

Akron Town Council Meeting

April 17, 2023

Present: Jim Saner, President; Rich Solano, Vice-President; Tony Rameriz, Member; Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer; Aaron Gearhart, Superintendent; Jake Gearhart, Asst. Superintendent.

Absent: Justin Gearhart, Marshal & Andy Perkins, Town Attorney

Guest: Sign in sheet.

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

Jim opened the public hearing at 6:00p.m. to discuss proposed water rates and changes. Eric Walsh, Partner with Baker Tilly shared information with those in attendance. No public comment was heard. Jim made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim opened the public hearing at 6:06p.m. to discuss proposed sewer rates and changes. Eric Walsh, Partner with Baker Tilly shared information with those in attendance. No public comment was heard. Jim made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim opened the public hearing at 6:09p.m. to discuss Preliminary Engineering Report. Andrew Robarge with Commonwealth Engineers shared information with those in attendance. No public comment was heard. Jim made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 13, 2023 council meeting as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented Utility Adjustment Request. Rich made a motion to approve adjustments for the following accounts: Jose Garcia. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Orville Haney discussed with the council about a structural sidewalk issue at the Medical Arts Building downtown. The council stated they would help with the repair but would need more information on the cost first.

Ashley Yearling with the Akron Vision Center shared with the council that the office would be closing permanently at the end of May.

Marshal Report: Incident report for March 2023 was presented.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We did 1 data logger report & replaced 1-meter bases. We had a leak at 306 N Johnson St that used approximately 36,000 gallons. The well inspection has been received and the recommendation is well cleaning is needed. Aaron will provide a quote at a future meeting. Aaron presented a quote from Round Barn Metal Works for repairs to the aerator for the filter tank. Rich made a motion to accept the quote for \$6400. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Sewer Dept: We repaired the damaged sewer camera. We go to Van Buren on April 19th to view their Lemna System. The wetlands will not be burnt this spring because of the significant rainfall we've had this spring. We have a tile collapsed behind the house at 403 W Rochester St. We will be doing some further investigation on why we keep having an issue with this line.

Street Dept: The leaf vac water pump went out and has been replaced.

Miscellaneous: We have a sink hold in the front of the Fire Station. We dug it up and determined it to be an old tree stump. Dakota Prater with DP Solutions poured the concrete. We got everything mowed for the first time of the year. The park restrooms are open for the year. Olive Branch Church will do community service on Saturday, May 6th. Aaron spoke with the council about hiring another part-time person. The council approved that a job advertisement could be ran in the paper and see what response we get. Aaron presented a quote from DP Solutions for concrete work in the back parking lot at Town Hall. Jim made a motion to accept the quote of \$15,400 for the concrete repairs. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Ordinance 03-13-2023A – An Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges of the Town of Akron Municipal Water Utility – Rich made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Ordinance 03-13-2023B – An Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges of the Town of Akron Municipal Sewer Utility – Rich made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Resolution 04-17-2023 – SRF Loan Program Signatory Authorization Resolution – Jim made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Resolution 04-17-2023A – SRF Loan Program PER Acceptance Resolution – Jim made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

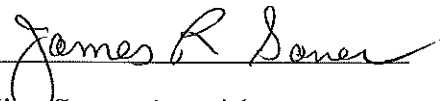
Resolution 04-17-2023B – Transfer of Appropriations – Jim made a motion to approve the resolution at presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$173,620.99 Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

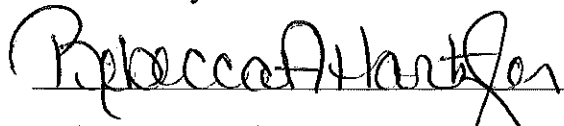
Rich made a motion to approve Payroll Allowance Docket for \$28,544.79. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer