

Akron Town Council Meeting

May 20, 2019

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice President; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Aaron Gearhart, Superintendent; Jake Gearhart, Asst. Superintendent; Andy Perkins, Attorney

Guest: Sign-in Sheet

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting opened at 6.00 p.m. Rich made a motion to approve the April 15, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Jim 2nd. 2 ayes.

Lori Tilden-Geiger outlines the Grant application for downtown revitalization that is available. The deadline for applying is June 7th. She also updated the council on the progress of the Summers End Festival.

Shannon Brown spoke regarding landscaping the land between the new sidewalk and street with stone. The council approved.

Amanda Ibarra requested a billing adjustment due to a leak at her residence. Rich made a motion to approve the adjustment. Jim 2nd. 2 ayes.

AT&T backup generator lease was presented for signatures.

RD loan letter was discussed and presented for a signature.

Justin's Report: Incident report was presented. The radar trailer is operational. AT&T/First Net is being addressed and updated. The Charger was damaged on April 18th and is waiting on approval from Progressive Insurance to proceed with repairs. The stray cat problem is being addressed with live traps. The community yard sale went well.

Aaron's Report: The letter from Astbury was presented and discussed reference the lagoon update. The chlorine readings are accurate and within the acceptable range. The pump at lift station #2 is bad. Flowtech is estimating a cost of \$7100 for new pump and Covalen's estimate is \$5167. Rich made a motion to approve the Covalen quote. Jim 2nd. 2 ayes.

Andy verified the access to the lagoons from Channing Utter is strictly for the work on the lagoons. Access is needed for other work on the town property. It was proposed to make an access off Brentwood Drive onto the town property. Estimates were presented for the stone and culvert to create an access. Jim made a motion to accept the quote from K&S for stone. Rich 2nd. 2 ayes. Also, Rich made a motion to accept the bid from Utility Supply for a 10" culvert. Jim 2nd. 2 ayes.

A sewer line collapsed at Day Hardware when the opera house was demolished. Aaron assisted Nelson Plumbing and Larry Norman repairing the line temporarily. Discussion followed reference the repair. The drainage problem at Hoffmans Body Shop and Gagnons has been resolved. Airmarking quote for curb painting was discussed. Additional quotes will be sought. Thursday is the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Expo at Pike Memorial Park. There will be over 200 people participating.

The Bobcat was received the 1st of May. The new truck is at WA Jones and should be done in 2-3 weeks. The motor went out on Lift Station 1 and was replaced with one on hand last month.

Andy discussed Indiana House Bill 1436 passed dealing with past due utility charges.

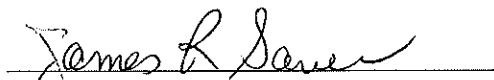
Jim made a motion to increase Jake's hourly rate to \$14.50 after 6 month probation period is complete beginning first payroll in July. Rich 2nd. 2 ayes.

Rebecca proposed the office hours change from opening 8:00 to 8:30 beginning August 1, 2019. Also, requested the June council meeting start at 6:30. Discussion was made over the Verizon lease contract.

Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 05-20-2019, Transfer of Appropriations. Rich 2nd. 2 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the dockets for \$100,193.46. Jim 2nd. 2 ayes.

Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Jim 2nd. 2 ayes



James Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer