. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich asked how many sidewalk applications we have received from residents for the 50-50 program. Rebecca informed the council we currently have 6 applications. Aaron will work with Rebecca on getting measurements so invoices can be sent. Aaron will also contact Allen Weitzel to see about his availability to complete this year's projects.

Marshal Report:

Justin was unable to give an incident report because during the server switch his program was uninstalled. WACD is working with Agisent Technologies to get PD Manager reinstalled on the computer to access this information. The Dual Band Radios will be going to J&K Communications for 800 frequency programming soon.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: Aaron informed the council that 2 residential water meters were replaced and completed 4 data logger reports for residents. Banner Electric has fixed the blower motor on filter tank at the water plant. The software that communicates the south water tower to the water plant is currently down. Aaron is working on obtaining quotes to get this restored. The lights were replaced on the north & south water tower. During this process, it was determined that there is an electrical issue with the south water tower light. Aaron is anticipating that Spring hydrant flushing will take place the beginning of May.

Sewer Dept: Aaron informed the council that one of the pumps at SR 14 lift station is down. A replacement has been ordered from American Pump Repair & Service, Inc. for \$3488.00 plus freight. The NPDES Permit Application Renewal was mailed to IDEM on Thursday, April 16th. The deadline to submit the application is May 1st. Lift Station #1 has been cleaned and some repairs were made to the wet well. Both the CDS units at the Wetlands have been cleaned. The wetlands were burnt off on April 3rd. The chlorine & sodium bisulfite pumps have been serviced and ready to begin discharging.

Street Dept: The potholes around town were patched last week. A catch basin lid on Rochester & Cherry St was in poor condition and had to be replaced.

Miscellaneous: The mowers have been serviced and ready for mowing season. Per the request of the Akron Park Board, the playground equipment at Pike Memorial Park was power washed. The department did a total of four 811 locates this month.

Jim signed an emergency declaration to hereby declare a local disaster on March 23, 2020 that is set to expire on April 20, 2020. The council made the decision to extend the emergency

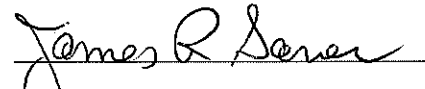
declaration until May 18, 2020. Brandon made the motion to approve the extension. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

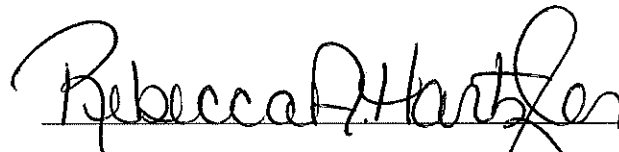
Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$86,089.31. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca asked the council members to contact her to schedule an appointment to sign the documents from the meeting. (Dockets, Minutes & CCMG Grant Application)

The next council meeting is Monday, April 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Rich made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer