

Akron Town Council Meeting  
June 20, 2022

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Tony Rameriz, 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 May 16, 2022 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to accept the CF-1 Form for Pike Lumber's Tax Abatement. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2 ayes. Rich abstained due to conflict of interest. Rebecca will email the documents to the Fulton County Auditor's Office.

Rebecca discussed that the Utility Receipt Tax (URT) was repealed by legislation. She is required to notify utility customers the next 2 billing cycles of this change.

Rich made a motion to approve the agreement for pavement re-assessment with BF&S. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The employee handbook draft was discussed further. Attorney Perkins sent an email to Rebecca with recommended revisions. Rebecca will work with HR Unlimited to make the recommended revisions to present a final draft at the July meeting.

Jim Steen, Akron Resident, shared his concerns with hazardous trees on an adjacent property to his at 401 E Water St. The town has an Ordinance that requires the property owner to remove trees that are dead and/or hazardous. Rebecca will draft a letter to send to the property owner.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for May 2022 was presented. The radar sign on SR14 that's not been working was thought to be a fuse issue but unfortunately that didn't fix the sign. Justin plans to send the sign back to the company for repair. 5 new compression break signs will be purchased through Econo Signs. Justin & Aaron attended an Active Shooter Training at Grace College. Justin said it was eye opening and that the department needed to invest in proper equipment. Rebecca stated that we had funding to cover the cost. Justin is hiring Derek Halterman as a part-time officer who will help with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He will start at \$20.00/hour. Justin has contacted the FCSD and requested their reserves help during the parade to shutdown roads. Jim discussed with Justin the concern with golf carts & UTV's driving on the State Roads. Justin has been having conversations with those he sees driving on the SR. Jim also

asked that park rule signage be posted at the Downtown Park like we have at Cutshall & Pike Memorial Park. Rebecca and Aaron will take care of ordering the sign.

### **Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** We did 1 data logger reports. The Annual CCR Report is complete and been delivered to customers. The hydrant at the corner of SR 14 & SR 19 has been repaired. Aaron presented quotes for having the North & South Water Tower internal inspection. Rich made a motion to accept the quote from Complete Restoration for \$2,240.00. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Sewer Dept:** The Scout Survey is complete and should have the report by the end of this week. The broken tile in the backyard of 403 W Rochester St has been repaired. R&R Visual assisted us with locating a sewer tap on North Maple Street but was unable due to the excessive tree roots in the area. While R&R was present, they inspected over 1100 feet of line throughout town and found a large area of roots that need removed.

**Street Dept:** CCMG paving project is complete. Meeting with INDOT on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss removing trees along North Mishawaka St. We are required to have specific signage when working on any State Road. Aaron presented quotes for the signage. Jim made a motion to accept the quote from Econo Signs for \$732.52. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. Fixed 2 street signpost and 1 speed limit signpost. Additional A frames for the Barricades have been ordered so we now have a total of 24.

**Miscellaneous:** We did a total of two 811 locates this month.

### **Attorney Report:**

Rich made a motion to approve Ordinance 06-20-2022 – Amending Salary Ordinance 10-18-2021B. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.


Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 06-20-2022 – Body Camera Policy. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

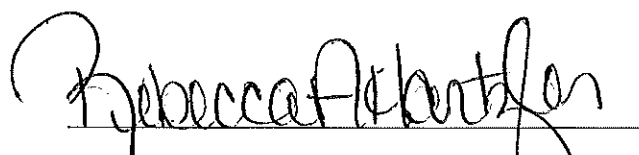
Rich made a motion to approve Resolution 06-20-2022A – URT Repeal. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$95,753.61. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, July 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

  
Jim Saner, President

  
Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer