

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, July 6, 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 Pro Tem Andy Bowin opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Andy Bowin Derek Glosson
 Jared Jefferson Harry Slusser
 Susan Watson

COUNCIL ABSENT: Brittani Kusel (arrived 8:20) Brandon Hill (arrived 8:12)

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 County Commissioner, Randy Hayes – Colorado Plains Regional Airport, and Jordan Steinke – Washington County Sheriff,
4+ members of the public

Agenda Correction

The special event permit was requested by the Akron Lions to coincide with their BBQ cook off on August 15.

Approval of Minutes 06/01/20

No discussion. Dencia pointed out a correction to the title which read First and should have read Second Reading of Ordinance 568. Derek Glosson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 1, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Harry Slusser, four yes votes, motion carried. 1:42

Approval of Special Minutes 06/11/20

No discussion. Derek Glosson moved to approve the special meeting minutes from June 11, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Jared Jefferson, four yes votes, motion carried. Harry Slusser abstained as he was absent from the June 11, meeting. 2:18

Approval of June Bills

Dencia presented the June bills list. Jared Jefferson moved to approve the bills as presented. Second by Harry Slusser, four yes votes, motion carried. 2:51

Airport Report

FBO Randy Hayes provided a copy of the executive summary of the Master Plan that was finished recently. Randy reported on damage from the June 9th storm. One vacant hanger was destroyed, some exterior fence damage, and a private airplane was wrecked. There was also damage to mechanical aspects of the airport. Buzz Electric is currently working on electrical issues. Randy reported that Dencia and he had meet with Brian Lincoln for lunch. Brian has moved from Jviation to HDR Engineering. 8:02

Sheriff Report

Deputy Jordan Steinke reported June statistics for Akron; 63 incidents, 11 citations, 162 calls for Akron, and 507 in the County. Some discussion on tickets issued and COVID recovery at the jail. 11.58

Special Event License- Akron Lions, Street Dance, August 15, 2020

Harry moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Akron Lions Club. Seconded by Susan Watson, two yes votes, Derek Glosson & Jared Jefferson abstain as members of Akron Lions. Mayor Pro Tem Andy Bowin voted yes motion carried. 13:18

County Report

Commissioner Tony Wells reported that the County has submitted a variance for the fair. It will take some time for approval from the State but the NECHD has approved. The fair will be different this year without a beer garden, carnival, and food trucks. The County has had 44 building reviewed after the June storm. The State will most likely not contribute emergency funds as the threshold for that is eight million of uninsured losses. Harry Slusser thanked Tony for the Counties help with removing tree debris from the June storm. 26:22

Special Use Animal Permit - Alvina Brandon

Alvina Brandon was present to review her special use animal permit as submitted. Derek Glosson provided a brief history which had led to the submission of this animal permit. A lengthy and detailed discussion took place after the description. The Akron Municipal Code allows for up to 15 goats to be permitted in Town limits under specific guidelines. Alvina is the owner of property and her son Gary manages the goats and fowl on the property. After a lengthy back and forth Council asked Gary if he would reduce his herd to the required number of goats, and he said he no. Further discussion continued. Derek Glosson moved to not approve the special use animal permit as submitted. Seconded by Jared Jefferson, four yes votes, motion carried. 1:08:06

Public Invited To Be Heard

(Brandon Hill & Brittani Kusel arrived during this portion of the meeting)

Leah Holtorf and her family were present to discuss the Marjorie Leshner Brandon Estate gift left to the Town of Akron. They have drafted a memorandum of understanding that is in line with the estates wishes for the Town to review. 1:21:13

Rhonda Smith was present to talk to the Council about outdoor fire pit use in Town and reported that smoke is affecting her quality of life. She provided information on other town's requirements that she had researched. She asked the Council to review the outdoor burning code. 1:45:20

Corona Virus Relief Fund - Sign for Washington County

The County had an IGA regarding disbursement of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Acts Funds (CARES funds) for Washington County disbursement. Matt Richardson had no concerns with the Town signing. Derek Glosson moved to sign the IGA, as presented. Seconded by Harry Slusser five yes votes, motion carried 1:48:58

Ordinance 569 - First Read - Feral Cat Disposal

Matt explained the ordinance. Harry Slusser moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 569, as presented. Seconded by Derek Glosson, five yes votes, motion carried 1:50:07

Corona Virus Waiver

Matt Richardson explained the waiver and that other municipalities have been using this form for activities provided. Akron's recreation activities have started, but all events in the future should use this form. Derek Glosson moved to approve the waiver for future events, as presented. Seconded by Harry Slusser, five yes votes, motion carried 1:55:20

Council, Committee, and Staff Reports

Public Works Director Shane Watson

- Written report provided. Shane recognized all the help had with the June storm, and appreciated all of it. Shane also reported a broken light in the deep end of the pool and plumbing plans for the new pond. 1:58:18

Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish

- Written report provided. Dencia reported that she has taken questions about changing the time of the regular council meetings. She asked if Council would be in favor, one trustee voiced favor, and no other discussion was had. 2:00:26

Library Report

- Written report provided. 2:00:36

Town Attorney Matt Richardson

- Requirements defined by a court case for executive session, some specificity must be used on the agenda and announced before entering executive sessions. 2:02:58

Trustee Brandon Hill

- Asked if the Town sprays for bind weed control. Some discussion was had. 2:05:09

Trustee Susan Watson

- Reported on upcoming Chamber happenings. 2:07:15

Trustee Andy Bowin

- Reported that a field signup is needed for all summer recreation. Asked that Lori address with John tomorrow 2:11:03

Trustee Derek Glosson

- Circled back to loose ends of the meeting. Wanted to make sure we do not lose track of Holtorf's request for the MOU or reviewing the open burning ordinance request. It was suggested that two Trustees could volunteer as reviews are requested or as needed to handle Council business. Brandon Hill and Susan Watson volunteered to begin reviewing the open burn ordinances along with the request made today. 2:14:16

Mayor Brittani Kusel

- Reported broken window on Main Ave, and wanted to know what could be done. Dencia said she would send a letter to the property owners.
- Brittani reported that she will meet with other organizations later in the week to start planning for the street dance activities. Current considerations are a street dance, BBQ cook off, corn hole tournament, and car show. 2:20:25

Performance Review for Appointed Employees

This portion of the meeting was on the agenda for an executive session. Everyone agreed that this would be to review goals set at the last evaluation for Shane and Dencia, and no one wanted to go into executive session. Brittani asked for employee evaluation samples from people as she didn't think the paperwork from the last evaluations quite fit. Goals set by Dencia and Shane were discussed. 2:32:09

Adjournment

There being no further business, Derek Glosson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. With no objections, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

Dencia Raish, C.M.C., Town Clerk Administrator

Andy Bowin, Mayor Pro Tem