

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7:00 pm** at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town.

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Mayor Brittani Kusel opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

TRUSTEE PRESENT: Scott Porteus Susan Watson
Derek Glosson Harry Slusser

TRUSTEE ABSENT:

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Matthew Richardson, Town Attorney
Dencia Raish, Town Clerk/ Administrator
Shane Watson, Public Works Director

OTHER IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Busing - Akron News Reporter, **Tony Wells** – Washington Council Commissioner (by videoconference), **Robbie Furrow** – Washington County Sheriff (by videoconference), **multiple members of the public** (by videoconference)

Approval of Minutes 04/06/20

The Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 6, 2020. A motion was made by Harry Slusser to approve the minutes, seconded by Derek Glosson; all other votes were yes, motion passed.

Approval of April Bills

Dencia presented the printed April bills list. A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by Derek Glosson, seconded by Harry Slusser votes were yes, motion passed.

Adjournment of 2018-2020 Council

A motion was made by Derek Glosson to adjourn the regular council meeting of the 2018-2020 Council at 7:05 pm Council thanked Scott Porteus for his service, and he exited the meeting.

Call to Order of 2020-2022 Council

The newly elected Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, May 4, 2020, at 7:06 pm** at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town.

Mayor Brittani Kusel opened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

TRUSTEE PRESENT: Derek Glosson Harry Slusser
Susan Watson Andy Bowin
Jared Jefferson Brandon Hill

Appointment of Town Attorney, Clerk, Treasurer, and Public Works Director

After a short introduction, Derek Glosson motioned to appoint Matthew Richardson as the Town Attorney. Andy Bowin second the motion, all votes were yes, motion passed. A motion was made by Harry Slusser to appoint Dencia Raish as Town Clerk and Treasurer for the Town of Akron. Susan Watson seconded the motion; all votes were yes motion passed. A motion was made by Andy Bowin to appoint Shane Watson as Public Works Director for the Town of Akron. Jared Jefferson seconded the motion, Susan Watson abstained due to marriage, all other votes were yes motion passed.

Airport Report

Randy Hayes was not in attendance but will be submitting a written report.

Sheriff Report

Robbie Furrow reported the following WCSO stats for April: 19 ordinance violation, 50 incidents, five citations, 343 calls to the County, and 97 of those calls were within Akron. Robbie commended Shelby Ison for her efforts in addressing ordinance violations within Akron.

Shooting Range Revocable License Agreement

Brittani Kusel asked Robbie for comments on the presented revocable license agreement for the shooting range. Robbie reported that he and Sheriff Stivers thought it was good. It was clarified that the licensee, WCSO, shall have the authority to permit or deny access or use by third parties and that they are responsible for maintaining the range. Matt Richardson pointed out that an attorney for the County had reviewed the contract. If approved tonight, it would be good for one calendar year. Sheriff Stivers requested that this contract be signed at the same time as the annual law enforcement agreement. A motion was made to approve the revocable license agreement as presented by Derek Glosson, seconded by Harry Slusser; all votes where yes, motion passed.

Liquor Store Renewal - Stubborn Mule, Exp 6/10/20

Undersheriff Furrow reported no concerns for this renewal. He pointed out that the new owners have been cooperative. A motion was made to approve Stubborn Mule's liquor store renewal as presented by Susan Watson, seconded by Derek Glosson; all votes where yes, motion passed.

Modification of Premise - At Ease Bar - Extend Outside Serving Area

At Ease Bar had submitted an application for modification of the premise to be approved. Owner Connie Rhea was present via video conference and explained to the Council that she needed to extend the exterior area that was approved in the original application. She reported that a 4' wrought iron fence would contain the exterior. There will be an employee monitoring and selling alcohol in that area. The hours for outdoors will be less than the hours within. A motion was made by Andy Bowin to approve the modification, seconded by Harry Slusser; all votes were yes, motion passed.

County Report

Commission Tony Wells appeared via video conference. He reported that one of the most significant issues with the virus is mental health concerns. The commissions are continuing to work towards hosting the Eastern Colorado Roundup by securing entertainment and acquiring permits for equipment. He reported on the variance process that is required to open businesses that have not been approved to open by the State due to the virus; currently, no variances have been requested.

Special Use Animal Permit - Rob & Nancy Bullard, 750 W. Sunset, 4th dog

Brittani began by explaining the special use animal permit process to the new Trustees then asked Nancy to explain why she had turned in the permit. Nancy reviewed the detailed information contained on the application. If the permit is granted, Lucy will permanently stay with the Bullard's. All their dogs are fixed, including Lucy. After further discussion, a motion was made to issue the permit to Bullard's by Harry Slusser, seconded by Andy Bowin. Jared Jefferson asked for clarification on the length of the permit. It was explained that the permit is per/animal basis and if the Council can revoke it if the applicant doesn't follow the rules. After the clarification, a vote was held, Derek Glosson voted no, the rest of the votes were yes, motion passed. Brittani asked Nancy for individual pics of each dog to be kept with the records.

Public Invited To Be Heard

No public to be heard.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem & Bank Signatures

Per Akron Municipal Code, a new Mayor Pro-Tem must be named after the regular election. Mayor Brittani Kusel asked for a volunteer and further explained the position. Andy Bowin volunteered to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was made by Derek Glosson to appoint Andy Bowin as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Harry Slusser, Andy Bowin voted no, all other votes were yes, motion passed. Council clarified that bank signatures for all accounts should include the Mayor, Town Treasurer, Public Works Director, and Mayor Pro Tem. Council instructed Dencia Raish to correct signature cards to reflect signatures for Brittani Kusel, Dencia Raish, Shane Watson, and Andy Bowin.

Akron Pond Liner Contract 48-50

Dencia explained the status of the pond project for the new Trustees. Derek Glosson explained that the previous liner contract did not work out, and the Town had to go to bid to find a new liner manufacturer and installer. Derek asked if Council could authorize Dencia to approve the contract once reviewed by the committee? Matt Richardson said that Council would need to take action to allow a contract. It was pointed out that once the meeting was posted, it could be held as a zoom meeting. No action was taken.

Ordinance 567 - First Read - Amending Governance for Dangerous Dog in A.M.C

Matt Richardson briefly explained the ordinance process for the new trustees. He then explained that this ordinance was to bring Akron's dangerous dog code into compliance with the State Law requirements for dangerous dog charges. A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 567 was made by Derek Glosson, seconded by Harry Slusser; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Ordinance 568 - First Read - Amending Governance for Municipal Election

It was found in Akron Municipal Codes that some timelines for election activities were not aligned with Municipal Statute in Title 31. A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 568 by Susan Watson, seconded by Harry Slusser; all votes were yes, motion passed

COVID-19 & Summer Recreation Discussion

Due to State issued COVID-19 restrictions, summer recreation was placed on the agenda for Council to discuss. After the discussion Council agreed that it was too soon to cancel or confirm any summer activities completely. Council agreed that more information would be available at the next meeting on June 1, 2020. No action was taken.

Council, Committee, and Staff Reports**Public Works Director Shane Watson**

- Shane provided a written report.
- Instructed to install a gate at the pond to prevent traffic from driving there and tearing up the area.
- It is Shane's goal to be able to install the Stalling road in the fall.

Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish

- Dencia provided a written report.
- Pastor Jon spoke to Council requesting to shut down a block of 3rd St from Gum to Hickory to allow for a drive-up service on Sunday mornings during COVID-19 restrictions. After discussion, Harry Slusser motioned to approve the temporary shutdown of the street with neighbor approval. Andy Bowin made the second; all votes were yes, motion passed.

- Dencia reported an approximate 20% increase in Sales Tax number from last year. A part of the additional funds is coming from sales tax collected with online sales.

Attorney Matt Richardson

- Municipal court is postponed until June 9, 2020.
- He has been working hard to keep up with State Executive Orders and Colorado Health Department orders. He sent some information to Dencia.

Library Report

- Jan McCracken provided a written report and minutes from the last Library Board Meeting.

Trustee Susan Watson

- Reported that Akron Chamber did not meet in April. And their annual shred event has been postponed, date unknown.

Harry Slusser

- Had been out to the pond, and said the gate needs to go up immediately. Whoever has been driving around there is tearing it up.

Derek Glosson

- Inquired about the status of the sewer pond with Element engineering.

Brandon Hill

- Inquired if building permits are needed for roof replacements. With the last storm, a roofing company traveled door to door. It was recommended to put a reminder for building permits on Facebook.

Andy Bowin

- Reminded the Council about the importance of following cleanliness protocols during the pandemic.
- Thanked Brittani for organizing the cruise.

Brittani Kusel

- Again expressed her appreciation for the Town, business, and people that have worked so hard to stay strong and educated during this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Andy Bowin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. With no objections, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

Dencia Raish, CMC, Town Clerk Administrator

Brittani Kusel, Mayor