

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, October 5, 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 7:00 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  
    Shane Watson, Public Works Director

**OTHER IN ATTENDANCE:**

Randy Hayes – Colorado Plains Regional Airport, Jon Stivers – Washington County Sheriff, James Lucero – President for Washington County Golf Club Board, Steve Marshall & James Zebarth – Akron Volunteer Fire Department and 2 members of the Rural Fire Board, and 2 members of the public

**Approval of Minutes 09/08/20**

No discussion. Derek Glosson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 9, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Susan Watson, six yes votes, motion carried. 0:58

**Approval of Special Minutes 09/14/20**

No discussion. Derek Glosson moved to approve the special meeting minutes from September 14, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Harry Slusser, six yes votes, motion carried. 1:25

**Approval of September Bills**

Dencia presented the September bills list. It was clarified that the payment to Work Force Inc was to clean out a 3<sup>rd</sup> of the sewer main for the town. Derek Glosson moved to approve the bills as presented. Second by Harry Slusser, six yes votes, motion carried. 2:47

**Akron Volunteer Fire Department**

AVFD members Steve Marshall and James Zebarth appeared with two members of the Rural Fire Board. They have found funds to cover most of the cost for the extractor washing machine to appropriately clean their gear. They will be able to use a portion of the 2020 budgeted funds to install the extractor. Steve provided a worksheet explaining that they will need approximately \$40,000 (the expense to be split with the Rural Fire Board) in the first year to purchase ten new uniforms and will continue purchasing three uniforms/year to rotate their stock. Steve also explained the life expectancy of the equipment and details of the fire calls they have been on over the last 10 years, rural calls 51%, town calls 43%, and mutual aid calls 6%. James reported that he is researching ISO requirements to see what steps they can take to reduce homeowner insurance in the area and work on long-term plans for the AVFD. 11:19

## **Airport Report**

FBO Randy Hayes updated the Council on the progress of the 2020 runway fog seal project. He also reported that he has been in touch with Travis Valin from Jviation, who noted that Jviation would be merging with another agency that could benefit their engineering services. 13:09

## **Sheriff Report**

Sheriff Jon Stivers reported September statistics for Akron, 46 incidents (58.2%), 12 citations (44%), 122 total calls for Akron, and 416 in the County. He also gave information on SB20-217, Colorado Police Reform Bill. Stivers encouraged Council to review the bill because if it passes as currently written, there will be substantial changes to operations, which will lead to significant increases in costs for all law enforcement. Derek mentioned that CML would be discussing the bill in detail at an upcoming meeting. Derek will report back to Jon with information from that meeting. 23:15

## **County Report**

Commissioner Tony Wells was unable to attend the meeting; no report was provided. 23:18

## **Washington County Golf Club Report**

Matt Richardson reported that the lease with WCGC has expired and is maintained on a month to month status. James asked if the lease could be reviewed and resigned in January to run annually after that. James also reported that the main sprinkler line needs restoration. Their Board has researched, and the mainline will cost approximately \$200,000.00 for a complete repair. Based on current problems, James estimated that this project should be completed in the next couple of years to prevent major patching jobs. Funding for the project hasn't been found. James has a connection to a grant writer and inquired if the Town would assist with investigating grant opportunities. James also reported that the well that they maintain is inoperative and has been abandoned. 34:11

## **Public Invited To Be Heard**

Jannet Perchez reported that her family would be opening a food truck called Tacos Nacho. She has come before the Council as they need a location to park and sell. She asked if Council would consider allowing them to park at the Akron Roadside Park at Custer and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. They are contacting other property owners as well. They will be open Thursday – Sunday from 10 am – 7 pm. They will need electricity and water services. It was suggested that they go with Shane Watson to ensure the services they need are available in that area. Matt Richardson said he would need to look at the CDPHE paperwork required to list where they will be parking. 42:10

Keith Damrow as a representative of Akron Chamber, appeared to ask Council if they would consider allowing a large Christmas tree to be placed in the intersection of Main Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street the day after the Christmas Light Parade. In the past, Akron used to place a tree in this location. It will be a large tree with panels placed around it, and traffic will still be able to maneuver around. The tree would have lights and garland. Council thought it was a great idea and encouraged Chamber to proceed with the project. 48:10

**Cemetery Committee Resolution 20-004**

Council discussed whom the members of the committee should be. It was established that the committee would comprise of one member of the Town Board, one town employee, one resident of Akron eighteen years or older, and one resident of Washington County eighteen years or older. Harry Slusser moved to approve the cemetery improvement committee resolution 20-004 as amended. Seconded by Andy Bowin, six yes votes, motion carried. Susan Watson will be the Trustee to represent the Council at the meeting. 52:10

**Presentation of the 2021 Preliminary Budget**

Dencia Raish presented a preliminary 2021 budget for the Council. Dencia will publish the required Notice of Budget in the Akron News Reporter on October 14, 2020. Further reviews of the budget will continue with Dencia and the budget committee. No action was taken. 1:02:45

**Approve 2019 Audit Report**

David Kauffman provided the written 2019 audit and report to the Council for review. Due to scheduling issues, he has not given his oral report but will schedule soon. The audit was submitted to the State as required on September 30, 2020. Council asked Dencia to schedule a time for an in-person meeting with Mr. Kauffman. No action was taken. 1:04:55

**Municipal Judge Resignation**

Akron Municipal Judge, Kelly Hansen, submitted a written resignation effective January 1, 2021. After the discussion, Andy Bowin moved to accept the resignation as presented. Seconded by Brandon Hill, six yes votes, motion carried. 1:06:33

**Marjorie Leshar Brandon Trust Resolution 20-003**

Upon final review, the family of Marjorie Leshar Brandon asked for a few revisions. The first being to specify an Akron High School graduate. Matt Richardson recommended not limiting the application to an Akron graduate as the court order did not specify as such. The second suggestion was to have an odd number of committee members instead of even. Council agreed to edit the resolution as presented to a committee comprised of two Akron residents, two family members of Marjorie Leshar Brandon, and one Trustee. The final suggestion was to expand the language in #4 to add grants along with a scholarship to the application process. Matt again recommended not expanding the language beyond what the court order originally stated. He suggested that it could be within the committee's scope to make the recommendations as they see fit in the future. It would be the Board that makes the final consideration before releasing any funds. After the Council discussion, Richard Holtorf wanted to stress the importance of Akron when utilizing the funds. After discussion, Andy Bowin moved to approve resolution 20-003, creating a committee for the Marjorie Leshar Brandon Trust with the correction to the defined members, as stated above. Second by Derek Glosson, six votes yes, motion carried. Andy Bowin will be the Trustee representing the Council for this committee. Dencia was instructed to solicit community members for both committees before the next meeting. 1:23:40

## Council, Committee, and Staff Reports

### Public Works Director Shane Watson

- Written report provided. Shane reported that the pond is filling with two water lines. The WP well line can run 36 hours and has to be shut down for 24 hours. Shane expects Sam Slusser to be back in the next week to finalize dirt work. 1:27:14

### Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish

- Written report provided. Dencia pointed out that she had moved funds from the Marjorie Leshner Brandon Trust from a checking account to a savings account. 1:28:56
- Before the Mayor's report, Dencia stated that Dallas and Annette Bowin reported purchasing substantial land east of Hwy 63 on the south side of town. Once they have plats from the survey company, they will be submitting an application for annexation for part of that area. Dencia will provide Shane, Derek, and Andy the documentation to begin planning and zoning meetings before the annexation application is submitted.

### Library Report

- Written report provided. 1:29:02

### Trustee Harry Slusser

- Harry reported meeting with Derek Glosson and Shane Watson at the Stallings Addition to initialize the area's road construction. Derek will be providing specs to Dencia to solicit for bids for the concrete needed for drainage to 8<sup>th</sup> Street. 1:31:52

### Trustee Jared Jefferson

- Jared questioned if the Town would charge for the food truck's utilities discussed earlier with the Perchez family. It was suggested that a permit could be created to assess the fees for a utility. Matt Richardson hadn't considered the utility aspect in the earlier discussion. Further discussion will be needed. 1:34:57

### Trustee Andy Bowin

- Rob Bullard approached Andy regarding the stop sign on the westbound corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Avenue. Rob feels that the stop sign has cost him a portion of his property due to traffic cutting the corner. Matt Richardson will look at the property, and the plat maps to assess if there is an easement.

### Trustee Susan Watson

- Susan pointed out that we may want to purchase an additional sign for the pond in the future.

### Trustee Derek Glosson

- Derek reported that he, Jared Jefferson, and Shane Watson had met in the last month to begin discussions for the newly established public works committee. He spoke about the 50/50 concrete program that they are establishing for the 2021 budget.
- He also reported reaching out to Nick Marcotte with Element Engineering to restart discussions for an infrastructure master plan for the Town.

Mayor Brittani Kusel

- Reported attending the CML District 1 zoom meeting with Dencia and spoke to some of the discussions.
- Brittani asked Dencia to organize a new Town Council picture for the website.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Andy Bowin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. With no objections, the motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dencia Raish, Town Clerk/Administrator      Brittani Kusel, Mayor