

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Special Meeting** on **Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to Ron Christensen, Manager of Fiber Optic Planning & Development, and the plans to bring some fiber to the Viareo Tower in Town.

Mayor Nancy Lightle opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with Trustees; Harry Slusser, Jacque Hayes, Brittani Kusel and Derek Glosson in attendance. Also in attendance were; Town Attorney Dennis Brandenburg, Town Clerk/ Administrator Dencia Raish, Viaero Representative Ron Christensen, and Scott Porteus

### **Fiber Optic Plan**

Ron shared that Viaero has a fiber line at their tower approximately 13 miles south of Akron. Viaero intends to bring that fiber to Akron via Hwy 63. They will go to 2<sup>nd</sup> St then turn west taking the line to Adams Ave to the Viaero tower in Akron. Currently, the County Courthouse located at 150 Ash will hook into that fiber. Ron spoke of other businesses being able to hook into the line if they are interested. Some costs may be associated.

At this time there are not plan to run line residentially.

Ron was inquiring about what Viaero would need to do to procure a Right of Way Permit from the Town of Akron. Attorney Dennis Brandenburg is looking into what will need to be done.

### **Adjournment**

Jacque Hayes moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. With no objections, motion carried.

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The Board of Trustees for the Town of Akron held a **Regular Meeting** on **Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Akron Town Hall in full conformance with the laws and ordinances of said Town.

Mayor Nancy Lightle opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance with Trustees; Harry Slusser, Jacque Hayes, Brittani Kusel and Derek Glosson in attendance. Also in attendance were; Town Attorney Dennis Brandenburg, Town Clerk/ Administrator Dencia Raish, Akron News Reporter Joanne Busing and Jon Hart Deputy of the Washington County Sheriff Office. Further attendees were Trustee applicants; Scott Porteus and other members of the public

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Council reviewed the minutes of the special meeting held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with Deb Daniels, Manager for the Republican River Water Conservation District. A motion was made by Derek Glosson to approve the minutes, seconded by Harry Slusser; Brittani Kusel abstained due to absence, and all other votes were yes, motion passed.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A grammatical error was pointed out. A motion was made by Jacque Hayes to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Derek Glosson; Brittani Kusel abstained due to absence, and all other votes were yes, motion passed.

### **Approval of June Bills**

Dencia Raish presented the June bills list. A motion was made to approve the bills as presented, by Harry Slusser, seconded by Jacque Hayes; all votes were yes, motion passed.

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### **Appointment of Trustee**

Mayor Nancy Lightle asked the Council for a recommendation for the vacant Town Trustee position. A motion was made by Jacque Hayes to appoint Scott Porteus to the position; Harry Slusser seconded; all votes were yes, motion passed. Dencia Raish administered an Oath of Office for Scott Porteus, and he took his seat at the Council table.

### **Airport Report**

Airport Manager Randy Hayes was not in attendance no report was given.

### **Sheriff Report**

Deputy Jon Hart was in attendance to report for the Sheriff Office. He reported that Akron had 62 incidents in June with 32 citations written. Brittani Kusel reported that Code Enforcer Sara Hart had resigned from her position. Deputies will be covering animal control and nuisances until a new officer can be hired.

### **County Report**

Commissioner Terry Hart was not able to attend the meeting, and no report was submitted.

### **Waste Management – Anthony Howard**

Anthony was not able to attend the meeting to discuss the expiring recycling contract with Waste Management. He had submitted a written report that would be discussed later in the meeting.

### **Public Invited To Be Heard**

Kathy Hellyer Kraich was in attendance she lives at 26721 CR 41, the residence directly east of 1031 E 4<sup>th</sup>. She asked the Council what she needs to do to get attached to town water, as her well is running very low. Council has begun the practice of asking a resident to annex into Akron to attain town water. Dennis and Dencia discussed the details of that process minimally. Dencia asked Kathy to see her at the office, and Dencia would explain the process.

No other public present chose to speak at this time.

### **Sullivan Dog Variance Review**

Kevin and Kristine Sullivan were in attendance to discuss the dog variance they requested in May to maintain their six dogs. Kristine explained how they came to own six dogs and that she is currently trying to adopt two of them out. Council asked questions about concerns of neighbors and how she might be able to lessen the number of dogs. After a long discussion, a motion was made to deny the variance for the six dogs but allow Sullivan's till September 1<sup>st</sup> to rehome 3 of the dogs. The motion made by Derek Glosson, seconded by Jacque Hayes; all votes were yes, motion passed.

### **Resolution 18-004: Increasing the cost of Bulk Water Sales**

This resolution was written to increase the cost of bulk water sales by the Town of Akron from \$10/1,000 gallons to \$20/1,000 gallons. The motion was made to approve Resolution 18-004 by Brittani Kusel, seconded by Jacque Hayes; all votes were yes, motion passed.

### **Resolution 18-005: Renewal Lease with Washington County Golf Club**

This resolution was written approving a lease for the property of the Washington County Golf Club. The lease is valid till May 31, 2019, and has the same terms as previous leases. Cody Hardy was in attendance representing the WCGC Board to sign the lease. He reported that the recently elected Board has had three members resign. Council suggested that maybe a Council member could attend WCGC Board

meetings or a WCGC Board member could periodically report to Town Council the happenings of the Golf Course. While the Akron Town Council is not interested in micromanaging the WCGC, they are interested in maintaining the asset for the community and are concerned with the recent instability of the WCGC Board. A motion was made to approve the lease by Brittani Kusel, seconded by Derek Glosson; all votes were yes, motion passed.

### **Council, Committee, and Staff Reports**

Public Works Director Shane Watson was not in attendance, and no report was given.

Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish presented the Council her written report for June. Dencia opened the conversation with the written report from Anthony Howard, Public Sector Solutions Manager for Waste Management. The current contract between Akron and WM for recycling expires at the end of June. Nationally, all in one recycling is struggling due to contamination. China had all but ceased accepting materials from the US. This has driven the cost of recycling to almost double for the collection. Akron previously was paying \$3.93 for monthly recycling collection. The new cost will be \$7.76. Akron customers pay \$1.53 for the service to the Town. WM is not able to reduce the collection to just those that are interested in the service. They have a base cost they have to cover to collect in Akron regardless if there are 200 customers or 800. Council agreed that the new cost of collection is unreasonable for the Town to accept in the current budget and not something they pass over to the customers. Dennis Brandenburg was instructed to look into the current lease and see how the recycling arraignment for Akron can be terminated until a more reasonable, efficient, correct practice of recycling can be established.

Council then began a detailed discussion on appointing Trustees to committees. There was a discussion of the Planning and Zoning committee defined in the Akron Municipal Code along with discussion the Variance Board. After further discussion committees were assigned as such:

**Airport Development** – Derek Glosson & Harry Slusser

**Zoning** – Scott Porteus & Derek Glosson

**Budgeting** – Brittani Kusel & Scott Porteus

**Recreation & Parks** – Susan Watson & Jacque Hayes

**Tourism** – Jacque Hayes & Brittani Kusel

Dennis Brandenburg began his report discussing travel trailers vs. mobile homes. A home/lot owner in Akron is interested in converting mobile home spaces into travel trailer spaces. According to Akron Municipal Code, there are many requirements to maintain a travel trailer park. Many questions were raised, and further investigation is needed. Discussion was tabled until Dennis & Dencia have further detail.

Dennis also reported on investigating for special parking for a resident that has requested assistance. He had been looking into residential handicap parking, but there was concern that could lead to extreme investment in infrastructure for Akron, so further investigations are being considered.

The Akron Volunteer Fire Department and the Akron Rural Fire Department have been looking into the coverage for Workman's Compensation Insurance. Dennis has experience working with other fire districts. He found examples where the rural districts carried their own workman's compensation insurance. Dennis made the recommendation that the Akron Rural District should explore finding their own W/C insurance as they are under their own direction when they are responding to a rural fire.

Brittani Kusel thanked Council for the opportunity to attend CML on June 20-22. She learned from the classes and brought home information from the trade show.

Derek Glosson reminded the Council that the next district meeting for the Republican River Conservation Board would be on July 12<sup>th</sup> in Holyoke. He and the Council thought it would be a good idea to have

representation at the meeting to see what is said about the boundary-expanding. Currently, Akron water wells are outside the district of the RRC but within the model of what should be considered. Derek Glosson volunteered to attend the meeting and follow up on the happenings. He asked if he could reach out to Forrest Leif to learn more about the situation, and Council agreed. A motion was made for Derek to pursue contact with Forrest by Brittani Kusel, seconded by Jacque Hayes; all votes were yes, motion passed.

Jo Anne Busing reported that the next Chamber meeting would be July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Akron Town Hall.

Nancy Lightle reported that Lexi Larson would not be available for a benefit concert for the Akron Pond Revitalization Project on August 25<sup>th</sup>, but if we wanted to look for other dates that would be fine. Nancy also thanked Council for the opportunity to attend CML.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Jacque Hayes moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. With no objections, motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dencia Raish, CMC  
Town Clerk/Administrator

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Nancy Lightle, Mayor