

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, November 2, 2020, at 7:00 pm** at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town.

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

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

TRUSTEE ABSENT: Brandon Hill

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, Deputy Christopher Rouse & Lieutenant Sam McCoy – Washington County Sheriff, Tony Wells – Washington County Commissioner District Three, and three members of the public

Approval of Minutes 10/05/20

No discussion. Derek Glosson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 5, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Andy Bowin, five yes votes, motion carried. 0:58

Approval of Special Minutes 10/16/20

No discussion. Susan Watson moved to approve the special meeting minutes from October 16, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Derek Glosson, five yes votes, motion carried. 1:50

Approval of October Bills

Dencia presented the October bills list. Harry Slusser moved to approve the bills as presented. Second by Derek Glosson, five yes votes, motion carried. 3:00

Airport Report

FBO Randy Hayes reported they finished the fog seal project for just over half of the approved budget. He also reported that he would be submitting the 2021 Capital Improvements Plan CIP to the state before the year-end. Jviation will be assisting with that project. 4:32

Sheriff Report

Deputy Christopher Rouse introduced the newest employee for WCSO, Lieutenant Sam McCoy, former Sheriff of Yuma County. Deputy Rouse also reported that John Lynch would be joining WCSO on November 9; he is the former Chief of Police for the City of Yuma. October statistics for Akron; 44 (63.8%) incidents, 11 (45.8%) citations, He did not report the total calls for the Town or County in October.

Club Renewal- Akron Elks Lodge

Deputy Rouse reported no concerns with renewing the license. Andy Bowin moved to approve the Club Renewal for the Akron Elks Lodge. Seconded by Derek Glosson, five yes votes, motion carried. 6:24

County Report

Commissioner Tony Wells was in attendance and reported 10.6% COVID positivity for Washington County. We are in the state-issued Safer at Home level 2 classification. He gave further details of COVID standings. Tony reported the Assessor had completed the valuation for the county at 4.65 million dollars. He reported that the county had submitted its Q1 application for state-issued COVID reimbursable. He pointed out that the county does not hold the funds and that an application must be completed and approved by DOLA before funds will be issued. 14:15

Public Invited To Be Heard

No public was in attendance to speak.

Yeaman Acres Annexation Petition

Daryl, Annette, and Dallas Bowin were in attendance and explained their intentions to annex the property they recently purchased. The annexation will be known as Yeamans Addition, and the area will be referred to as Yeamans Acres. They have completed and applied for annexation to the Town of Akron. The area is still under review to complete the plat map as they have not decided how to split the northern boundary of the property. Most lots will be just under 5 acres. After the area is designed, the Bowins will dedicate the waterlines and streets back to the Town of Akron once they are built. Currently, sewer/septic options are being investigated for the north boundary. After further discussion between the Council and the Bowins, Attorney Matt Richardson spoke to the annexation application. He said that once the Council approves the first resolution of the annexation application, certain timelines are activated. Since the property to be annexed is greater than 10 acres, an annexation impact report is required within ten days of adopting the first resolution. The Council and the Commissioners can waive it. Matt recommended that the Council wait for the December meeting to approve the first resolution for the application. This would allow them time to confirm that the application is accurate and allow the Town and the County to prepare to waive the annexation impact report. 37:17

Committee Appointments

Council reviewed the letters of intent received from community members interested in serving on two different committees. The first committee discussed was the Marjorie Leshner Brandon Trust Committee (MLBTC). The Town received letters from Perk Odell, Randy Hayes, and Annette Bowin. After discussion, Derek Glosson moved to appoint Perk Odell and Randy Hayes to the MLBTC. Seconded by Susan Watson, five yes votes, motion carried. Council then discussed the Cemetery Committee. The Town received letters from Annette Bowin, Rick Baker, and Melanie Krening. After discussion, Derek Glosson moved to appoint Annette Bowin and Melanie Krening to the Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Harry Slusser, Andy Bowin abstained due to being related to one of the candidates, four yes votes, motion carried. Community volunteers for both committees shall be appointed by the Board at its first regular meeting after each biennial election and shall serve

until their successors are appointed, or they resign, become unqualified, or are removed from the committee by a majority vote of the Board. 43:31

Municipal Judge Advertisement

Dencia presented an RFP advertising the municipal judge vacancy as of January 2021. Council asked Dencia to make a few edits to the advertisement and publish. 45:54

Review of the 2021 Preliminary Budget

Brittani Kusel reported that the budget committee had met with Dencia since the last meeting. She noted the committee decided there would be no rate increase for 2021. Some capital improvement line items will increase, rate analysis. 50:35

Council, Committee, and Staff Reports

Public Works Director Shane Watson

- Written report provided.
- Shane reported that they looked at the stop sign at Grand Ave & 8th St. He will be moving the sign to the west to see if that prevents traffic from cutting the corner.
- Pond update: installing a fence around the aerator's solar panels and looking for a floating dock to purchase. 51:33

Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish

- Written report provided.
- Dencia asked if the Trustees would be available for a photograph, but the full Council wasn't available during the week. 54:05

Library Report

- Written report provided.

Town Attorney Matt Richardson

- Reported to Council about Municipal Court.
- Matt discussed the annexation impact report required for the annexation. He reported that the AIR includes nine detailed items that would be cumbersome to produce in the time required. There are useful items in the report, but he requested that the Council waive the impact report and asked that Dencia send a letter to the Commissioners asking them to do the same. 58:45

Trustee Derek Glosson

- Reported on CML legislation information and will know more in December at the next meeting.
- A Request for Bid was advertised for the Concrete Pan Improvements needed at the Stallings Addition. Some discussion on how that project will proceed after the bids close, no plans established. 1:01:27

Trustee Harry Slusser

- He was contacted by a concerned citizen upset with the front of the Yeamans store. Brittani reported that she thought the Sheriff’s office had been contacted. The matter was tabled for a month to see if any corrections are made. 1:03:13

Trustee Susan Watson

- Chamber has scheduled the Parade of Lights and Supper for December 3, and Santa will be Downtown on December 18. Both activities are dependent on Covid numbers.
- She also reported that Keith Damrow has not yet been able to locate a large tree to decorate Main, as discussed at the last meeting. 1:06:17
- It was then established that Dencia or Allen would be the employee representative for the Cemetery Committee. Matt Richardson then suggested that the Council appoint the employee to the committee. After discussing Derek Glosson motion to appoint Trustee Susan Watson, and employee Allen Scholes for the Cemetery Committee, seconded by Harry Slusser, four votes yes, Susan Watson abstained with the vote being about her, motion passed.
- Council then discussed the Marjorie Leshner Brandon Trust Committee. That committee comprises one member of the Akron Town Board, two family members, and two Akron citizens. Derek Glosson motioned to appoint Andy Bowin to the Marjorie Leshner Brandon committee, and Harry Slusser seconded the motion. Four votes yes, Andy abstained from the vote since the vote was about him, motion passed.
- Cemetery committee 1:16:28

Mayor Brittani Kusel

- Has been working on a review for appointed employees hopes to have them completed by the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Andy Bowin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. With no objections, the motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Dencia Raish, Town Clerk/Administrator

Brittani Kusel, Mayor