

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Akron was held **Wednesday, May 4th, 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 Susan Watson, Nancy Lightle, Andy Molt, 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. Arriving during the meeting were Trustees Harry Slusser (7:14pm) & Andy Bowin (8:45pm).

Approval of Minutes

After review, Nancy Lightle moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular meeting. Brittani Kusel seconded the motion, Andy Molt abstained and all other votes were yes.

Approval of January Bills

After review, Andy Molt moved to approve the April bills for payment. Susan Watson seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

Advanced Pools Update on Akron Swimming Pool Project

General Manager Scot Harris and President Cory Chwiedor appeared before the Board of Trustees to present an estimated schedule for the rest of the work that will complete the pool project. If the weather cooperates and if they are able to stick to schedule, the goal is to have the pool opening close to June 13th. Dennis Brandenburg requested a price list from Scot of all equipment so we may use that as collateral for the Y-W revolving loan request.

Harry Slusser entered the meeting during the discussion with Advanced Pools.

County Report

Terry Hart informed the board that the new supervisor for Washington County District 1 will be Jeremy Wells. Jason Lockard is the supervisor for Washington County District 2. The Eastern Colorado Round Up will be held July 25 – July 30th. The parade has been scheduled for Friday. The theme is Sew It, Show It, & Grow It. There is a meeting May 6th about the ABC Daycare Center. The current manager will be retiring at the end of May and if she isn't replaced the center will have to close. The meeting is to see what can be done to prevent that.

Sheriff's Report

Washington County sheriff's report was present by Brittani Kusel. She presented a report from March 1st to April 30th that stated there were 28 citations written into Town of Akron's court. Within Town of Akron there were 118 incident reports written. Brittani reported that the current Animal Control Officer has resigned and her last day will be May 13th. The Sheriff's Office will be looking to hire for that position. They have hired new people to fill some of the vacancies they had in the jail. The inmate average for April held steady at 205.

Airport Report

Dencia Raish presented the CPRA report. The committee has completed the interview portion to hiring a Master Plan Engineer. The committee recommends that the Trustee's move to hire Jviation to complete the Master Plan for 2016. Nancy Lightle moved to approve Jviation as the Master Plan Engineers. Susan Watson seconded the motion, and all votes were yes.

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Public Invited to be Heard

Resident Keith Damrow spoke with the council to report that the annual Car Show he helps facilitate will be held June 25th by the City Park as it has been in the past. He requested that the same streets be closed temporarily as have been in the past. He requested assistance for Town employees to help get the music/audio trailer to the center of the park.

Keith also attended the meeting to request the Trustees consider banning all ducks, geese with the first reading of Ordinance 543 – Fowl and Rabbit Limitation. He spoke to the noise level that is created by those birds as he lives next to them and reported that it can be a considerable nuisance.

First Reading Ordinance 543 – Fowl & Rabbit Limitations

The Board reviewed their first reading of Ordinance 543. As it is written it allows for up to 10 chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys or other domestic fowl or any hare or rabbits. The Board of Trustees agreed with Keith Damrow's opinion and felt that it is best to only allow up to 10 chickens as domestic fowl within the city limits of Town. A motion was made by Nancy Lightle to approve the first reading with the proper revisions. Harry Slusser seconded the motion and all votes were yes.

First Reading Ordinance 544 – Regarding Marijuana, Indoor Cultivation and Consumption

Attorney Dennis Brandenburg explained that he was submitting an ordinance that would specify the rules by which recreational and medical marijuana could be grown within the city limits of Akron. He had also found that with the new codification of Town Ordinances, Ordinance 498 had been left out of the recodification. This ordinance would speak to all those matters. Three members of public were present to be a part and listen to this conversation. After Dennis explained some of the presented ordinance, Resident, Jim Clark spoke up about his experience as a medical marijuana caregiver. He pointed out that he thought the best option for the Town would be to create a license program for residence to license what their grow operations are. This would include a fee that could cover the costs of inspection for grown areas. After much discussion, the Town Trustees decided to have a Special Meeting on Thursday June 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center. This would allow the public an opportunity to share in a discussion of an ordinance pertaining to cultivation within the city limits of Akron.

Financing for Akron Pool Project

Bank of Colorado will be loaning the Town \$100,000 for the pool project and will be using the equal value of a CD held at BOC to secure that loan. Loan Officer, Stephanie Saffer, appeared before the council to discuss options for the loan. There are 2 CD's held at BOC as follows: #1534 \$70,508.10 and #1547 \$79,004.43 totaling \$149,512.53. Stephanie suggested that the BOC could transfer \$100,000.00 for one CD and the balance of \$49,512.53 will stay accessible. The \$100k CD could be changed to a 5 year term and the net interest for the loan will be 2%. The \$49K CD will stay as an annual renewal. Prior to the council meeting BOC provided a copy of the loan agreement for review by Dennis Brandenburg. A motion was made by Brittani Kusel to accept the loan agreement with the BOC for \$100,000 with using the CD for collateral, and as approved by Dennis Brandenburg. The motion was seconded by Nancy Lightle, Susan Watson abstained and all other votes were yes.

A payment schedule for the balance due to Advanced Pools was submitted by Dencia Raish. She suggested paying balances in 3 payments between now and the finish of the project. Dencia also reported that she discussed payments for pool house job, and as invoices are presented the Town will have 30 days. A motion to approve the payment schedule was made by Brittani Kusel. The motion was seconded by Andy Molt, all votes were yes.

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Council, Committee and Staff Reports

Public Works Director Shane Watson reported he had hired Devin Thorn as the new Public Works Employee. He presumed that his guys would start patching streets soon and mowing is a close second. Council inquired if there was a list of pothole locations and Shane said yes, council would like to see that list. He informed council that he will be hiring 2 part-time employees for the summer. The applications received so far are from High School aged kids.

Dencia Raish presented the financial report and sales tax report thru April with nothing out of the ordinary. She reported that the District Meeting for CML held in Sterling is scheduled for May 25, 2016. Council members planning to attend are: Nancy Lightle (1), Harry Slusser (1), Susan Watson (2), George Reese (1), Dencia Raish (2), any other Trustee's need to check their schedule. Dencia then wanted to confirm with the Trustee's incase the public ever inquired, that the vendor fees for process credit/debit cards does roll back to the customer. As a Governmental Agency we are not allowed to absorb the costs.

Andy Bowin entered the meeting during Dencia's report

Andy Bowin confirmed with Dennis Brandenburg that in order for the library to stay compliant with ADA rules they must keep the chair lift even though it is currently inoperable. Dennis suggested that the library work toward fundraising to generate the monies necessary to fix the chair. Jan McCracken provided a list of annual to-do's for the council to be aware of. Shane Watson said that he was aware of the list.

Attorney Dennis Brandenburg reported that he had completed the contract for the Concrete Lease agreement between Joel Diamond and Town of Akron. He reported that the WY communications is having a meeting at the end of May to create a new IGA. One of the main changes would be that the hospitals would become non-voting members. There are 6 directors on the WY Board. The trustee's questioned if the Town of Akron has a specific representative for this board. Brittani Kusel was going to ask the sheriff.

Susan Watson reported that the pond committee had met a couple times in April. In the meeting with the Department of Wildlife they found out that we can start the removal of trees from the area, but we will not get the grant applied for in 2016. As it sits today we are in excellent standing to receive the grant in 2017. Susan wanted to point out a special Thank You to Kyle Dorrenbacher. He has volunteered many hours toward this project, and made a lot of things happen.

Andy Molt reported unofficially that the time may be coming that he must resign from the council. He does not know an exact time frame, just wanted Council to be aware.

Oaths of Office

Dencia Raish issued oaths of office to newly-elected officials, Mayor George Reese, Four-Year Trustees Brittani Kusel, Nancy Lightle, Susan Watson and Two-Year Trustee Andy Bowin.

Adjournment

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

George E. Reese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dencia Raish, CMC
Town Clerk/Administrator