

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, August 3, 2020, at 7:00 pm** (@14:37 in the recorded record) at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town.

Mayor Brittani Kusel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

TRUSTEE ABSENT:

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Matthew Richardson, Town Attorney
 Dencia Raish, Town Clerk/Administrator via zoom
 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 Christopher Rouse – Washington County Sheriff, Dylana Gross - COLO Trust, three members of the public

Approval of Minutes 07/06/20

No discussion. Derek Glosson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 6, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Andy Bowin, six yes votes, motion carried. 15:46

Approval of July Bills

Dencia presented the July bills list. Initial payments were made for the pond project, and grant reimbursements have been applied for. Andy Bowin moved to approve the bills as presented. Second, by Susan Watson, five yes votes, Harry Slusser abstained due to relation receiving payment, motion carried. 17:28

Airport Report

FBO Randy Hayes reported that the Airport Development Committee had met in the last month. The committee discussed the expired engineering contract. The committee and Council will work on the engineer of record in the fall. Dencia is working on an invitation to bid for the fog sealing project planned for 2020. Working on repair work from the June 9 storm. 20:47

Sheriff Report

Deputy Rouse provided the report for the WCSO. The Sheriff has asked the deputies to report more to Council. No significant issues from the Eastern Colorado Roundup (fair). He reported July statistics for Akron, 42 incidents, 26 citations, 127 calls for Akron, and 543 in the County. The Sheriff had no concerns for the special event permits on the agenda. 22:22

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

This application was approved at the last meeting, but moved location to the Main St between 2nd and 3rd. Andy Bowin moved to approve the new location for the Akron Lions from the block to Main Avenue. Seconded by Harry Slusser, four yes votes, Derek Glosson and Jared Jefferson abstained as members of Lions, motion carried. 23:46

Special Event License- Akron Elks, Bucky Bulls Event, August 14, 2020

John Horn was present for any questions; all paperwork was present at the meeting. Harry Slusser moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Akron Elks. Seconded by Derek Glosson, six yes votes, motion carried. 24:44

Special Event License- Akron Lions, Medeles Benefit Rescheduled, August 27, 2020

All the paperwork was completed in March; this is just a reschedule. Brandon Hill moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Akron Lions. Seconded by Andy Bowin, four yes votes, Jared Jefferson and Derek Glosson abstained as members of the Lions, motion carried. 25:41

County Report

Commissioner Tony Wells was not in attendance; no report was given.

COLO Trust Presentation - Dylana Gross, continued

Due to technical difficulties, Dylana was not in attendance at this point. She did join the meeting after Council reviewed the September meeting date.

Public Invited To Be Heard

Denise Chavez was present to speak against Ordinance 569, Feral Cat Disposal. She was concerned that as it is written, it could be interpreted as a kill order for all cats caught in Akron. She presented information on the TNR Program (Trap, Neuter, Return) that the City of Yuma is using. It is a grant program in connection with Metro Denver Cat and the Animal Assistance Foundation. The grant covers all costs, and Yuma has been participating since February 2020. In closing, asked Council not to pass Ordinance 569. 31:03

A citizen recommended that the municipal court proceedings be published in the paper like the County Court proceedings.

Akron Crazy Days Event

Brittani Kusel reported that the scheduled events for August 15th Crazy Days are: BBQ cook-off, cornhole tournament, 5k walk/run, car show, street concert, and movie in the park. The regional Health Department has been in communication with Brittani concerning appropriate precautions in light of COVID. No discussion. 32:33

Ordinance 569 - Second Read - Feral Cat Disposal

Matt Richardson reported that the request for the ordinance as presented came from Code Enforcement due to limited space at the pound to house cats. Brittani Kusel said that there is a significant problem with feral cats in Town. Code Enforcement rehomes feral cats; they are not disposed of otherwise. Further discussion was had. Derek Glosson moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 569, as presented. Seconded by Jared Jefferson, six yes votes, motion carried 40:45

September Meeting Date Scheduled

Brittani Kusel pointed out to Council that the next scheduled meeting would be on September 7, which is the Labor Day Holiday. Council agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 pm. 41:15 After the COLO Trust presentation below, Brittani Kusel asked for a motion to reschedule the meeting. Derek Glosson moved to reschedule the meeting, as stated earlier. Seconded by Harry Slusser, six yes votes, motion carried. 1:04:04

OLO Trust Presentation - Dylana Gross, continued

Dylana Gross joined the meeting and presented to Council that COLO Trust is a short/long term investment vehicle for Local Government. There are public trust advisors hired by the BOT to do the majority of the work managing the pool, and there is a Board of Trustees that makes decisions for the company. There are two investment options, Colorado Prime and Colorado Plus. Council requested to see a comparison of what the money is doing now vs. what could be done with COLO Trust.

1:03:22

Review Declared Nuisance of Feral Cats on Bent Ave

Dencia reported that the letters had been served. Council discussed how to initiate clean-up of the property if the owner doesn't do. Further investigation is needed; the Code Enforcer will be consulted. 1:09:28

Council, Committee, and Staff ReportsPublic Works Director Shane Watson

- Written report provided. One water line has been installed at the pond; the second line is scheduled—plan to start filling the pond in the next month. Chip sealing streets happen August 17-18. Public Works will also be assisting with chip sealing the Justice Center parking lot. 1:10:40

Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish

- Written report provided. Dencia reported a 2' tear to the pond liner that has been reported to the liner company. There was an inquiry about owning two lots in the Westin Ridge and being able to run 2x the animal units. Siting AMC 11-5G-1, the code specifically states that no building or land shall be used except for one or more of the following uses. Therefore as written, additional animals cannot be added to the lot. Matt Richardson suggested that one of the viable uses has first to be established for the lot, or the ordinance would need to be amended instead of a variance being issued. A second option would be to amend Ordinance 558. Further discussion continued. Brittani recommended discussing more at the next meeting. 1:23:03

Library Report

- Written report provided.

Town Attorney Matt Richardson

- Matt reported that G. Brandon appeared in municipal court for sentencing in July. The court imposed the maximum sentence of \$2,650.00. After the conviction, he was given until the next court date to come into compliance. The court ordered that he pay \$500 of the fine with the balance being up for suspension should he come into compliance with the Town Code within 30 days. He is scheduled for review at the next docket. 1:25:34

Trustee Brandon Hill

- He and Susan Watson have been reviewing fire pit town requirements and reported on findings. They had also visited with the citizen encouraging to sign the complaint. No other recommendations were made. 7:57

Trustee Susan Watson

- She reported about the gestation (6 months) and weaning of goats (4 months). She stated that Chamber had begun Farmers Market on Wednesday at the City Park. 10:46

Trustee Andy Bowin

- Andy thanked John Glosson and Kilee Randel for their efforts with summer rec during the year at COVID. Derek Glosson extended the thank you to Lori Baer as well. 12:08

Trustee Derek Glosson

- John Glosson had visited with Derek about the poor condition at the softball field used by the summer recreation program but owned by the Akron School. John will visit the school to cover part of the cost of the desired dirt. It is recommended that the construction happen this fall so it can settle before the next season. The price for the red dirt is approximately \$7,200. 15:58

Adjournment

There being no further business, Andy Bowin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. With no objections, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____

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

Brittani Kusel, Mayor Pro Tem