

Akron Town Council Meeting  
July 20, 2020

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice President; Brandon Slone, Member; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Aaron Gearhart, Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Attorney; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Leah Sander, Press

Guest: Sign-in Sheet

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2020 council meeting as presented. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Business:**

Fulton County Plan Commission Executive Director Casi Cowles discussed the amendments to the town's building codes and permit fees. Casi presented Ordinance 07-20-2020 – An Ordinance Adopting Building Codes for Akron, Indiana. Rich made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-20-2020 as presented. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Daniel Brincefield with Engineering Resources, Inc. spoke to the council about Pike Lumber's proposed new Headquarters. He came to discuss a sewer connection to the town's manhole located at SR 14/114 intersection. After discussion between the council and engineering firm, it was decided to take a step back and have a meeting to discuss the specifics of the project and proposal. Jim, Rebecca & Aaron will meet with Pike representatives to further discuss this matter.

Rebecca shared with the council that the Town received a \$15,000 grant from K21 Foundation for the trail extension along Rural Street. The \$15,000 is the match required from Fulton County Community Foundation for the project. The project is fully funded, and the construction phase will begin once the contractor is available.

Akron Garden Apartments would like to put a sign up at the corner of Rochester/Virgil street letting people know where they are located. The council discussed sign placement and which pole to use due to safety concerns. It was requested that Aaron & Justin meet with the person installing the sign to make sure it does not cause a blind spot for drivers. An installation date will be set when the new sign arrives. Rich made a motion to approve their sign placement. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca notified the council that Duke Energy will begin the Streetlight LED upgrades beginning the first week of August.

Akron Carnegie Public Library sent a thank you via email for allowing them to utilize Pike Memorial Park for their story walk during this summer's reading program. It was a success and they hope to bring additional events like this to our community in the near future.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter IDEM report was presented. Rebecca will send the report to Pat with IDEM.

### **Marshal Report:**

Justin presented the incident report for June. Justin presented a quote from ElanCity to purchase 6 Solar Evolis Radar Speed Sign with programmable message display for \$16,047.00 that will be installed throughout town. Jim made a motion to approve the quote as presented. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. He provided a quote for \$830 from Canal Lock & Key to install a keypad entry to his office. Rich made a motion to approve the quote as presented. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

### **Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** Aaron informed the council he completed 4 data logger reports for residents & one water leak that was customers responsibility. Discussed Wellhead Protection Plan – Update required by September 2021 per IDEM. Jake & Aaron completed the treatment & distribution class through Alliance of Indiana Rural Water. Will begin filling out the paperwork to take the test after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Notified the council of upcoming zoom meeting with WTH for GIS mapping system. Jake & Dan attended a webinar over updated rules for lead and copper & other monitoring regulations. Aaron presented a quote from Utility Supply to purchase 3 new meters for Sonoco. The quote for the meters is \$5,762.14. Jim made a motion to approve the quote as presented. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Sewer Dept:** Aaron informed the council that we had 3 backed up sewers this month. We are currently working to drain lagoon #1 for maintenance work. Met with Sonoco to see about them discharging a new cleaning solution into the sewer system. Dug up the sewer line on Orchard Street that was determined to be full of tree roots. Jake, Dan & Aaron plan to attend a Traffic Safety & Confined Space class in Monon, IN on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Aaron presented a quote from Custom Fencing for \$2,750 to install 24ft aluminum sliding gate to allow safe access to lagoon discharge point. Rich made a motion to approve the quote as presented. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Street Dept:** Notified the council that tree maintenance took place around town & at the park. Working with Utility Supply, EJP and Utility Pipe Sales to get quotes for manhole risers needed for the upcoming CCMG paving project. Aaron presented a quote from Hilltop Tree Service for \$2,250 to remove 4 different street trees in town. Jim made a motion to approve the quote as presented. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Miscellaneous:** A total of four 811 locates were completed this month. Park bathrooms remain closed. The uniform agreement with Wildman expires on August 2, 2020. The company does

not offer the uniforms that the employees prefer. We will be switching to Cintas effect August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have been assisting DeLynn Geiger by watering the downtown corner lot owned by ARC.

**Attorney Andy Perkins:** Nothing to report.

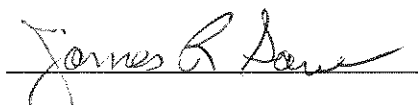
Resolution 07-20-2020 – Adopting the Fulton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Rich made motion to approve the resolution. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$143,000.10. Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

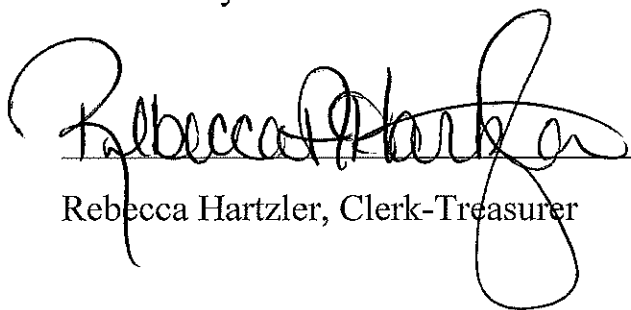
Budget Workshop meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The next council meeting is Monday, August 17, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer