

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, December 7, 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 7:02 pm.

TRUSTEE PRESENT: Andy Bowin Derek Glosson
 Jared Jefferson Brandon Hill
 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:

Jon Stivers – Washington County Sheriff, Tony Wells – Washington County Commissioner, Dist. 3, and four members of the public

Approval of Minutes 11/02/20

No discussion. Derek Glosson moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 2, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Andy Bowin five yes votes, Brandon Hill abstained for being absent, motion carried. 1:10

Approval of November Bills

Dencia presented the November bills list. Derek Glosson moved to approve the bills as presented. Second by Susan Watson, six yes votes, motion carried. 1:50

Airport Report

FBO Randy Hayes was not in attendance; no report was given.

Sheriff Report

Jon Stivers reported November statistics for Akron; 29 (39.7%) incidents, 2 (10.5%) citations, 99 calls for Akron and 410 calls in the county. Sheriff Stivers reported an issue with the Akron Analysis Activity by Day, the record shows seven traffic contacts, and he knows that should be more. He noted the S.O. is only one officer down from being fully staffed.

Law Enforcement Contact

Sheriff Stivers provided a revised Law Enforcement Agreement for Akron in 2021, with no increase to the cost. Sheriff Stivers reported their attorney had made a few revisions to the contract's wording to align the contracts for towns in Washington County. Matthew Richardson had reviewed the revisions and provided comments in the packet for the Council. Overall, changes to the contract move discretion from the Town to the Sheriff in multiple matters. Council agreed that it would take further review before they would sign the agreement. Brittani Kusel suggested further discussion at a special meeting later in December. The action was tabled. 10:42

Shooting Range Agreement

Matthew Richardson pointed out that this agreement was designed to renew annually automatically. Mayor Kusel said they would discuss this agreement further at the special meeting in December.
11:00

County Report

Commissioner Tony Wells was in attendance and reported that Washington County is in the red level defined by CDPHE and the State. He reported further COVID updates in regards to businesses in the county and public health requirements. He reported the numbers of vaccinations applied for and that availability could be anywhere from April to July. 17:49

Public Invited To Be Heard

No one in attendance to speak.

Yeaman Acres Annexation Petition

Matt Richardson reported that Washington County had waived the required annexation impact report. It has been established that an annexation petition was submitted by property owners Daryl Bowin, Annette Bowin, Dallas Bowin, and Jennie Bowin, in joint tenancy for Yeamans Addition. The area is 129.36 acres south of Akron on the east side of Highway 63. The area meets all requirements to be considered for annexation. Derek moved to approve Resolution 20-005 with a correction to the title for spelling. Seconded by Susan Watson, five yes votes, Andy Bowin abstained for being related to applicants, motion carried. Dencia Raish reported that a hearing could be scheduled between January 11 and February 5, 2021. The hearing was scheduled for 1/11/21 at 6 pm. 23:00

Public Invited To Be Heard

Keith Damrow had arrived during the annexation conversation to address the Council during the public speak portion of the meeting. Brittani Kusel invited him to share his concern. Mr. Damrow was concerned about code enforcement not being completed or enforced as needed. He attributed some of the issues that people do not know that they need to complain to the Sheriff's Office, and requiring issues to be complaint-driven may prevent reports from being filed. He wanted to know if the Code Enforcement Officer could address issues that are visible from the street instead of relying on complaint only. 25:25

Municipal Judge Advertisement Results

An RFP to find a municipal judge was written and published in November. Jay M. Brammer works for Brammer Law Office in Sterling, Colorado. Derek Glosson motioned to accept Judge Brammer's offer as the Akron Municipal Judge beginning January 2021. Second by Brandon Hill, six votes yes, motion carried. 31:47

First Reading of Ordinance 570 - Animal Licensing

Dencia Raish requested Council consider amending the Town Code to allow for dog and cat licensing duration to follow the effective length of rabies vaccinations. With the stated corrections to the first reading's dashes, Derek Glosson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 570. Seconded by Jared Jefferson, six votes yes, motion passed. 34:21

Librarian Resignation

Librarian Jan McCracken submitted a letter of resignation effective 3/1/2021. Dencia Raish and Holly Peterson with the Akron Library Board have been working on a job description and will post information in late December early January for the position. 36:53

2020 Audit Agreement

David Kauffman with Liittjohann, Kauffman, and Pederson submitted an audit agreement for 2021 for the cost of \$9,000.00. Derek Glosson motioned to accept the 2020 audit agreement dated with the correction to the contract dates, seconded by Harry Slusser; six votes yes, motion passed. 38:54

Notice of Exercise of Option for Permanent Easement - Viaero @ 1195 E 1st

Matt Richardson reported that in January 2020, Council had entered an agreement with Viaero to allow them to place a tower by the Town Shop when they needed to. The letter presented at this meeting is to serve notice that they are exercising their option for a permanent easement. The closing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at Washington County Title. No action is needed. 41:35

Resolution to Set Mill Levies for 2021

A motion was made to approve the written resolution to set the mill levies for 2021 by Derek Glosson, seconded by Andy Bowin; six votes yes, motion passed. 43:18

Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Budget

A motion was made to approve the written resolution to adopt the budget for 2021 by Derek Glosson, seconded by Jared Jefferson; six votes yes, motion passed. 44:08

Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money for 2021

A motion was made to approve the written resolution to appropriate sums of money for 2021 by Andy Bowin, seconded by Harry Slusser: all votes were yes, motion passed. 44:50

Christmas Bonus

Dencia reported that Christmas bonuses were within the budgeted amounts for 2020. Council also wanted to include the money that was budgeted for a holiday party in 2020 to go as chamber bucks for employees. Andy Bowin made a motion to approve \$500 bonuses for full-time employees. The second was by Jared Jefferson; five votes yes, Susan Watson abstained due to marriage to town employee, motion passed. Andy Bowin motioned to purchase chamber bucks with the funds used to provide a holiday party for full-time employees and Joyce Kessinger as full-year part-time Sr. Center manager. Derek Glosson seconded the motion, five votes yes, Susan Watson abstained due to marriage to a town employee, motion passed. 53:51

Council, Committee, and Staff Reports

Public Works Director Shane Watson

- Written report provided. 55:33

Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish

- Written report provided.
- Dencia reported to Council that she had advertised an RFQ for on-call engineering services. Responses are due January 5.
- Dencia asked about NECALG; Council recommended seeing what involvement the county currently has.
- Dencia asked if the Planning and Zoning Committee would want to take a more active approach to planning and zoning questions that come to the Town. Dencia, Derek, and Andy will start a conversation on how to proceed. 1:09:36

Library Report

- Written report provided. 1:09:50

Town Attorney Matt Richardson

- Reported on municipal court upcoming events.
- Asked to be kept in the loop with P/Z committee meeting as specifics for the committee may come from State Statue.1:11:12

Trustee Andy Bowin

- Expressed concern with being related to the parties building the Yeamans Annexation and what his role needs to be for the P/Z committee. He wanted to confirm if he should step down from the committee. Matt spoke to some points that statues require for annexation. Further review is necessary. 1:15:17

Trustee Susan Watson

- Reported for the Akron Chamber
- Brittani Kusel thanked Chamber for a grand parade of lights. 1:19:30

Trustee Brandon Hill

- He reported that he hasn't heard from the Golf Board that he will get in contact after the first of the year. Grant options were discussed. GOCO will not provide grants for golf courses. If there is a high school team using a golf course, there may be PGA funds available. 1:24:24

Mayor Brittani Kusel

- A special meeting was scheduled for December 15 at 6:00 pm to review appointed employees and discuss the Law Enforcement Agreement for 2021. 1:33:43

Adjournment

There being no further business, Andy Bowin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. With no objections, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Dencia Raish, Town Clerk/Administrator

Brittani Kusel, Mayor