

May 4, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:01 p.m. via GoToMeeting. 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, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, Chief Richard Lauricella and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Middaugh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 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	\$	17,480.53
Electric Fund	\$	13,770.56
Water Fund	\$	7,664.86
Sewer Fund	\$	7,838.47

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 Middaugh that the following building permit be and hereby is approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

David Ward	26 John Street	Fence	\$	50.00
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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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Middaugh that the following Application for a Dumpster Permit be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of permit fee:

Thomas Hallett	66 Main Street	Renewal	\$	100.00
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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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Forrestel 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:

Patrick Leary Buffalo, NY New \$ 75.00

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

PUBLIC HEARING – none

APPEARANCE – none

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

PROJECT REPORTS –

Village Hall ADA Front Entrance Project – Brian Stamm is still working with CamCo for the final reimbursement for the water damage, but due to the COVID-19 situation this process may be delayed.

CDBG – ADA Sidewalk Aprons/Crosswalks – Public Works Manager Cummings reported that he will be checking out the sidewalk aprons in Lancaster, NY tomorrow for another example to send to the Board. He would like to stripe crosswalks and parking spots on Main street as soon as possible.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Mayor Patterson reported receiving an email from Steve Tanner from Clark Patterson Lee requesting the Village deem the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project as essential to allow STC Construction to begin Phase 1 of the project.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry to deem the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project as an essential project 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

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Attorney Borden wanted to thank the Community for the charitable, respectable, patient and understanding attitudes displayed during this difficult situation.

CLERK – submitted report for April 2020. Reported working with Hazman and SunnKing to provide a Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Recycling event in June, but Village Board decided not to proceed due to COVID-19 and uncertainty of State and County revenues already budgeted; DPW Employees Tom Whitbeck and Chris Wargala finished all the LED lighting upgrades in the Village Hall and did a great job; attended several webinars regarding COVID-19 issues.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for April 2020 and schedule for May 2020. No issues to report; Officers continue to use social distancing protocol; ACS food distribution is going well; ACS is reimbursing the Village for cost of Officer and vehicle usage. Chief Lauricella will contact ACS regarding the cost of Crossing Guards during this “pause”. Discussed ACS High School Principal’s plan to hold graduation at the Transit Drive-In.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – reported: Work force is back to 100%, yard waste and brush pickup continue, Water and Sewer Plant using staggered shifts, Electric Dept working on Pole replacement on Marshall Avenue, Hoag Avenue and Brooklyn Street; may begin sidewalk

work around the Village this week; flag hangers will be replaced and flags hung for Memorial Day; DPW working with ACS to build hangers for the Graduate Banners that will be placed on light posts along Main Street and Parade route; need to decide on CDBG Sidewalk apron design; discussed Plow Truck purchase.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – continue to receive building permits and conduct plan review; New Code will become effective May 12, 2020. Trustee Forrestel would like a short summary of the changes in the new code.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – Board members received report from Chief Haist; Chief Haist also sent an email to the Board regarding a possible Fire Truck Parade in honor of the 2020 Graduates. Trustee Middaugh stated the AFC President reached out to him to discuss the plan going forward without the support from the Town of Newstead. Trustee Middaugh did request again the last 3 years of the AFC budgets and financial reports.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Perry – reported: Nothing to report.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Nothing to report

Mayor Patterson – reported: Thanked all the First Responders both Police and Fire, and Village Employees for their effort to continue to work and provide services during this difficult time. Reported that he did a video presentation that will be on the Akron Bugle Facebook page for the Memorial Day Celebration thanks to Ken and Marilyn from the Akron Bugle.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: The Finance Committee met regarding a contingency plan in case a shortfall of revenues from the State and County occurs. The Committee will watch this situation going forward and act accordingly. The Finance Committee will make a list of cost savings from possible cuts for the Board review.

Trustee Folger – reported: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinton Street/Eckerson Avenue/ 43 East Avenue Village Land – Attorney Borden thanked Alison Koopman for the great rendering of the parcel and Bob Fritschi from GPI for the survey.

Corrective Action Plan – received a final draft of the handbook from Sheri Mooney today only to be rescinded due to errors found. She will correct and send a new final draft out within the next several days. She asked the Board to provide an effective date for the handbook and suggested July 1, 2020. The Board agreed.

Water Plant Hunting Policy – nothing new.

Gas Well – Joint Facility – nothing new.

Splash Pad – Attorney Borden asked the Board if they wanted to proceed with the timing and funding for the Splash Pad. Trustee Forrestel asked if the Movie money would be a good source for a portion of the funding. Discussion was held regarding the uncertainty of the times and if the Board should hold off on the project until they see what the future holds as far as State and County revenues. Also discussed the possible contributions from Local Organizations and Benefactors and lastly the need to reach out again to gather additional Public Opinion regarding the project.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to allow the Akron Chamber of Commerce the Village's assistance in street closure and Police presence during the following tentatively planned events: The Annual Sidewalk Sale on Saturday June 13, 2020 and

the Thursday Cruise Nights beginning June 18 – August 27, 2020 following appropriate social distancing as per the updates from Governor Cuomo 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

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from Akron Chamber of Commerce requesting to hold the 2020 Sidewalk Sale and Cruise nights.

NYCOM Advocacy Update – lack of stimulus for local and state governments.

Assessor’s Report of April 2020 #2.

Charter Communications notifying of upcoming broadcast changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Disaster Coordinator Dan Kowalik reported that extreme caution should be taken when planning any events going forward. He stated that many other communities have cancelled all their Summer events this year. Any events to be held in the near future would have to have a plan from the organizer of how they would control or enforce social distancing and wearing of masks. He cautioned that if the Village chose to allow events it may draw many people from other communities and possible put our front liners at risk. Further discussion was held regarding Akron Falls Park and how to control the crowds of people visiting on fair weather days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to go into an executive session regarding personnel matters at 8:19 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 Forrestel and seconded by Folger to come out of the executive session regarding personnel matters at 8:39 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 Middaugh and seconded by Perry at 8:40 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK