

# Akron Town Council Meeting

August 21, 2023

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, 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 6:00pm regarding additional appropriation. Rebecca shared information regarding the additional appropriation request. No public comment was heard. Jim made a motion to close the public hear at 6:01pm. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim opened the public hearing at 6:02pm regarding Vacation of Alleyway requested by Rob Newman. Mr. Newman shared that the property was being sold and future use of the parcel would benefit from the vacation of alleyway. Aaron shared there this alleyway did not include any utilities. No other comments were heard. Rich made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:05pm. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Tony made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 17, 2023 council meeting as presented. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 9, 2023 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Julie Canada with the Akron Carnegie Public Library spoke with the council about utilizing the downtown park to display the scarecrow from a contest the week prior to Halloween. Jim made a motion to allow the Akron Carnegie Public Library to utilize the downtown park at no cost for the display of the scarecrows. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented an adjustment request for Tammy Newman. Rich made a motion to approve the request. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca spoke with the council and department heads regarding the 2024 budget. She will take the information provided and finalize the budget estimates to submit before September 8<sup>th</sup> for the Public Hearing at the September Council Meeting.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for July 2023 was presented. Justin informed the council that he's completed and passed NIMS 300. He's currently attending classes for NIMS 400. One of the laptops has quit working and Josh with CopsGear said it's not repairable. We have ordered 2 new tablets that will go into the police commissions for Spillman. The remaining laptop will move to the office. Justin said things seem to be going well at Akron Elementary School.

## **Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** We did 3 data logger reports. We collected all 10 Lead & Copper samples for IDEM. None of the results came back out of range. All public fire hydrants have been flushed. A new 1" water tap was installed at Pike Lumber's West Dry Kiln. Lewis' backhoe did the bore while the town installed the tap & meter. We located a water service lines behind 306 & 308 E Rochester St for property owner wanting to relocate privacy fence. We are currently working with Pike Lumber to locate a water main that they will be crossing with new steam lines.

**Sewer Dept:** We had a backed-up sewer on Water St between Johnson & Center St. The flow meters have been calibrated for the year at the constructed wetlands, lift station & lagoons effluent. We had a motor go out at lift station #1 that had been swapped out and the old one is being rebuilt.

**Street Dept:** We ordered all risers for the upcoming street paving project that should be underway in the next month. We lost one larger tree on north Maple St and a large limb on Main St along with one of Pine St during the storms on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We received a few complaints about low hanging branches and not being able to see at stop signs. We will be trimming limbs in those areas. We had new tires installed on the Bobcat.

**Miscellaneous:** We fixed the backyard of 408 W Rochester St after fixing the broken-down tile. We have received the 2022 Ford F550 dump truck chassis from Rochester Ford. It is currently at WA Jones getting the dump bed, lights, etc. installed. Jake met with M&D Electric about possible generator ideas and prices for the lift stations.

Ordinance 08-21-2023 – An Ordinance Authorizing Additional Appropriation – Rich made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Ordinance 08-21-2023 – Ordinance Vacating Public Alleyway – Rich made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2 ayes. Jim abstained due to conflict of interest.

Resolution 08-21-2023 – Resolution to Transfer Funds to the Local Road & Bridge Fund. Rich made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Resolution 08-21-2023A – Appropriation Reduction. Jim made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

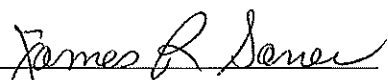
Resolution 08-21-2023B – Transfer of Appropriations – Rich made a motion to approve the resolution at presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$141,780.96. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

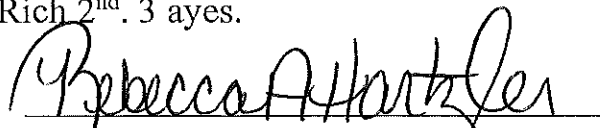
Rich made a motion to approve Payroll Allowance Docket for \$20,043.53. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer