

Akron Town Council Meeting
October 19, 2020

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Brandon Slone, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Jake Gearhart, Assistant Superintendent; Justin Gearhart, Marshal; Andy Perkins, Attorney

Guest: Sign-in Sheet

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The public hearing on vacating an alley at 220 North Mishawaka St was opened & no public comment was heard. Jim made a motion to close the Public hearing. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes Public hearing closed at 6:04 p.m.

The public hearing on amending the schedule of water rates and charges to be collected by the Town of Akron from the Owners of Property Served by the Water Utility of the Town opened at 6:04 p.m. Eric Walsh, Baker Tilly joined us virtually to discuss the rate increase. No public comment was heard. Rich made a motion to close the Public hearing. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes. Public Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

Brandon made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting as written. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Business:

Michele Bickel, Marga Sriver's daughter was present at the meeting on behalf of her mother who resides at 214 S Pine Street to request an adjustment to her water bill due to a toilet issue. Discussion followed between the council members. Jim made a motion to adjustment her water bill back to her 6-month average. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Russ Reahard with the Akron/Mentone Kiwanis would like approval for a fundraiser on Saturday, October 24th from 9-12 downtown at the 4-way stop. The council discussed that all members must wear a face covering & safety vest. Jim made a motion to approve the fundraising request. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented different options for 2021 medical insurance renewal. Discussion followed among the council members and with the employees present. Rich made a motion to keep IPEP Anthem for medical and vision for 2021. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca discussed with the council that the copier/scanner at town hall's lease is up February of 2021. She presented a proposal from Advanced Imaging Solutions. The council asked she

research other companies that could provide this service to the town and obtain additional proposal for comparison. This will be addressed at a future council meeting.

IDEM's 3rd Quarter update was discussed. Rebecca will send to Pat at IDEM. The council discussed planning a work session to discuss the Additional Action Plan and future plans. Rebecca will work with the necessary parties to find a date/time that works for everyone.

Pike Lumber Company – Sewer Main Agreement was discussed and allowing a permit for above grade construction pending the finalization of the sewer main agreement. Jim made a motion to allow a permit for above grade construction. Brandon 2nd. 2 ayes. Rich abstained due to conflict of interest.

Voluntary Annexation documentation was presented to the council that property owners signed. A timeline document from Deen Rogers with Baker Tilly was discussed. Andy will get a public notice prepared for Rebecca to send to the Sentinel regarding the annexation.

Marshal's Report: Incident report was presented. Justin shared the radar sign on SR 14 that was damaged was returned to the vendor. The cost of the repair is \$231.11. INDOT contacted the town regarding the new radar signs. For the signs to be placed in the right of way, an interlocal agreement must be completed. We are currently working with INDOT on the necessary information needed for said agreement. Trash burning ordinance was discussed among the council members. Justin informed the council he as approached by a resident asking about the liability of placing large decorative rocks in the right of way. The council was very clear that if an accident occurred on said property, the property owner would be the liable party.

Water Dept: Aaron informed the council he completed 9 data logger reports for residents. Currently working with Sonoco products to determine shut off location as they have demo work planned for next year. The new meters for Sonoco-Adhesive Division have been installed. Still waiting on approval from IDEM to take DSM & WT3 exams. The fire hydrant located at the corner of Center & Rural St has been abandoned. The water is disconnected at the building on the corner of Adams and Walnut St. Working on a plan to determine why we have restricted flow from our wells to the filter tank. Gathering materials/supplies necessary for a new 1" water tap at Hartzler Funeral Home.

Sewer Dept: Aaron informed the council that we had 2 backed up sewers this month. No update from Sonoco regarding the IDEM questionnaire that we sent on September 24, 2020. Working with Commonwealth Engineers & Barnes & Thornburg on a sewer main extension request by Pike Lumber Company.

Street Dept: The CCMG paving project is set to begin at the end of this month. Patchwork was completed around town. Leaf pickup began on October 14th.

Miscellaneous: A total of seven 811 locates were completed this month. The restrooms at the park have been winterized. The sidewalk replacement project is complete. We did 3 residential sidewalks and 2 small repairs. We have 2 entry doors that need to be replaced, at the shop & filter bay. The 2010 dump truck in the shop for two different pulleys on the hydraulic pump that went out. Jeff's Automotive is doing the work.

Ordinance 10-19-2020 – 2021 Budget was presented. Jim made a motion to approve the ordinance. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes

Ordinance 10-19-2020A – An Ordinance Amending the Rates & Charges of the Town of Akron Municipal Water Utility was presented. Rich made a motion to approve the ordinance. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Ordinance 10-19-2020B – 2021 Salary Ordinance was presented. Rich made a motion to approve the ordinance. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Ordinance 10-19-2020C – Ordinance Vacating Public Ways Henry Township, Fulton County, Indiana was presented. Rich made a motion to approve the ordinance. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

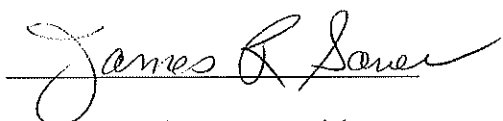
Resolution 10-19-2020 – Transfer of Appropriations was presented. Jim made a motion to approve the resolution. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

Resolution 10-19-2020A – CARES Act Funding was presented. Jim made a motion to approve the resolution. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

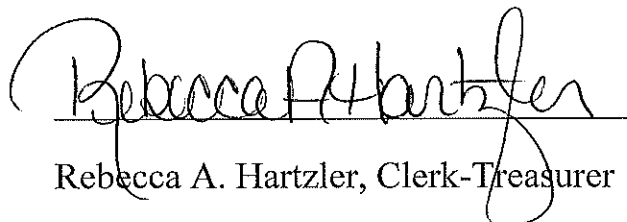
Rich made a motion to approve the Dockets for \$137,707.62. Brandon 2nd. 3 ayes.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.



James R. Saner, President



Rebecca A. Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer