

Akron Town Council Meeting  
September 19, 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.

Jim opened the public hearing at 6:00pm regarding Vacation of Alley requested by David & Angela Madeford at 206 S Virgil. No Public Comments. Jim made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim opened the public hearing at 6:03pm regarding the 2023 Proposed Budget. Rebecca explained the information on FORM 3. No Public Comments. Jim made a motion to close the public hearing 6:06p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 15, 2022 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 18, 2022 executive session as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Tree Commission: Jim Steen, Maddie Corbett, Chris Baker & Brian Potter. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented information from AT&T about modifying the language in the lease agreement. The council requested she obtain an updated amendment with the proposed language for council consideration.

Jim made a motion to approve the excess levy appeal petition prepared by Baker Tilly. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. Rebecca will submit the signed documents to DLGF for review.

Rebecca presented a quote from ADA Consulting of Indiana to assist with the ADA Transition Plan/Self Evaluation. The Council would like to see additional quotes if possible before deciding. The ADA Transition Plan is a requirement with INDOT for the CCMG program.

Rebecca presented an updated quote from Rochester Glass to replace the windows in the Clerk's office. She is still waiting for an additional quote from Newman Construction. A decision was tabled until the additional quotes are obtained.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for August 2022 was presented. Justin informed the council that 5 compression brake signs have yet to be installed as Aaron is working with INDOT for approval to install within the ROW. The radar sign from SR14 working properly again. Justin is obtaining quotes for ballistic shields. Justin informed the council that Fulton County LAPC will conduct a mock chemical spill at Sonoco Products late Spring of 2023. Justin was asked by the council to notify the homeowner at 206 N SR14 to mow their grass or send violation letter.

**Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** We did 1 data logger report. Aaron & Jake have sent their applications to IDEM to sit for the DSS & WT3 testing. The Water Plant Control update is complete. Working on a valve replacement at 303 E Walnut St. Took a low pressure complaint at 317 N Mishawaka St which was determined to be on the customer side of the line due to corrosion of pipes.

**Sewer Dept:** We had an issue with the floats at Lift Station#1 due to stuff wrapped around them. No backed up sewers this month. Anticipate discharging from the lagoons the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Street Dept:** The alley at Akron Methodist Church is being paved. The sink hold on S West St is also being patched. The Leaf Vac is currently at Craig Welding for repairs. Leaf pickup begins October 17-December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Miscellaneous:** We did a total of four 811 locates this month. The Summer's End Festival went well on our end. Olive Branch Church of God volunteered on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> to help clean up brush at the Biggs Property & clean up the Skate Park. The floor vents on the restrooms at Pike Memorial Park have been repaired. Patched the roof at Town Hall where it had been leaking.

**Attorney Report:** Andy shared the response he got from the property owner on SR14 regarding cleanup from the house fire that occurred Jun 2021.

Jim made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-19-2022 – An Ordinance Regarding Golf Cart & Off-Road Vehicle Restrictions as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2 ayes. Rich abstained.

Rich made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-19-2022A – An Ordinance Vacating Public Ways as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

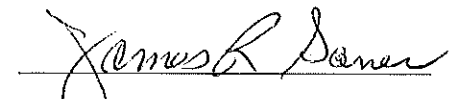
Jim made a motion to approve Resolution 09-19-2022 – Transfer of Appropriations. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$112,203.50. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

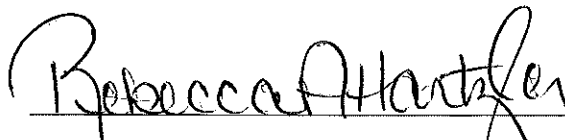
The next council meeting is Tuesday, September 27, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

The next monthly council meeting is Monday, October 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Rich made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

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Jim Saner, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Hartzler", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer