

Akron Town Council Meeting
July 19, 2021

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice President; Tony Ramirez, 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.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 21, 2021 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 29, 2021 special meeting as presented. Jim 2nd. 3 ayes.

Business:

Conner Jackson with James S. Jackson Company & John Krogh with Sonoco requested from the council financial support to extend an 8-inch water main to support Sonoco's new facilities fire suppression system. The estimated cost of the project would be roughly \$50,000. The council discussed the option of supporting the project if Sonoco was willing to voluntarily annex into the Town of Akron. No decision was made at the meeting as Mr. Krogh, Sonoco representative needed to discuss the option with upper management. They asked to be placed on the agenda for August to further discuss their request.

The council opened the sealed quotes for the 2021 Community Crossings Matching Grant. Quote information was sent to the following companies: E&B Paving, Phend & Brown, Reith-Riley & Gaunt & Son. Sealed quotes were due at the Clerk's office by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 16th. The only companies to submit a quote were E&B Paving and Gaunt & Son Asphalt. Here is the road segment breakdown from each company:

E&B Paving: Front St - \$28,229.92; Oak St - \$6,829.60; Noyer Dr - \$7,530.90; Walnut St - \$7,477.30; West St - \$9,111.40; South St - \$21,173.78 = Total \$80,352.90

Gaunt & Son Asphalt: Front St - \$26,994.35; Oak St - \$6,475.30; Noyer Dr - \$6,236.20; Walnut St - \$7,537.15; West St - \$9,432.20; South St - \$15,344.75 = Total \$72,019.95

Jim made a motion to accept the quote from Gaunt & Son Asphalt for \$72,019.95. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

2022 Budget discussion took place among council members and department heads. Rebecca went through each departments appropriations and make changes the council suggested. Rebecca informed the council she meets with the DLGF rep on August 26th for budget workshop.

Marshal Report: Incident report for June 2021 was presented. Justin informed the council everything went well with the 4th of July festivities. Justin informed the council the trailers on the south side of water street are completely removed. Jackie told Justin her contractor quit who was renovating the trailers. The council asked for Justin and Rebecca to reach out to Heather at Fulton County Plan Commission to schedule another meeting at the trailer park prior to the August meeting.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We did 4 data logger reports. We repaired at water main that got hit at Sonoco's new project site. The water expo at Pike Memorial Park was a success with an estimated 260 people in attendance. The Akron Water Department won the drinking water taste testing contest, so we are entered into the contest at the November Convention in Fort Wayne. We sent the necessary documents to James Carr with Hydrophase to complete the next phase of the Wellhead Protection Plan required by IDEM. The next phase is due by September 2021. We replaced a meter at 206 E North St that quit working. Aaron & Jake have been enrolled in the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Apprenticeship Program. The 2 year/4000 hour program is a rigorous program that will prepare Aaron & Jake for their DSM & WT3 test which will be taken upon completion of the apprenticeship program. The estimated cost of the program is \$6,000 per employee. Rebecca has submitted a grant application for Next Level Grants through the state they would potentially cover \$5,000 per employee. A requirement for employees enrolled in the program is a wage increase upon successful completion of each 1000 hours. A wage scale for each employee was presented to council. Rich made a motion to approve the wage scale. Jim 2nd. 3 ayes.

Sewer Dept: We had 1 backed up sewers this month. We had an issue with the sewer connection at 206 N SR 14 that we went back & repaired.

Street Dept: We switched the 5 decorative light poles downtown to LED.

Miscellaneous: We did a total of three 811 locates this month. The purchase of the Tyler Property at S. Mishawaka/W. Orchard is complete. All documents have been sent to Attorney Andy Perkins to be filed. Quotes to repair the roof on the storage building located on the property were presented. Rich made a motion to accept the quote from Ramco for \$3,084.93 for all materials & supplies to repair the roof. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. The 4th of July went well with no vandalism this year. Working to reroute the power to the flagpole and war memorial at town

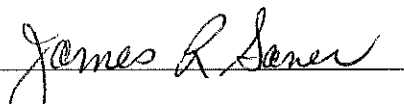
hall due to bad powerline underground. Rebecca & Jake met with Shanna, JMS Insurance on July 14th to review the insurance policy before renewal to make sure all assets for the town are properly covered.

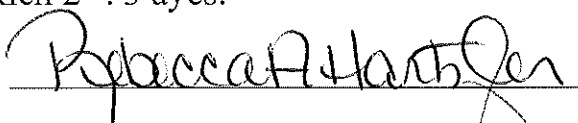
Rich made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-19-2021 – An Ordinance Amending Salary Ordinance 10-19-2020B. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$210,887.37. Jim 2nd. 3 ayes.

The regular scheduled council meeting is Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer