

Akron Town Council Meeting

July 17, 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

Guest: Sign in sheet.

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

Tony made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 16, 2023 council meeting as presented. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

The property owner, Kyle Bennett of 208 N Saner Drive was present to discuss their septic issue with the town council. The property owner has been working with Hohman Excavating on the issue. Wyatt Dyson, Environmental Specialist with the Fulton County Health Department was present and shared that their current septic system has failed and unable to be repaired. Kyle shared an easement has been acquired with the Engle's to run a sewer line from his property to connect to the sewer main on SR 14. Aaron shared with Kyle that a permit from INDOT would be required before the contactor could perform any work on SR14. A final decision on how the sewer would be repaired has yet to be determined for the property depending on final cost of the project. The town council asked the property owner to keep them, and the health department informed on the project. Kyle also shared they sold the house, and the new owners are aware of the problem and will take over as the point of contact in the next couple of weeks.

Rich Heemstra with Apex Waste attended the meeting to discuss options for residential trash removal with the council. The council did not make any decision but took the information and will review before the August meeting.

Rebecca presented the quote for the artificial 14' Giant Everest Fir Commercial Christmas Tree with 3' Star Topper for the Downtown Park. Jim made a motion to approve the quote from Wintergreen Corporation for \$6,762.47. Tony 2nd. 2 ayes. Rich ~~abstained~~. *nay*.

Rebecca shared the email received from Baker Tilly & Commonwealth regarding the SRF application. The council asked Rebecca to schedule a meeting where all parties could discuss the next steps in trying to complete the necessary task for the sewer project.

Marshal Report: Incident report for June 2023 was presented. Justin informed the council that other than a couple traffic complaints; the Akron 4th of July went well. He will be sending out ordinance violations letters this week. He will also be attending a training at the end of July.

Superintendent Report:

Water Dept: We did 1 data logger report. Copper & Lead testing will be completed in the next month for IDEM. Hydrant Flushing will be on 5/20 starting at 2AM. Working with Pike Lumber Company & Lewis Directional Boring on getting City Water ran to the East Kiln on Front St.

Sewer Dept: The blue frog at the lagoons safety ropes broke but have been repaired so we can begin discharging. We began to discharge on 7-10 at the lagoons. We fixed a backed-up sewer on S Slaybaugh St between Central & Orchard St. Assisted Larry Norman and the homeowner at 800 E Rochester St because Duke Energy installed a pole through their lateral sewer line.

Street Dept: All the curbs have been painted at the intersection and along the highways. Received a complaint from 315 Saner Drive that the driveway and road connection are crumbling, and we would fix it the next time we do patching around town.

Miscellaneous: Discussion of 106 N Maple St property & moving the fence. Everything went well for the 4th of July. We do need additional trash barrels for the event before next year. We have a VIN number for the dump truck we ordered. It has a build date of August and will hopefully receive by September. We start utilizing Wildman for uniform shirts August 1st.

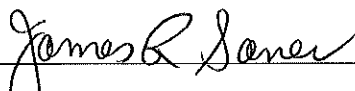
Resolution 07-17-2023 – Transfer of Appropriations – Rich made a motion to approve the resolution at presented. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

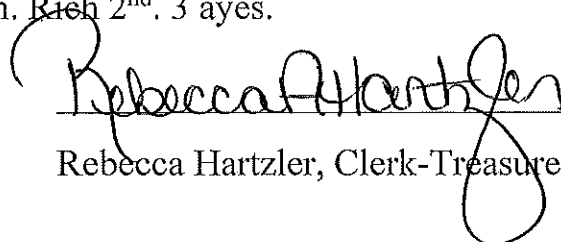
Rich made a motion to approve Dockets for \$185,280.75. Tony 2nd. 3 ayes.

Jim made a motion to approve Payroll Allowance Docket for \$21,719.72. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.

The next council meeting is Monday, August 21, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Rich 2nd. 3 ayes.


Jim Saner, President


Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer