

July 1, 2024

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel 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
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz 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 9:23 :45pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:10 pm. Present: Mayor Brian T. Perry; Trustees: E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, Darin S. Schultz, and John W. Norton; Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Chief of Police Richard Lauricella, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, and Asst. Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Paquin.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag. Wished everyone a good July 4<sup>th</sup> week.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2024 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel seconded by Norton 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	\$	36,903.61
Electric Fund	\$	97,063.96
Water Fund	\$	21,565.94
Sewer Fund	\$	11,318.02
Capital Projects	\$	5,040.00

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

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

Brian Borth	9 Exchange St	Porch Repair	\$57.00
Nelson Kuhn	17 Brodie's Way	Enclose Porch	\$50.00
Nicholas Pyzikiewicz	59 Jackson St	Pad/Sidewalk	\$100.00
Brenda Regan	83 John St	Inside Plumbing	\$100.00

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                   E. PETER FORRESTEL                    - AYE  
                   MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                   DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE  
                   JOHN W. NORTON                        - AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law #2 for 2024 – Rezone properties on Eckerson Ave, Franklin St, and Pearl St from I-1 to R-2. Clerk DeTine read the Proof of Publication. The Clerk asked if anyone wished to speak. Mayor Perry asked Planning Board Chairman Brian Murray to explain the change. Chairman Murray stated that it would bring these specific lots into conformity of their use and to correspond to the 2018 updated Comprehensive Plan. This would enable property owners the ability to make modifications to their properties within the R-2 codes vs. the more restrictive I-1 codes. Property Owner Dennis Freeman asked if it would impact the taxes for these properties. The Board stated it would not. Property Owner Mary Wieszala was unsure of the change as she may want to open a catering business. The Clerk explained that changing to an R-2 zone would not prohibit her from opening a home-based business, however, it would need approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals. With no further comments the Board approved to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz to close the Public Hearing regarding the Local Law #2 for 2024 – Rezone properties on Eckerson Ave, Franklin St, and Pearl St from I-1 to R-2 be and hereby is closed at 7:16 pm.

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                   E. PETER FORRESTEL                    - AYE  
                   MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                   DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE  
                   JOHN W. NORTON                        - AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz to adopt Local Law #1 for 2024 authorizing to Rezone properties on Eckerson Ave, Franklin St, and Pearl St from I-1 to R-2 be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                   E. PETER FORRESTEL                    - AYE  
                   MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                   DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE  
                   JOHN W. NORTON                        - AYE

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Nothing new.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Mayor Perry recommended accepting the bid from E.L. Flowers & Associates for the purchase of the new circuit switcher for the Electric Substation in the amount of \$92,575.00 with the new FOB being Akron.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Middaugh to accept the low bidder E.L. Flowers & Associates for the purchase of the new circuit switcher for the Electric Substation in the amount of \$92,575.00 and FOB Akron be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED    BRIAN T. PERRY                    - AYE  
                   E. PETER FORRESTEL                    - AYE  
                   MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH                - AYE  
                   DARIN S. SCHULTZ                      - AYE  
                   JOHN W. NORTON                        - AYE

State Street Bridge – waiting for final approval of plans.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Nothing new.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS –

##### Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Attorney Borden wanted to thank the DPW for keeping the Village of Akron looking so well groomed, especially Main Street and Russell Park. Discussion was also held regarding the C DEE Wright Center bathroom use for Village events.

CLERK – submitted report for June 2024. Reported: 645 tax bills have been processed in the amount of \$570,820.01 (46.82%); Attended the MAOA meeting in Hamburg along with Treasurer Michel on June 12, 2024; Finalized and submitted the final appeal for the remaining FEMA grant monies and well as the CAT Z (Administrative hours) application for the time spent on the application process; completed and submitted State Voucher for reimbursement of Leaf Vac in the amount of \$17,890.12 for MWRR grant applied for in 2018; completed and submitted a MWRR grant application for the purchase of the 2022 Hyundai Loader for 50% of the cost equaling \$62,467.50.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for June 2024 and schedule for July 2024. Reported: All Special events went well; July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities are scheduled; ACS Summer School begins this month four days a week for four hours and covered by our SRO's; the new 2024 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle is presently at FM Communications for graphics and equipment installation; have had six fireworks complaints and still looking into the large booms heard and felt around the Village.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – reported: getting ready for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration with tree trimming, street cleaning; DI repair on Eckerson Avenue completed; concrete work on East Avenue; State notified DPW of a State ADA compliance on Mill Street and ADA crossing on Cedar.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER –submitted report for June 2024. Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Paquin discussed next steps in grass violation notices. Also held discussion regarding signs in the Village right-of-way.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – discussed during Work Session held earlier.

##### Elected Officials –

#### TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: With all the festivities, street closures going on July 4<sup>th</sup>, he wanted to make sure people purchasing chicken BBQ at the Russell Park shelter could drive in to pick up dinners.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: Thanked the DPW for making the Village look so good; held six interviews for the Skilled Laborer/Laborer position, will move on to second interviews next week.

Mayor Perry – reported: did an interview with Channel 7 news regarding the Verizon coverage in the Akron area; continuing to work with Akron Central, Town of Newstead, and Verizon to fix the coverage issues in and around Akron; sidewalk by Parkview bridge, has buckled badly and will have the DPW fix it at least temporarily as a bicycle accident has already occurred and do not want a repeat accident. Will contact Bill Geary at the Erie County DPW regarding this issue.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Akron Fire Company updated the Board during the earlier work session; received notice that Erie County will pave Bloomingdale Avenue this July.

Trustee Schultz – Russell Park camera project in the installation process finally and thanked Jon and Rick for all their help and support.

OLD BUSINESS –

Eckerson Avenue Property Development Project – Nothing new.

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

Village Property Security/Oversight – Trustee Schultz updated the Board during his report.

Electric Rate Case – Nothing new.

Russell Park Shelter – Trustee Forrestel visited the shelter and concluded that the shelter likely needs total replacement. He suggested getting quotes from contractors and seeing if Community Organizations could help fund the replacement.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to authorize the Mayor to sign the School Resource Officer (SRO)/Security Officer Agreement with the Akron Central School District for the 2024-2025 year as per the recommendation of Police Chief Lauricella be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to transfer \$56,858.25 from Electric Depreciation Reserve to Electric Fund Cash to reimburse the electric cash account for Ramboll invoices paid during the 2023-2024 fiscal year as per the Village Treasurer be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to pay Delacy Ford the total of \$47,286.00 for the purchase of a 2024 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle to be paid from the Police Equipment Reserve Fund as per the Village Treasurer be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Newstead relative to Village of Akron Police Services for the Town of Newstead pending final approval of discussed changes be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from Charter Communications regarding broadcast changes dated June 21, 2024 and a Letter from Charter Communications regarding franchise renewal dated 6-13-24.

Planning Board Minutes of June 24, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Planning Board Chairman Murray also wanted to add that the Village looked great for the Memorial Day Ceremonies that ultimately were rained out but commended the DPW for their effort.

Mobile Home Park Resident Kay Green asked the Board to further explain the code about signs in the Village right-of-way. The Assistant Code Enforcement Officer explained that no signs are allowed within the Village easement unless they have an approved temporary sign permit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

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ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

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	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

On motion of Forrestel and seconded by Perry at 9:24 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK