

Akron Town Council Meeting

March 23, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Town Council President, Town Clerk-Treasurer & Media met in person at council chambers while the other members and department heads joined via teleconference.

Present (in Person): Jim Saner, President; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Leah Sanders, Media. (via Teleconference): Rich Solano, Vice-President; Brandon Slone, Member; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Aaron Gearhart, Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Attorney

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Brandon made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2020 council meeting as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Business:

Dilly's Annual Tax Abatement Form CF-1 was presented for approval. Rich made a motion to approve the tax abatement. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Marshal Report:

Incident reports were presented. The Dual Band Handheld Radios have arrived at CopsGear. Once the radios are picked up, we will need to schedule an appointment with another company to get them programed with the 800 frequency. Justin recommended not to hire a deputy at this time. Discussion followed and council agreed to wait. Justin informed the group on how PPE for his department can be obtained through Larry Hoover at Fulton County EMA.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: Aaron informed the council that 2 residential water meters were replaced and completed 6 data logger reports for residents. He is working with Banner Electric to fix the blower motor on filter tank at the water plant. The flooring in the water plant office has been replaced. Installation was handled by town employees. The software that communicates the south water tower to the water plant is currently down. Aaron is working to get this restored. Jake & Aaron will start a water treatment & distribution class on May 12th through June 30th in Logansport. Aaron has been in contact with Pittsburg Tanks for a quote to inspect and paint the south water tower.

Sewer Dept: Aaron will be shutting down lagoon discharge April 1 for routine maintenance. The police department shooting range location has moved so access to the outfall in the creek can be safely accessed. Working to get a quote for gate access per IDEM requirement from

inspection. An issue with the VFD drive on lift station #2 was determined however the problem has been resolved. It was due to a bad wire underground. The flow meters at the constructed wetlands have been fixed and working properly. Working with DeLynn Geiger to get an estimate for the sewer system expansion for Pike Lumber's new office. Also, Dan Fox is working on an estimate for the grinder pumps that will be needed for said project.

Street Dept: The manhole at the intersection of North Mishawaka & West Walnut St was hit by a state highway plow truck during snow removal that had to be replaced. The plan is to begin patching potholes around town next week.

Miscellaneous: The can lights and building sign on town hall have been updated to LED's. The lights at the downtown park have been fixed to keep the area well lit. Still working to get all the outlets at the downtown park fixed. The town building lost power for an extended period since the new generator was installed. The generator ran the entire building without any issues. The 2019 Ford went to WA Jones for bed repairs from the paint chipping off & issues with the marker lights on the bed not working due to a bad ground in the wiring harness. This work was covered under warranty.

Ordinance 03-23-2020 – Salary Ordinance Amendment Emergency Circumstances. Rich made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-23-2020. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

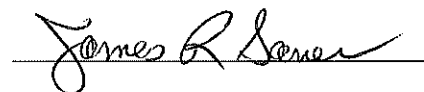
Jim signed an emergency declaration to hereby declare a local disaster that is set to expire on March 30, 2020 unless an extension is approved by the Akron Town Council. The council discussed the extension and it was approved to move the expiration to April 20, 2020. Rich made the motion to approve the extension. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rebecca presented a letter to close the town office to the public until further notice. The council supported the decision to close at this time.

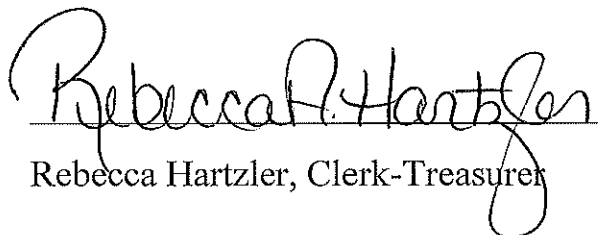
Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$107,906.02. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, April 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer