

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

A **regular meeting** of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Akron was held **Monday, February 5th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town.

Mayor George Reese opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance with Trustees Nancy Lightle, Harry Slusser, Susan Watson, and Brittani Kusel was in attendance; as well as Town Attorney Dennis Brandenburg, Public Works Director Shane Watson, Town Clerk/ Administrator Dencia Raish, and Akron News Reporter Joanne Busing. Others in attendance included Washington County Sheriff Jon Stivers, Commissioner Terry Hart, Branden Brent and Building Inspector Larry Johnson

Approval of Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2018. A motion was made by Nancy Lightle to approve the minutes, seconded by Susan Watson; all votes were yes, motion passed.

The Council then reviewed the minutes from the special meeting held January 16th, 2018. A correction was made that Brittani Kusel was not in attendance at the meeting as stated in the minutes, all other items were correct. A motion was made by Nancy Lightle to approve the minutes with the correction, second by Susan Watson; Brittani Kusel abstained due to absence, all other votes were yes, motion passed.

Approval of January Bills

Dencia Raish presented the January bills list. After review, Brittany Kusel moved to approve presented bills for payment. Nancy Lightle seconded the motion; all other votes were yes.

Airport Report

Colorado Plains Regional Airport Manager Randy Hayes was not in attendance, no report was given.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Jon Stivers was in attendance for the Washington Council Sheriff report. In January there were 115 incidents reported in Washington County with 28 being in Akron. From that there were 32 total citations written, 19 stemming from Akron.

Special Event Permit – Akron Elk's 3/1/2018

The Akron Elks Club has requested special events permit for March 1, 2018 for the NRA Meeting. There being no objections from Sheriff Stivers a motion was made to allow this permit by Brittani Kusel, seconded by Nancy Lightle; all votes were yes.

County Report

Commissioner Terry Hart was in attendance and gave a report from the County. He inquired about the Pond Renovation Project. Dencia Raish told him that the committee is waiting to hear back from the 2017 GOCO LPOR grant application. The committee has also submitted 2018 Fishing is Fun application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife in case the GOCO grant is not approved. More information will be available in April/May. Once grants are known, Dencia will meet with the Commissioners to see what they will be able to contribute from their Conservation Trust Funds.

Terry reported that the Washington County Clinic will be open to till March so customers can pick up records, since it closed for service in December 2017. He reported that the additional funds collected by the 1.5% sales tax approved for the Nursing Home, Ambulance, and Clinic may go to payoff Nursing Home debt or to build a new office for the Ambulance, they are still weighing options. He reported that he NECHD has shown interest in the building.

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Braden Brent – Water usage at 482 De Nova Dr.

Braden appeared to the Council to discuss the number of animal located at 482 De Nova Drive and the water use for that property. The Town initiated contact with Braden because he had more than the allotted number of animals grazing and watering than is allowed for Ranchette Zoning. At this point he is not interested in reducing his number of animals to the required amount. He shared his concerned that he had to annex into Akron to receive the water while a different customer was able to connect to town water and not annex after his request. It was pointed out that when he annexed it was with the intention to build a house. That is still his plan, but not possible at this time. There was lots of discussion between Braden, the Council and Dennis Brandenburg.

Braden said that he had annexed because he wanted the water, and at the time that seem wiser than drilling a well. He asked for untreated and was told no because that address had access to treated water. Dennis Brandenburg pointed out that the water tap was issued for domestic use. Domestic use means a home consumption, lawn use, and reasonable number of animals allowed per ordinance or zoning.

After further discussion Braden asked the Town to consider allowing him to de-annex and sell him water at an appropriate rate to water his animals. Dennis suggested that Braden should come up with a plan of his intentions for the Town to review, and be able to make a decision after that. Braden is to have the proposal to Dencia on 2/20/18 so it can be shared with the Council and discussed at the next regular town meeting.

Boy Scout Property Report

As mentioned in previous meetings the Boys Scouts troop of Akron owns a lot on Date St. They are interested in selling the property, but at closing it was found that the Town of Akron is the trustee for the Boy Scouts as dedicated in the donation of the property to the Boy Scouts. Larry Johnson spoke to the Council as representative for the organization. Council suggested to Larry that the Boy Scouts create a proposal for what they will do with the funds of the property if allowed to be sold. Council does not want them to lose the asset for something temporary such as a vehicle or other item that will come to be no more. They will attend the next meeting.

Public Invited To Be Heard

No members of the general public were in attendance.

Transfer of Liquor License at 90 Main, Amethyst to La Caban Del Amigo

Dencia reported that the paperwork had not been turned in yet. No action was taken.

Verizon Map

Verizon has presented a new site proposal for the cellular tower they would like to install in Akron. The new site is strictly on town property. The previous proposal straddled town property and private property. Larry Johnson reported that he approved of the new location from the building inspector perspective. Council was in favor of the new location and recommend to get the Variance Boards approval before reviewing the final contract. Dencia will schedule a meeting with variance board before the next regular Town Council meeting.

Review Sun Country Annexation Request

Bob Diamond and Leon Weninger (Sun Country Properties) have begun the process to annex in some property on the east side of Akron. It has been found by Anne Liebert, of Liebert and McAtee Surveying that the true city limit line is not Itca Ave as seen on maps, but according to the Town Incorporation of 1887 lies further east just behind the house on the proposed property. This matters because it must be determined if Sun Country has to annex in 24.47 acres or 3.63 acres. Further investigation is necessary to confirm true city limit line.

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Council, Committee, and Staff Reports

Public Works Director Shane Watson reported that he has begun to work with the GIS system that Akron has acquired. He thinks it will be a useful system once we learn what all it does.

Town Clerk Dencia Raish presented the sales tax income of January. She reported that December books have not been officially closed so she was not prepared to share January financial statement. . Dencia reported that someone had pooped at the City Park in the slide, since the last meeting. Dencia suggested hour of use should be enforced at the Akron Park. It was suggested and confirmed that Akron Code already has hours of operation listed for the Akron City Park and the Akron Pool Park. Trustee's Brittani Kusel and Jacque Hayes are still working towards finding camera options for the Parks. It was recommended that the Recreation Committee meets and works on a sign and making sure that current listed curfews were still relevant.

Dencia Reported that there are 3 Mayoral Candidates; Randy Franck, Nancy Lightle, and Lain Bernhardt. She also reported there are 4 Trustee Candidates; Harry Slusser, Jacque Hayes, Joyce Kessinger, and Derek Glosson. Conducting a Forum for the public was discussed. It was suggested to hold that on 3/21st or 22nd JoAnne Busing from the Akron New's Reporter said that she would run an article about the candidates in the March 14th issue.

Dennis Brandenburg reported that the Town of Akron must follow the minimum wage rules of the State.

Brittani Kusel inquired about the stops signs at 4th and Custer, and Shane Watson reported that they will be installed after the ground is not frozen. It will be a 4-way stop.

Nancy Lightle reported that she attended a meeting about Building Effective Council-Staff Relationships in Brush on January 24th. The meeting was presented by Robert Widner, City Attorney for Centennial and Fort Collins Mayor, Wade Troxell. She said the meeting was very useful and wished the entire Council and appropriate staff could have attended. She explained they suggested retreats for Council and recognizing staff. Nancy would like to see the Council make an effort to recognize town staff.

Susan Watson reported that the new Chamber Officers have been established. The meetings for 2018 will continue to be at noon or 6pm every other month.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Nancy Lightle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. With no objections, motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Dencia Raish, CMC
Town Clerk/Administrator

George Reese, Mayor