

October 21, 2024

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton 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 6:33 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 Schultz and seconded by Norton 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 7:08 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

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:10 p.m. 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, Treasurer Sarah Michel, Chief of Police Richard Lauricella, and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 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 Middaugh 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	\$	33,154.38
Electric Fund	\$	86,320.73
Water Fund	\$	1,458.23
Sewer Fund	\$	4,806.32
Capital Projects	\$	29,807.72

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

Lou Woodward	58 Parkview Dr	Sewer Repair	\$100.00
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Boy Scout Troop #529	Various Locations	Temp Sign Permit	\$0.00
Roger Johnson	Various Locations	Temp Sign Permit	\$0.00
Martins Mercantile	58 Main St	Roof	\$200.00
Ruth Folger/Akron House of Spirits	93 Main St	Roof	\$200.00
I Squared R Element	12600 Clarence Ctr	Fire Alarm	\$150.00
Keith Hawes	68 John St	Garage Roof	\$50.00
Bob Finnigan	83 Bloomingdale Ave	Pole Barn	\$240.00

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 Forrestel and seconded by Norton that the following building permit be and hereby is approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Darin Schultz	14 Skyline Dr	House Generator	\$50.00
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ADOPTED BRIAN T. PERRY - AYE
 E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
 MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
 JOHN W. NORTON - AYE

Trustee Schultz abstained from voting.

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:

Martins Mercantile	58 Main St	Temporary	\$50.00
Ruth Folger/Akron House of Spirits	93 Main St	Temporary	\$50.00

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

PUBLIC HEARING – None

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Gregg Brown, representing the Lions Club came before the Board to discuss the proposed building of a 32’ x 50’ pole barn to store the flags for the Avenue of Flags program and medical equipment that is used for Seniors in our Community. This building is proposed to be built on Village property located at 43 East Avenue and will include a lease agreement.

Brodie’s Way resident Kathy Neelon came before the Board to update them on the issue with the smell emanating from I Squared R. She mentioned that there has been an intermittent improvement but still would like help from the Village Board. Mayor Perry stated that he did speak to I Squared R and reported that the company is trying to reformulate the product to eliminate the issue.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Trustee Forrestel reported that Eric Wies from Clark Patterson Lee stated they are waiting on CIR to finish the electrical portion, and the catwalk adjustments still need to be done.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Mayor Perry stated the bids will be going out soon. Public Works Manager Jon Cummings stated the regulator has been delivered.

State Street Bridge – Nothing new.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Mayor Perry, Trustee Forrestel, and Jon Cummings met with Erie County Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Karen Hoak earlier this afternoon, to discuss the possible timeline for the utilities side of the project vs. the actual road reconstruction. The road reconstruction side which would be under Erie County and will be in 2026 or 2027.

Water Tank Improvements – The Clerk reported that the bids were received for the engineering services for this project on October 11, 2024 at 11 am. Two bids were received, MRB Group and H2M Architects and Engineering, MRB Group was recommended to approve.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz to approve the bid for Engineering Services from MRB Group for the Water Tank Improvement Project 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

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

TREASURER – submitted report for September 2024. Reported: Treasurer Michel stated that she has been working with MCSJ, which is the new payroll software and is happy to report that the conversion may be as soon as late January 2025. She also mentioned that the Village Auditor’s Drescher & Malecki will be meeting with the Finance Committee on October 31, 2024 to discuss the final audit report. Lastly, she is still gathering information for the rate case for PLM.

CHIEF OF POLICE: submitted September report. Reported: Homecoming parade went well; new police vehicle is at FM Communications and will be done soon.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: met with the Celebration Committee and noted that a request for permission to hold the New Year’s Eve event will be sent in soon.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: stated that leaf season has begun and gave kudos to the DPW for the pick-up service. Also, the HR Committee interviewed Bo H. Caton for a skilled laborer position and recommended hiring him at Grade 10 Hire Rate providing he signs and returns the Job Offer letter and the completion of his background check.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to hire Bo H. Caton as a Skilled Laborer at Grade 10 Hire Rate providing, he signs and returns the Job Offer letter, his background check is completed, and a hire date is determined, as per the recommendation of the HR Committee 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

Mayor Perry – reported: attended the meeting earlier today with Erie County Deputy Commissioner of Highways, Karen Hoak as well as Trustee Forrestel and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings to discuss the East Avenue water/sewer line replacement and the total road reconstruction. Gave kudos to the DPW for the great job on the Mill Street reconstruction and the Mechanic mill and pave project as well as the mill and pave of a portion of Hoag Avenue by Ford Gum.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: requested to have an Executive Session regarding Personnel; Congratulated Village Skilled Laborer Fred Bedford on his retirement and thanked him for the 38 years of service.

Trustee Schultz – reported: Emergency Managers, Daniel Kowalik and Brian Murray took inventory of the two emergency trailers that both the Village and Town purchased.

OLD BUSINESS –

Eckerson Avenue Property Development – Trustee Forrestel is getting quotes for a timber framed 25’ x 40’ shelter.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Corner of Clinton Ave and Eckerson Ave – Attorney Borden reported a draft lease will be distributed soon.

Electric Rate Case – Treasurer Michel is continuing to gather information for PLM.

Russell Park Shelter – Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Norton to approve the payment to County Line Stone Company, Inc. in the amount of \$14,874.13 for paving in various Village locations 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 Schultz and seconded by Middaugh to authorize the Village Clerk to forward remaining balances of unpaid taxes as of November 1, 2024 to Erie County 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 Perry and seconded by Schultz to approve the Official Trick-or-Treating hours in the Village of Akron Thursday October 31, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm with the Amherst Fire Control/Akron Fire Company sounding the siren to start and end Trick-or-Treating activities 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 Middaugh and seconded by Schultz to approve the hire of Aurora Hockwater as a part-time fill-in Crossing Guard at Grade 2 Step 1 as per the recommendation of Police Chief Richard Lauricella and the Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Committee 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

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from Charter Communications notifying of broadcast changes.

Letter from NSDOT regarding the truck traffic issue on the corners of Cedar Street, John Street, Buffalo Street with a draft plan of recommended location and length of needed parking restrictions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Brodie’s Way Residents commented on the decision from the NYS DOT not to lower the speed limit on Hake Road. They will contact their legislators for additional help with this issue.

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

On motion of Schultz and seconded by Norton at 9:10 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK