

Akron Town Council Meeting
January 16, 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 5:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich made a motion for all positions to remain the same for 2023: Jim Saner, President, Rich Solano, Vice President and Tony Rameriz, Member. Tony 2nd 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion for Aaron Gearhart to remain Town Superintendent. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion for Justin Gearhart to remain Town Marshal. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion for Andy Perkins to remain Town Attorney. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to keep Lake City Bank as the primary financial institution and Trust Indiana for investments. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to set the meeting times and dates as the 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 19, 2022 council meeting as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 12, 2023 special council meeting as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rich made a motion to approve the 2023 Bonds as presented: Rebecca - \$45,000; Dora-\$15,000; Justin-\$15,000 & Derek-\$15,000. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Annual Statement regarding Anti-Nepotism & Conflict of Interest. Rich made a motion to approve the employees list as presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Town Garage sale date was set for Saturday, May 20, 2023.

Akron Las Donas requested the use of the Downtown Park in 2023 for Live Entertainment. Jim made a motion to approve the following dates: June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, August 25th & September 8th & wave any fees. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. The council also discussed the option of adding coverage to the stage area. Rebecca and Aaron will work to gather more information.

Rebecca presented Utility Adjustment Request. Jim made a motion to approve the adjustment for Maria Lancon. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes. Jim made a motion to approve the adjustment for Joshua Smith. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. Jim made a motion to approve the adjustment for Bonnie Bickel. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented the list of outstanding warrants for 2020. Rich made a motion to approve the list. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented a list of 2023 Write-off for Utility Accounts. Jim made a motion to approve the list. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

Marshal Report: Incident report for December 2022 was presented. Justin informed the council the new radar signs have been delivered and will be installed this spring. The council asked about an update regarding the installation of the new engine brake signs. We have still had no update from INDOT. The council advised the guys to get them installed. Josh at CopsGear will apply graphics to the Durango when he has time to work us in.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We did 12 data logger reports. Jake & Aaron are scheduled to take the WT3 test on January 31st. We had a few customers with frozen lines during the extreme cold temperatures the end of December. We replaced 2 curb boxes. The aerator on top of the filter tank froze during the cold snap and burnt up the motor. D&D Electric came and fixed it due to it's location on the roof. The motor on the mixer for the phosphate tank went out and had to be replaced. The hydrant in front of Webb's got hit on January 6th. Jake was able to watch surveillance video from Webb's to determine who hit the hydrant. Pro Fleet Transportation Corporation out of Elkhart was the one who hit the hydrant and will pay for the repairs. An email has been sent to INDOT about a meeting to discuss placing barriers around the hydrant due to the excessive amount of times it has been hit.

Sewer Dept: We had a minor issue with the floats at lift station #1 but feel the issue has been resolved. Lift Station #2 has a belt or bearing going out. Unable to locate the exact issue. Peerless Midwest will be here on January 13th to inspect.

Street Dept: We were given approximately 24 tons of salt & sand from the Town of Mentone. They are moving to straight salt and needed to get rid of it.

Miscellaneous: All the Christmas decorations have been taken down and put away. The ADA Self-Evaluation was completed on town facilities and property January 9th & 10th by ADA Consulting of Indiana. We had someone put a stick in the Women's restroom deadbolt at Pike Memorial Park. We will have to get the door rekeyed. The Tornado Siren on top of Town Hall has quit working. J&K communications have inspected the issue and said a new radio and

inverter are needed to fix the problem. A basketball backboard at Pike Memorial Park has been shattered. It is unknown what or who caused the damaged. The Akron Park Board has been notified.


Rebecca presented to the Council the proposals from Baker Tilly & Commonwealth Engineers regarding the Asset Management Plan. The council decided to just focus on the Wastewater AMP as the present time but knows the Water AMP will need to be on the agenda in the upcoming months/year. Rich made a motion to approve the proposal from Baker Tilly for Option 1 costing \$20,000. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. Rich made a motion to approve the task order from Commonwealth Engineers for the Wastewater for \$40,000. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes. The cost of the AMP will be paid from the Rainy Day Fund. Rebecca will do an Additional Appropriation to cover the cost.

Resolution 01-16-2023 – Rainy Day Transfer – Rich made the motion to approve the transfer of \$64,947. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

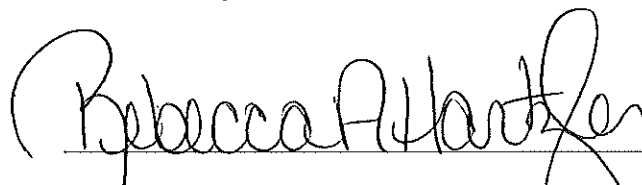
Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$256,026.44. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, February 20, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.



Jim Saner, President



Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer