

Akron Town Council Meeting  
April 19, 2021

Present: Jim Saner, President (via conference call); Rich Solano, Vice President; Brandon Slone, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal, Aaron Gearhart, Superintendent; Jake Gearhart, Asst. Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Attorney

Guest: Sign in sheet.

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brandon made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 15, 2021 council meeting as presented. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Business:**

Lisa Hill provided an updated on the 24/7 Food Pantry. Viking Foods has agreed to allow the storage container to be located outside their business. The storage container will be installed on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The council said it would review their decision in 90 days to see if the 24/7 Food Pantry becomes a permanent structure. Rich made a motion to allow the 24/7 Food Pantry. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The council received a written letter from Carol Mitterling regarding her rental property at 607 N Walnut St. Included with the letter was a bill from Nelson's plumping the Mitterling's were requesting the town pay because of a backed-up sewer. The invoice provided was not detailed so it was suggested the town contact Nelson's for an itemized bill of the services performed before a decision was made regarding their request. Attorney Perkins will look further into the situation.

DeLynn Geiger presented to the council amending the current golf cart ordinance to allow the use of UTV's in town limits. Discussion followed regarding the request. Ordinance 04-19-2021A was presented. Rich made a motion to accept Ordinance 04-19-2021A -An Ordinance Amending Golf Cart Regulations as presented. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2 ayes. 1 nay.

Rebecca presented 2 quotes for resealing the trails at Pike Memorial Park & Cutshall park. A 3<sup>rd</sup> quote is being obtained and the board requested to table the decision until it was received.

The appraisal from Lundquest for the Tyler Property has been received. Attorney Perkins informed Rebecca that a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote must be obtained before a purchase agreement can be signed. Rebecca will contact Metzger's out of North Manchester to obtain an additional appraisal.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for March 2021 was presented. An ad for the deputy marshal position will be published in the Rochester Sentinel, Warsaw Times Union, Shopping Guide & Ink Free News. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 p.m. Quotes for purchasing a new police vehicle were presented. Rich made a motion to allow Marshal Gearhart to select between the Ford or Dodge SUV pending additional information regarding the ballistic panel expense. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. Justin will be meeting with Casi Cowles to follow-up regarding the conditions at the Akron Trailer Park.

**Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** We did 2 data logger reports. We had a water leak between 311-317 North Mishawaka St that was determined to be with the service line in between the main & the curb stop. We had another water leak at the intersection of Oak & Front St. During excavation, the leak was not located and will continue to keep an eye on the location. We replaced a valve box around the valve. We replace a valve box on the back side of Sonoco. Currently working with Sonoco on the water connections that does under the building that is being demolished and planning to relocate.

**Sewer Dept:** We had 2 backed up sewers this month. We burnt the banks at the lagoons. We purchased and installed a plastic 8x10 shed to keep chemicals & pump at the lagoons out of the weather elements. Contacted by Pike Lumber regarding sewer main extension that may require modifications. Brady with Commonwealth Engineers is currently in discussion with ERI on this topic. Buried the electrical line that goes to the blue frog to help eliminate it from being hit by the mowers.

**Street Dept:** We patched holes around town & repaired a portion on East Water Street that was removed to fix the sewer. The 6 trees have been cut & removed from around town as indicated on the quote from Hilltop Tree Service.

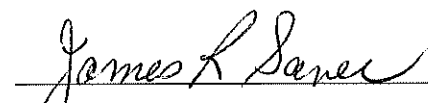
**Miscellaneous:** We did a total of three 811 locates this month. Mowing has started for the 2021 season. The park restrooms were opened on April 1, 2021. Olive Branch Church of God will host "Church Outside the Walls" on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and will preform community service throughout town.

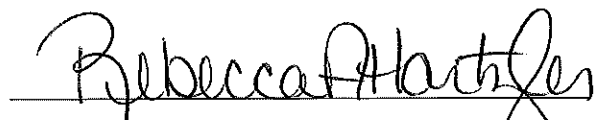
Rich made a motion to accept Ordinance 04-19-2021 – An Ordinance Amending the Akron Municipal Code, Title 3 Administration, Chapter 36 Funds by Adding the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as presented. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$116,068.59. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, May 17, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Rich made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

  
Jim Saner, President

  
Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer