

April 20, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date via a GoToMeeting at 7:09 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson; Trustees E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, Brian T. Perry and Darrin L. Folger; Village Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Tammy Kelley, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth, AFC Chief Haist, and Disaster Coordinator Daniel Kowalik.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Perry that the Minutes of the Regular and Annual Meeting of April 6, 2020 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Folger seconded by Forrestel that the audit of the bills is approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay same in accordance with the following abstract of audit vouchers:

General Fund	\$	17,899.59
Electric Fund	\$	160,474.62
Water Fund	\$	967.84
Sewer Fund	\$	2,196.77

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Roger Skeet	167 Skyline Drive	Railing/Porch	\$ 50.00
Thomas Zackey	162 Main Street	Driveway	\$ 50.00
Peter Iwanitzki	21 Crescent Drive	Sewer Lateral	\$100.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry that the following Application for a Plumbers License for the year 2020 be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$75.00:

James Lovegrove	232 Berkley Road	New	\$ 75.00
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ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

PUBLIC HEARING: None

APPEARANCES: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

PROJECT REPORTS –

Village Hall ADA Front Entrance Project – Brian Stamm still working with CamCo for the reimbursement of the remaining balance of damage to the lower level of the Village Hall.

CDBG Main Street ADA Sidewalk Aprons/Crosswalks – Received the CDBG contract from Erie County Planning Department. Mayor Patterson signed it and the Clerk mailed it back to the County.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – nothing new.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

TREASURER REPORT – reported: attended a Finance Committee meeting held April 9, 2020. Submitted all reports. Recommended a budget transfer for the following funds:

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to approve the following budget transfers:

Water Fund

F1990.0400	to	F1950.0900	\$ 547.74
Contingency		Tax on Village Property	
F1990.0400	to	F9040.08000	\$1,784.72
Contingency		Worker’s Compensation	

Sewer Fund

G1990.0400	to	G8130.0499	\$3,131,38
Contingency		Insurance	

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

Trustee Forrestel added that the Finance Committee did meet regarding a contingency plan for the 2020-2021 budget in case the budgeted State or County revenues, which could add up to 5% of the General Fund, are not available due to the Coronavirus situation.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Perry – reported: Nothing new to report.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Just looking forward to getting back to normal.

Mayor Patterson – reported: wanted to give a shout out to the Village Team including the Office Staff, the entire DPW/Sewer Plant/Water Plant Departments on the uninterrupted services during this current situation. Also, to the Police Department and Akron Fire Company for their frontline work and the great job the Disaster Coordinator team of Dan Kowalik, Joe Hawes and Mike Mutter have done leading us through this coronavirus outbreak. Lastly, wishes for all our family and friends to stay well and keep up with the social distancing.

The Clerk wanted to add a special kudos to Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sarah Michel for her hard work and reliability during this current situation and also grateful that Treasurer Kelley can do a majority of all her hard work from home to maintain the regulations directed by Governor Cuomo for social distancing at the work place.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: Reported during the Treasurer’s report.

Trustee Folger – reported: Kathy Capan of the Celebration Committee stated that a decision has not been made regarding whether to cancel the July 4th Celebration. More to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinton Street/Eckerson Avenue/43 East Avenue Village Land – Attorney Borden reported that the Farmer’s Market should be a go when everything opens again. Still need the DPW to complete the parking area when they can.

Corrective Action Plan – The Clerk reported that Sheri Mooney from Mind Squad reported that she will have the final draft of the handbook out to the Board for their final review within the next two weeks.

Water Plant Hunting Policy – Attorney Borden will contact Water Plant Operator John Asmus to review this Policy.

Gas Well – Joint Facility – Mayor Patterson will check with Town Supervisor Cummings on the costs associated with the Well.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Forrestel to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution suggested by the Association of Erie County Governments to urge our US Senators and US House of Representatives to amend the CARES Act to include funding for Municipalities regardless of population size.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from STC Construction (Phase I WWTF Improvements) notifying Village Board that they will follow COVID-19 social distancing and best safety practices while working on the WWTF Improvement project.

Letter from LL Tillman Post #900 announcing the cancellation of the Memorial Day Services due to COVID-19.

Assessor’s Report – April 2020.

NYCOM Update – Cyber Intelligence Bulletin

Letter from Charter Communications notifying of broadcast changes dated April 15, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Discussion was held regarding the option of holding a June Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Recycling event due to the cancellation of the scheduled May 2, 2020 event. Due to the uncertainty of the current COVID-19 situation, the concern over possible loss of budgeted revenue from State and County levels and the loss of the Electronic Recycling grant funds, the Board decided to forego the idea and hold only the event scheduled on September 26, 2020. The Clerk has notified residents of the links for schedules of other Buffalo area events on the Village website under “News”.

Marilyn Kasperek from the Akron Bugle stated that she is working with the LL Tillman Post #900 to possibly hold a virtual Memorial Day Ceremony, more to follow.

Disaster Coordinator Kowalik wanted to thank the Village Board for their support and Marilyn from the Akron Bugle with the help of informing the residents with the constant updates

regarding COVID-19. He recommended the Village create their FEMA account to start the process of reimbursement due to the virus. He reported receiving 2 of the 4 infrared thermometers that the DPW, Village and Town office employees will use everyday to log and track temperatures before beginning their workday. In regard to the July 4th Fireworks Display, he suggested both the Town and Village Boards be cautious about their decision to hold the event.

Lastly, Mr. Kowalik reported that the Ride for Roswell has been postponed until August 22, 2020.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Middaugh to go into an executive session regarding personnel matters at 7:48 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Folger to come out of the executive session regarding personnel matters at 8:16 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

On motion of Perry and seconded by Folger at 8:17 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK