

January 8, 2024

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Schultz to go into an executive session regarding the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 6:05 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                  MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                  DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Perry to come out of the executive session regarding the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 6:40 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                  MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                  DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:02 pm. Present: Mayor Brian T. Perry Trustees: Michael R. Middaugh, and Darin S. Schultz; Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Sarah Michel, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, and Chief of Police Richard Lauricella.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Schultz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2023 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                  MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                  DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh seconded by Schultz 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	\$	10,627.26
Electric Fund	\$	33,074.49
Water Fund	\$	15,318.85
Sewer Fund	\$	20,801.52

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                  MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                  DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE

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

William Short	130 Main St	Remodel bathroom	\$100.00
Larry Izydorzak	142 Buell St	Windows	\$50.00
Timothy Kennedy	35 Main St	Siding	\$100.00
Shermco Inc.	10 Hoag Ave	Fence	\$50.00
Chris Devaney	8 Hoag Ave	Fence	\$50.00
Karen Joyce	18 Wesley Dr	Shed	\$72.00

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                  MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                  DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE

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

Allen Thomas	20 Mechanic St	Renewal	\$50.00
Candy Apple Café	81 Buell St	Renewal	\$50.00
Maxx Equities	32-42 Westgate Ave	Renewal	\$50.00

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh that the following applications for a Plumbers License for the year 2024 be and hereby are approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$75.00:

David Muskopf	Cheektowaga, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Steven Bower	Clarence Ctr, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
James Frey	Clarence Ctr, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Sean Towlson	Lockport, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Timothy Harris	Clarence Ctr, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Sean Harris	Clarence Ctr, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
James Swanson	Niagara Falls, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Daniel Greene	Lancaster, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Gary Flanders	Tonawanda, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Michael Reed	Tonawanda, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Salvatore Musso	Williamsville, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Dan Loudenslager	Clarence, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Joseph Marchitte	West Seneca, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
William Penepent	Basom, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Gregory Zakrzewski	Gaspport, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Anthony Cellino	Elma, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Mark Utech	Cheektowaga, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Rodney Mastrosimone	Rochester, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Christopher Cook	Basom, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Adam Thompson	Depew, NY	Renewal	\$75.00

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

PUBLIC NOTICE – Clerk DeTine read the Proof of Publication. The Mayor explained that the Public Notice is in regards to the State Street Bridge Reconstruction. As a result of the project, a minimal amount of land within Akron Falls County Park immediately adjacent to the bridge will be temporarily disturbed to accommodate the removal & replacement of the structural wingwalls; this land will be regraded and seeded upon completion of the wingwalls. The Village of Akron is notifying the public that it will request the Federal Highway Administration to make a minor impact finding for said action as there will be no negative impacts on activities, features, and attributes that qualify the recreation area for protection under Section 4(F). The Village is seeking public input regarding the project and the proposed impact finding. Public comments are to be received in writing within 30 days of the notice (12/21/2023) or at the Village Board meeting held tonight.

APPEARANCE - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jacob from the Akron Chamber came before the Board to thank the APD, AFC, DPW, and Mayor Perry for their contributing efforts for the successful, well attended “Light up Akron” celebration. He mentioned that many of the local businesses did very well in sales that day. Mayor Perry wanted to thank Jacob Halleck and Marybeth Whiting for their efforts in planning the event, which gets better and better every year. He also wanted to thank Bob Wilkinson for hanging all the Christmas lights in Russell Park.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Mayor Perry reported that the Village is continuing to work with Clark Patterson Lee for the completion of the final punch list.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Mayor Perry reported that an order has been placed for the re-wound transformer. He thanked Jon Cummings and Tom Whitbeck for the great idea to look into the re-wound option.

State Street Bridge – discussed during the Public Notice report.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Public Works Manager, Jon Cummings, reported that he took Tom Becker from USDA for a full tour of the Village DPW, water plant, and sewer plant. He also added that John Asmus and Bob Brady did an excellent job explaining to Mr. Becker how their respective plants operated.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS –

##### Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Nothing New.

CLERK – submitted report for December 2023. Reported: Continuing to work with our State and Federal Representatives to file an appeal to FEMA for a portion of our application as a result of the December 2022 storm that was marked ineligible.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for December 2023 and schedule for January 2024. Reported: The Living Nativity, Light Up Akron and the New Year’s Eve Celebration all went well; Looking to hire more part-time officers and will collaborate with the Police, Fire & Emergency Services Committee. Requested the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz to move Officer Austin Patterson from Grade 3 Step 1 to Grade 3 Step 2 effective December 2, 2023 as per the recommendation of Police Chief Richard Lauricella be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh to authorize Mayor Perry to appoint Chief Richard Lauricella as a civilian overseer of the Constable position formally named OIC/Director/Chief of the Constabulary be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – Reported: Blessed with mild weather with only an occasional need to salt the roads has been great; cleaned out the cold storage building at the Sewer Plant to open up space for other items; looking to replace the 2011 Ford F550.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Excused absence but submitted report for December 2023.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – Fire Chief excused absence but submitted report for December 2023.

##### Elected Officials –

#### TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – Excused Absence

Trustee Forrestel – Excused Absence

Mayor Perry – reported: Spoke to Matt Dwyer from I Squared R regarding the odor complaints and the progress to fix the issue. He stated that Mr. Dwyer reported that a new twelve-foot stack with a big blower unit on it will be installed on January 17, 2024; Mayor Perry noted that the Holiday events went very well.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: On behalf of the Streets, Parks, and Community Relations Committee he would like to request approval for the joint purchase with the Town of Newstead for a Street Sweeper in the amount not to exceed the Village portion of \$13,000 as per the recommendation of Public Works Manager Jon Cummings.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Perry to approve the joint purchase with the Town of Newstead for a Street Sweeper in the amount not to exceed the Village portion of \$13,000 as per the recommendation of Public Works Manager Jon Cummings and the Streets, Parks, and Community Relations Committee be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

Trustee Schultz – reported: Wanted to publicly thank the members of the Celebration Committee for all their efforts in planning the New Year’s Eve Ball Drop Celebration.

OLD BUSINESS –

Eckerson Avenue Property Development Project – Nothing to report.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Corner of Clinton Ave and Eckerson Ave – Nothing to report.

Village Property Security/Oversight – Nothing to report.

Village Residents Odor Complaint - Mayor Perry discussed earlier during his report.

Electric Mini Rate – Mayor Perry and Treasurer Michel had a conference call with PLM last week regarding the process for getting started on the mini-rate request.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Perry to hold the Village of Akron’s Special Elections on March 19, 2024 at the Village Hall with polling hours from 12 noon to 9:00 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh to approve payment to Root, Neal & Company in the amount of \$12,180.14 for the repair of clarifying chains at the Sewer Plant be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

Assessor’s report #2 for December 2023.

Letter from Charter Communications regarding price increases for customers.

Letter from NYS Department of Health informing the Village of eligibility for a BIL-GS grant award of up to \$4,550,000 and BIL-GS interest free financing of \$1,950,000 for the Water Storage Tank Improvements and TTHM Removal.

Water TTHM Notification.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Held earlier.

On motion of Perry and seconded by Schultz at 7:47 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK