

Akron Town Council Meeting

May 17, 2021

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice President; Brandon Slone, 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 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim announced the public hearing scheduled for tonight was cancelled.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 19, 2021 council meeting as presented. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Business:

DeLynn Geiger approached the council about creating a 15-minute parking spot along the south side of SR14/Rochester street for the carry-out businesses in the area. Upon further review, it was determined that in April 2000, INDOT already approved a 15-minute parking spot in this area. The town will purchase a new 15-minute parking sign and install it in the correct location.

Craig Brouyette, Executive Vice President of Pike Lumber Company was present at the meeting to request a 10-year, real property tax abatement on an estimated \$1.3 million project that would expand their Bin Sorter building to accommodate more order processing area, relocate their existing truck loading area to take advantage of their new entrance off SR114 & to increase overall loading efficiency. The council discussed the tax abatement being requested. Jim made a motion to accept the declaratory resolution 05-17-2021 as presented. Brandon 2nd. 2 ayes. Rich abstained due to conflict of interest.

Rebecca provided an update regarding the Pike Lumber Sewer Main Extension agreement that was signed in January. The construction plans included in the agreement for the sewer main extension are currently being modified due to Pike Lumber not being able to cut through SR114 per INDOT. Pike's engineer, ERI will provide the Sewer Department with updated plans with the revised sewer plans soon. Possible modifications to the sewer main extension agreement will need to take place once review of the revised plans has taken place.

Rebecca presented the council with the 2021 Community Crossings Matching Grant/Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement. The contract# is A249-21-LG210004 which will provide the Town of Akron with a 75% match of \$55,884.13 to the town's 25%. Jim made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes. Rebecca will send the signed contract to INDOT.

Rebecca presented quotes for the trails at Pike Memorial Park & Cutshall Park to be resealed. Jim made a motion to accept the quote from Siders for \$6,728.00. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes

Marshal Report: Incident report for April 2021 was presented. Justin informed the council he ended up ordering the Dodge Durango due to price and the vehicle being equipped with the ballistic doors. The Durango should be delivered in approximately 6 weeks. It will then go to CopsGear in Columbia City to be completed. Justin informed the council he conducted interviews with Council Member Slone on Friday, May 14th. He has a few items left to finalize before making the recommendation to the council. He asked for a special meeting to be held to possibly approve his request. The council set May 27th at 4:00 p.m. for the special meeting.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We did 4 data logger reports. We had our annual well & high service inspection and found 5 valves need to be replaced. One has already been repaired due to having the part in stock. We installed a 2" meter at Pike Lumber Company's new office facility on SR114. We attended the TRC meeting on Friday, May 14th regarding Sonoco's new building. Had to repair the curb stop at Hartzler Funeral Home that was damaged during construction. Fixed an additional curb stop at 320 W North St. We replaced all the florescent lights in the water plant with LED ballast bypass due to ballast going out.

Sewer Dept: We had 2 backed up sewers this month. Installed new underground electric to the new chemical shed and flow meter for the lagoons discharge point. Helped fix a backed-up sewer that was full of roots under the roadway at 404 S Maple St. We had a large tree fall on Johnson St around 7:30 p.m. May 7th. We had a motor go out at lift station #1. We had a spare to switch out with. The old one is not repairable, so a replacement has been ordered through Reed Electric for \$981.50. We resumed discharge at the lagoons on May 10th.

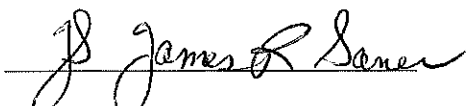
Street Dept: We repaired yards and streets where we have needed to dig over the past year. We swept streets on May 11th. Construction of the walking trail along Rural St. is set to begin the week of May 24th. We received notification from INDOT that we received the 2021 CCMG.

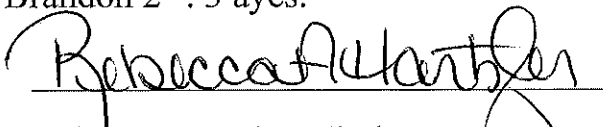
Miscellaneous: We did a total of three 811 locates this month.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$113,655.01. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, June 21, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer