

The Board of Trustees (BOT) for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, March 1, 2021, 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	Brandon Hill
Harry Slusser	Susan Watson

**TRUSTEE ABSENT:**

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Dencia Raish, Town Clerk/ Administrator, Shane Watson, Public Works Director Matthew Richardson, Town Attorney

**OTHER IN ATTENDANCE:** Jayden Brotton & Katheryn Danner – Washington County Sheriff, four members of the public

**Approval of Minutes 2/01/21**

No discussion. Trustee Slusser moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 1, 2021, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Watson five yes votes Trustee Bowin abstained due to absence, motion carried. . 1:40

**Approval of February Bills**

Dencia presented the February bills list, no discussion. Trustee Glosson moved to approve the bills as presented. Second by Trustee Hill, six yes votes, motion carried. 2:22

**Airport Report**

FBO Randy Hayes was in attendance and reported Was not in attendance.

**Sheriff Report**

Deputy Jayden Brotton and Deputy Katheryn Danner were in attendance. Deputy Danner reported February statistics for Akron; 25 (36.8%) incidents, 3 (23.1%) citations, the number of calls for the town and county were not available for February. No questions for the deputies 4:15

**County Report**

Commissioner Tony Wells was in attendance and began by reporting that the County COVID dial is blue per state standard. He said that the County budget is on track, and the commissioners have been reviewing state legislation. All fair events for the 2021 Eastern Colorado Roundup are back to usual planning. There is a new director for the WY Comm Board. 10:59

**Public Invited To Be Heard**

Tim Brandon inquired if he should speak now or during the scheduled Brandon item of the agenda. Mayor Kusel would allow him to speak at either. He opted to wait until later in the agenda. 11:49

**Resolution adopting Element Engineering as Akron's On-Call Engineer**

In January 2021, Akron issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for on-call engineering services for the town, and three bids were received. The public works committee recommended that the BOT accept the proposal from Element Engineering. Trustee Hill motioned to accept Element Engineering as the on-call engineer for the Town of Akron, seconded by Trustee Slusser, six yes votes, motion carried. The Town is not subject to any procurement rules to hire engineer services. Statue requires the Town to put out any public works projects greater than \$5,000 for competitive bid. Dencia clarified that the master plan and conversion were engineer services, not projects.

Trustee Hill motioned to approve the proposal for professional engineering services for the Water/Wastewater Master Plan. Seconded by Trustee Watson, six votes yes, motion carried. 19:35

Trustee Glosson motioned to approve the proposal for professional engineering services for the Chlorine Gas to Sodium Hypochlorite Conversion (Drinking Water Disinfection). Seconded by Trustee Jefferson, six votes yes, motion carried. 20:23

Trustee Slusser motioned to approve the proposal for professional engineering services to digitize and update infrastructure mapping. Seconded by Trustee Glosson, six votes yes, motion carried. 21:35

**First Reading Ordinance 573 - Flood Plan Map Update**

As required by FEMA, Akron has participated in implementing floodplain management measures for the Town of Akron. A Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the community have been executed. No significant changes were made to the Akron flood hazard data on the preliminary or revised copies of the FIRM for Washington County. Trustee Glosson motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 573 as presented, seconded by Trustee Bowin, six votes yes, motion passed. 25:10

**Alvina & Gary Brandon Special Use Permit - Goats @ 836 E. Railroad Ave**

Tim Brandon, Alvina's son, opened the discussion by reviewing with the BOT the application's reason, details of a meeting on 2/9/21, and updates on the neighborhood. Historically, the property has been home to thousands of fowl such as pheasant, chucker, quail, geese, ducks, and chickens. Tim stated that if the special use permit is not permissible, the family will most likely utilize the property for fowl as it had been in the past. Under the Special Use Animal Permit's current requirements in 6-7-16 AMC, up to 15 goats could be on the property. Gary Brandon has reported having 14 nanny goats and one billy goat, and an undisclosed number of fowl. He intends to breed the nannies, and they may birth 1-3 young per nanny. His plan outlines keeping the kids until they reach the 4-H weight limit of 75-90 lbs; they will be sold as meat goats. Gary also envisioned offering town youth a place to raise a young goat to participate in 4-H. Further discussion continued with the BOT and the Brandon family.

The current AMC 6-7-16 paragraph C does not permit the BOT to grant an applicant the ability to maintain greater than five (5) animal units at any property, therefore prohibiting the BOT from granting the application as submitted. An executive session is scheduled at the end of the meeting to allow BOT to receive Matt Richardson's legal advice for this application. Action tabled. 45:58

## Recycling with Replenish

Mayor Kusel and Clerk Raish reviewed the communications thus far with Replenish Recycling. It is not clear how exactly Akron would proceed. The Board recommended continuing investigation and see what comes. 50:47

## Council, Committee, and Staff Reports

### Public Works Director Shane Watson

- He provided a written report.
- Applications for the 50/50 concrete program are on the website, and applications are due April 1. Notice also needs to be published on FB & the website.
- Mayor Kusel asked Shane if the town employees removed snow or mitigate ice at the fire hall. Shane reported that snow is removed, but ice is not usually addressed. 53:59

### Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish

- She provided a written report with some discussion on the content.
- Ask Library Director Heidi Hobson to attend the next meeting. 1:00:53

### Library Report

- Written report provided.

### Trustee Derek Glosson

- He reported meeting with Maggie Camacho, Dencia Raish, and others in continued discussions about internet/fiber options for Akron. Maggie has been very helpful with organizing the meetings and keeping the momentum going. 1:05:03

### Trustee Susan Watson

- She reported attending interviews for a Greenskeeper at the WCGC. She found it very interesting and learned a lot.
- Susan pointed out to Dencia that she was appointed as the Trustee to serve on the Cemetery Committee. Dencia apologized for the oversight and will make sure Susan is notified of the next meeting.
- Chamber will be promoting the Shop Local program before Easter, and the Local Shred event is scheduled for 4/27/21, weather permitting. 1:09:46

### Trustee Harry Slusser

- He reported about the last Law Enforcement Committee meeting. He intends to discuss snow removal in the business district at the next meeting. 1:15:51

### Trustee Jared Jefferson

- He asked who the town has used in the past to run cameras in the sewers. Element Engineering will need sewers videoed for the Master Plan. Shane & Trustee Slusser said the Town hires WFI for current sewer inspections. Shane said he would check on prices from WFI. 1:19:30

Mayor Brittani Kusel

- She reported that she would like to begin discussions for the 2021 Crazy Days event in Akron. She thought a suitable date could be a week before the start of school. She will organize a meeting in the next month to see what organizations may want to be involved. 1:24:20

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**Executive Session**

Trustee Jefferson motion to enter an executive session for a conference with the town attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under CRS. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); in reference to the Brandon Special Use Permit. Seconded by Trustee Glosson, six votes yes, motion carried. 1:25:50

Mayor Kusel ended the executive session at 9:39 pm. The participants in the executive session were: Andy Bowin, Derek Glosson, Brandon Hill, Shane Watson, Brittani Kusel, Dencia Raish, Matthew Richardson, Susan Watson, Harry Slusser, Jared Jefferson. No concerns were stated from the executive session. Trustee Bowin motioned to table the Brandon Special Use Permit, and directed Attorney Richardson to make suggested revisions to the AMC. Seconded by Trustee Glosson, six votes yes, motion passed. 1:17 (21.03.01 RMa.MP3)

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Trustee Bowin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. With no objections, motion carried.