

Akron Town Council Meeting  
November 13, 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.

Rich made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 16, 2023 council meeting as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Kim Gard with the Fulton County Plan Commission presented amendments for the Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Subdivision Control Ordinance & the Zone Map to the Council.

The council discussed the 3 proposals received (Midwestern Engineering, Wessler Engineering & Commonwealth Engineering) to complete the feasibility study for the Water project. The feasibility study is necessary to apply for the OCRA grant in 2024. The proposals amount to complete the study from each engineer is as follows: Midwestern - \$0; Wessler - \$8,000; Commonwealth - \$20,000. Rich made a motion to accept the proposal from Midwestern Engineering to complete the feasibility study for \$0. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Casi Cowles with WTH Technologies (GIS Software) presented a proposal to the council to assist with completing the required Lead Service Line Inventory for IDEM by 2024. She will take the information provided by the town and update the mapping layers in our GIS software. Rich made a motion to accept the proposal for \$4900. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca presented an adjustment request for Mr. Wagoner & Ms. Garcia. Rich made a motion to approve the adjustments as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

**Marshal Report:** Incident report for October 2023 was presented. The Halloween activities went well and had no problems reported. Justin informed the council he will be utilizing his remaining vacation days within the coming weeks. Jim asked Justin to place the radar trailer by Jonesy's Junction on SR114 to help with traffic leaving town.

**Superintendent Report:**

**Water Dept:** Jake & Aaron attended the Fall Conference in Ft Wayne for drinking water & wastewater. The new flow meter is in and working at the water treatment plant. Aaron received study materials from a water operator that works for EJP to help prepare for the WT3 exam. Aaron discussed with the council that Howard Gaby is currently in the hospital and unable to perform the necessary duties of the Certified Water Operator. Aaron informed the council he will reach out to IDEM to figure out how to move forward during this time. The fire hydrant at 308 Northwood Dr has been replaced. 8 houses on Northwood Dr were under a boil order because we had to shut down the main.

**Sewer Dept:** We are still waiting for a part to repair the pump at Lift Station #1. 2 of the 3 generators are in and still waiting on Nipsco for gas service. We are going to have the company install all 3 at the same time. Aaron presented a quote from Clearbrooke Technologies that provides a product that would be applied at the main lift station to reduce the sludge buildup in the lagoons. The council will discuss it further at a future meeting. The property owner at 502 E Main St is wanting to add water & sewer to his storage building. Aaron stated he is going to have R&R visual run their camera in the main to see if there is an existing tap. The light pole at 800 E Rochester St has been relocated by Duke Energy so Larry Norman could fix the property owners sewer+ line.

**Street Dept:** 25 loads of leaves have been picked up around town. The leaf machine seems to be working well so far this year. The back parking lot, Marcus Drive, Bickel Alley & Gearhart Alley are being repaved. Two new streetlights are being installed by Duke Energy on N Center St by the school.

**Miscellaneous:** Pike Memorial Park restrooms have been winterized and closed for the season.

**Attorney Report:** Andy confirmed the enforcement hearing at the Kosciusko Courthouse regarding the England property on N SR 14 is on schedule for Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m.

Ordinance 11-13-2023 – An Ordinance Modifying Internal Control Procedures for The Town of Akron, Indiana. Rich made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Resolution 11-13-2023 – A Resolution of the Town of Akron to Adopt Amendments to the Fulton County Zone Ordinance, Subdivision Control Ordinance and the Zone Map. Jim made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

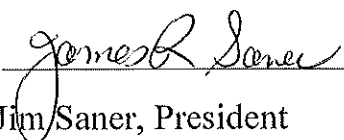
Jim made a motion to approve Dockets for \$383,227.00. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

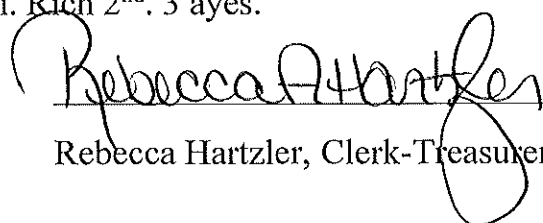
Rich made a motion to approve Payroll Allowance Docket for \$18,229.35. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

Rebecca shared with the council that the 4-year (2019-2022) State Board of Accounts audit is complete. The complete report is available online for review.

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

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Rich 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes.

  
Jim Saner, President

  
Rebecca Hartzler, Clerk-Treasurer