

Akron Town Council Meeting

January 18, 2021

Present: Jim Saner, President; 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 5:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brandon made a motion for all positions to remain the same for 2021: Jim Saner, President, Rich Solano, Vice President and Brandon Slone, Member. Rich 2nd 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion for Aaron Gearhart to remain Town Superintendent. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion for Justin Gearhart to remain Town Marshall. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion for Andy Perkins to remain Town Attorney. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to keep Lake City Bank as the primary financial institution and Trust Indiana for investments. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to set the meeting times and dates as the 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 21, 2020 council meeting as presented. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Town Garage sale date was set for Saturday, May 15, 2020.

Annual Financial Report was presented for approval. Rich made a motion to accept the report as presented. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Sewer Main Agreement with Pike Lumber Company has been signed and fully executed as of January 11, 2021. The IDEM permit for construction was provided for the council's review.

Rebecca discussed that Noyer Drive is currently listed as a county road however the town has been maintaining it for year. She spoke with Fulton County Highway Superintendent, John Geier and he was unaware this was a county road. He is fine with the town taking ownership of Noyer Drive but we must go through the proper channels to complete the request. Rebecca will attend the Commissioner's meeting on Tuesday, January 19th to make the request. It is imperative the town has possession of the road not only for grant funding but MVH revenues.

Marshal Report: Incident report for December 2020 was presented.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We did 5 data logger reports. We will be switching from Element to Astbury for our Monthly Water Sample testing. Working with NIPSCO on locating utilities as they plan to work on the gas main along S SR19. Jake & Aaron will be taking their WT-3 & DSM test within the next month. Rebecca helped get excel sheets updated to use on the IPAD for water and wastewater daily checks. A quote from National Water Services (NWS) was presented to perform the Well Test & Maintenance for 2021. Rich made a motion to approve the quote from NWS for \$1200. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Sewer Dept: We have had three backed up sewer lines this month. We had a sewer line collapse at 205 E Water St on 1/6/21. We unfortunately had to tear up the newly paved street to make the repair. Gaunt and Son will patch it correctly when the weather permits. Repairs were made on the sewer vacs hose, valve, and pressure gauge. We have an upcoming meeting on January 28 at 10AM to discuss the IDEM additional action plan (AAP).

Street Dept: The 2021 CCMG grant has been submitted. We listed 6 street segments in the application for repair. The Christmas Decorations have been taken down and Duke has disconnected the service to the downtown poles.

Miscellaneous: We did a total of three 811 locates this month. We updated the flooring in the EMS bathroom as it was the original from 1988. We fixed a leak at the Town Maintenance Barn bathroom which ended up having to replace all the plumbing inside. The new fuel system has been installed. The 2019 F-350 has a new set of tires and alignment checked. A quote from Hilltop Tree Service was presented to removed street trees that are dead. Jim made a motion to approve the quote for \$3,175. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes. Multiple quotes were presented to replace the John Deere mower. Jim made a motion to accept the quote from Bobcat for a ZT6161SM-ZT6100 Zero Turn Riding Mower for \$3,435.44. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes. Aaron discussed with the council trading in the backhoe for an excavator. Quotes were presented and reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the quote from Bobcat for a E60 R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator for \$500.00. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

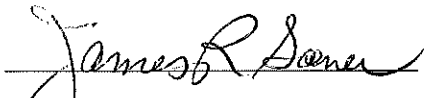
Ordinance 01-18-2021 – Amending Salary Ordinance for COVID pay. Jim made the motion to approve the ordinance. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes

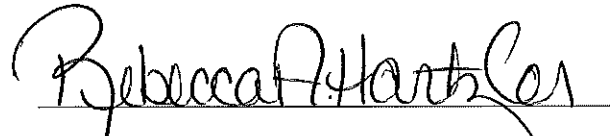
Resolution 01-18-2021 – Rainy Day Transfer – Jim made the motion to approve the transfer of \$38,000. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$286,126.13. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, February 15, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer