

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Akron was held Monday, March 7, 2016 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 with the Pledge of Allegiance with Trustees Nancy Lightle, Harry Slusser, Susan Watson, Andy Bowin, and Brittani Kusel in attendance; as well as Town Clerk/ Administrator Dencia Raish, Public Works Director Shane Watson, Town Attorney Dennis Brandenburg, and JoAnne Busing of the Akron News-Reporter were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

After review, Nancy Lightle moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 regular meeting. Susan Watson seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

Approval of January Bills

After review, Nancy Lightle moved to approve the February bills for payment. Andy Bowin seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

Appointment of Election Judges

Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish presented the names of Marlyn Elrick, Inez Strauch, Lois Florian, and Paula McGuire as election judges for the regular election to be held April 5, 2016. Harry Slusser moved to approve the elections judges as presented. Brittani Kusel seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

Building Permit Discussion

Building Inspector Larry Johnson was present to answer questions from the Board of Trustees about Town of Akron's building permit process. He stated that residents of the Town are required to get a building permit when they change the structure of their property. This covers but is not limited to interior load bearing walls, exterior additions, shingles, cement projects or fencing. He explained the usual problems that he solves deal with property lines between neighbors.

In the past, Larry was paid for building permits that he returned to the Town office after the job was completed. Trustee Susan Watson asked if Larry would be ok if the Town started to pay him on a quarterly process, he said that would be fine. Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish pointed out that the Town does have municipal code to prosecute if town residents do not follow proper protocol set by building permit processes.

Bank of Colorado Proposal for Banking Options

Matt Pieper, Akron's Bank of Colorado's (BOC) Branch President and Amber Schliesser, BOC's Cash Management Consultant for NE Colorado both appeared before the Board of Trustees to present recommended services that BOC can offer for the Towns funds.

The three services that were recommended by the duo were as follows: Remote Deposit Capture – allowing the Town to scan their own deposits directly into their account with proper machinery. ACH Direct Deposit – BOC offers the ability to submit through an online platform and allows for extra security with token initial and dual controls available. Positive Pay – offers additional protection to an account by allowing the Town to verify that all payables are issued and clear without fraud. This process also provides many reporting capabilities that can make audit processes easier.

Town Clerk/Administrator Dencia Raish stated that since she is new to many of the processes, she needs time to become familiar with all the fund processes, means, amounts, ect that pertain to the Town of Akron. Ms. Schliesser said that she would be very happy to answer questions anytime, and understands that this will take some time to think about.

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Request to Lease Concrete Pile/Ground Area

Local resident, Joel Diamond, came to the Board of Trustees to request consideration for a lease between himself and Town of Akron that allows him exclusive crushing rights to the area currently known as the concrete pile. The concrete pile is located just east of County Road DD approximately ½ mile south of Highway 63. Joel has purchased a concrete crushing machine and he would enter into this lease to crush the current concrete in the area along with any incoming concrete.

He would take the finished product and selling it to cover his operation costs and his own profit. If the Town were to enter into such an agreement they would receive a pre-disclosed amount of the finished product. If parties were to reach an agreement some type of fencing would be constructed around the area. Joel offered to maintain the area, smoothing out some of the ground and keeping the concrete pile sorted, compact, and neat. Following discussions the Board of Trustees requested that Joel and Public Works Director Shane Watson stay in contact to work out details, and requested that Attorney Dennis Brandburg draft a lease for review.

Advanced Pools Presentation on Akron Swimming Pool Project

General Manager Scot Harris and President Cory Chwiedor appeared before the Board of Trustees to report the progress of the Akron Swimming Pool project. An estimated schedule for 3/7/16 – 5/6/16 was present. Scot pointed out that as the weather gets warmer their previously scheduled jobs will start to take priority for Advanced Pools. If all runs to plan he anticipates that he can keep a small crew of 3-4 guys in Akron to continuing the progress, and is confident that they could be plastering the pool by mid-June allowing for swimming to happen in the 2016 season. Next payment of \$82,140.00 is requested within 10 days of meeting that will be considered the portion known as 20% coping installation of the first contract.

Request for Dog Variance by Scott Preston

Scott Preston appeared before the Board of Trustees to request a variance from the Town to allow him to acquire a 4th dog to act as a Service Dog. He stated that he currently has found a Staffordshire terrier puppy he can attain at no cost. The dog would be assistance in moving O2 bottles, opening doors, and waking Scott at night when his father suffers from breathing issues or oxygen deprivation. Scott will be training the dog to meet his needs. Full service dog training is extensive and can take a year or more to accomplish.

Trustee Brittani Kusel found non-profit Colorado based websites that allow a person in Scott's situation to apply to receive a free, pre-trained service dog. Scott said he didn't feel that would be appropriate as the current 3 dogs they have do not react well to new dogs and have been known to hurt adult dogs introduced. Scott felt that with a puppy he could control the environment enough to prevent this from happening. Further discussion continued between Scott and the Board until the issue was tabled by Mayor George Reese to be discussed later. Scott asked that Dencia report the result to him. See Council Committee and Staff reports for more information.

Airport Report

Airport Manager Randy Hayes reported that Colorado Plains Regional Airport is ready to advertise to find a firm to create the Master Plan for 2016. The FAA requires that CPRA advertise and not just use the current engineer firm contracted.

Randy Hayes and Dencia Raish are currently working toward streamlining all new hanger leases held by the Town of Akron. New leases will include but not limited to 10' setback that is leasee's responsibility, 1.5 cent per sq ft annual cost for lease, leasee must comply with current Airport Standards Manual when it is completed. Dencia Raish and Dennis Brandenburg will be in communication to create new lease for Kyle Scott to be reviewed by Town Board at April meeting.

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Sheriff's Report

Washington County Sheriff Jon Stivers shared that he had no current reports as the Sheriff Office is currently in the middle of implementing a new computer system. The new system includes jail management and a report writing system. Due to changes in the parole process WCSO has recently went from 120 inmates to 204. The SO is able to offer classes that are now required as part of the parole process. Jon reported that Katherine Danner has completed the program as Field Training Officer, and is now a regular officer. He also reported that Jon Hart will be done at candidate training in June 2016.

A Special Events Liquor License application was received from the Akron Lions to serve the CHS Harvest for Hunger Cajun Boil on Wednesday March 9th. Sheriff Jon Stivers approved the request, as did Washington County for use of the Event Center. Susan Watson moved to approve this application. Nancy Lightle seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

County Report

Terry Hart was in attendance to report news from Washington County. Terry reported that he and Chris Packer, County Administrator thought it would be good to reorganize elected office meetings held between Washington County, Town of Akron, and Town of Otis. This gave an opportunity for official to meet and compare information so all parties are aware of each other. A dinner meeting was suggested to discuss IGA's, land use issues, policies, ect.

Terry also reported that the County has purchased a new Tilt-A-Whirl carnival ride for the Eastern Colorado Round-up. Terry reported that conversations have reopened between Washington County and Joe Yavorski. Mr. Yavorski intends to open a plant at the edge of Morgan County that would be able to consume garbage and convertit to electricity. If this process comes to life it could potentially consume up to 80% of Washington Counties garbage. The plant is still 2-3 years out if all works out.

First Reading Ordinance 542 – Adopting the Akron, Colorado Town Code

First reading was held on Ordinance 542, adopting the Akron, Colorado Town Code. Nancy Lightle moved to approve Ordinance 542 on first reading. Andy Bowin seconded the motion, and all votes were yes. Final reading will be held at the April 4 meeting.

Golf Course Lease

Dennis Brandenburg reviewed the lease between the Washington County Golf Club and the Town of Akron. The lease is a two-year lease, and requires that a copy of the liquor license be provided to the Town each time it is renewed. Water usage at the golf course is addressed in the lease, as it has been in the past.

Susan Waston moved to approve the golf course lease, as written with renew date of March 6, 2018. Andy Bowin seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

Bauer Construction Proposal – Akron Pool

The Town of Akron requested bids submissions for work that is needed for the pool house to be updated to ADA compliance. Kyle Bauer of Bauer Construction was the only application submitted. His bid consisted of three parts equaling all pool house construction, all electrical work for pool and pool house, and all plumbing work for pool house. The total cost for all above bids was \$99,100.00.

Harry Slusser moved to accept and approve payment for the bid. Attorney Dennis Brandenburg pointed out that contracts should be paid to each contractor separately to prevent acquiring an additional bond on the project. Brittani Kusel seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

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Financing for Akron Pool Project

Dencia Raish reviewed the costs of the entire project for the new pool. Dencia explained the monies that the Town is in possession of and what will need to be financed. The Trustees reviewed proposals from both the Bank of Colorado and Northstar Bank on lease purchase options. The Town is also eligible to apply for a revolving loan fund provided by Y-W Electric. In prior meetings it was discussed that the Town would borrow funds from themselves via the Cemetery Trust Fund.

After discussion Brittani Kusel moved to accept the lease purchase proposal from the Bank of Colorado, and apply for some of the revolving loan funds from the Y-W. Nancy Lightle second the motion Susan Watson abstained and all other votes were yes.

Pond Grant Submission Update

Kyle Dorrenbacher from the Akron Pond Committee has submitted the application for the Fishing is Fun Grant provided by State of Colorado, DOW. The Town should receive notice of approval at the end of June 2016. The project can move forward from there

Council, Committee and Staff Reports

Public Works Director Shane Watson reported that he was very proud of how the Town of Akron crew worked many overtime hours in two weeks trying to stay in front of the snow accumulation on the local streets. Total snow fall reported last month was approximately 18" in 3 day. Since the snow has melted there have been a few extra pot hole issues reported. Brittani Kusel had received complaints about 5th Street between Cedar and Elm Avenue. Shane mentioned that he would be looking into a bid for asphalt in that area to see if the budget will allow. George Reese also mentioned receiving many compliments about how the Town did a good job trying to move the snow.

Dencia Raish asked for final verification as to which Trustees would be attending the 2016 Annual CML Conference held in Vail, CO, June 21 – 24. George Reese, Dencia Raish, Shane Watson, and Susan Watson are planning to attend.

Andy Bowin presented the Library report. He was forced to resign as a library board member as their Bylaws do not allow voting members to serve as Town Council.

Attorney Dennis Brandenburg reported that he had looked into other Town's Ordinances in regards to birds allowed within city limits. After discussion he was asked to prepare for consideration a proposed ordinance that allows for up to 6 hens.

Dennis was also asked to prepare a document preventing smoking in Town owned vehicles.

Dennis reported that he had been doing research into the open records requirements of email. He stressed that emails are subject to open record requests. The meetings are also subject to open meeting rules with 24 hour notice and the public being able to attend. He recommended not making a practice of email meetings.

Susan Watson reported that the Chamber is looking into creating a Gun Show for 2017. The next chamber meeting is schedule for 3/21/16.

Susan Watson clarified that Joel Diamond's request for leasing the concrete pile would lead to a for profit opportunity for him. She asked if this opportunity should be put for bid. Both Harry Slusser and Shane Waston felt that the costs incurred grinding concrete prevented most people from being interested in the opportunity. Shane also recommended that the Town have access to a certain percentage of crushed product. He also mentioned that when bricks are disposed of to the pile they stay available for a certain amount of time so the public has opportunity to access before it is crushed.

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Susan Watson was approached by people that currently provide the food for Meals on Wheels. Those meals are currently prepared in the Nursing Home. When the Nursing Home moves over to the Green House area this will no longer be an option. Susan was asked if the Sr. Center would be a viable place to potentially prepare those meals. The Board requested to look at the lease of the Sr. Center.

Susan Watson inquired about how a business can acquire a handicap parking space. It was discussed that Five Star Restaurants 2 handicap spaces were simply requested for by property owner, Ron Kraich. On Main Avenue on either side there are a total of 4 handicap parking spots. Parking is such an issue in that area the Board felt that additional spots are not necessary right now.

Susan Watson asked the other Board members if they were ready to discuss Scott Preston's request for a 4th dog. The Board decided that they would be willing to say yes to a 4th dog only if it was a qualified pre-trained Service Dog. Dencia Raish is to contact Scott Preston with the results.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Susan Watson moved to adjourn the meeting. Harry Slusser seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

George E. Reese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dencia Raish, CMC
Town Clerk/Administrator