

October 7, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:05 pm. Present: Deputy Mayor: E. Peter Forrestel, Trustees: Michael R. Middaugh, Darin S. Schultz, and John W. Norton; Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth.

The Deputy Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Norton and seconded by Schultz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- 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	\$	43,634.85
Electric Fund	\$	10,386.86
Water Fund	\$	6,924.76
Sewer Fund	\$	6,708.30
Capital Projects	\$	4,615.88

ADOPTED	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 that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Brooke Heissenberger	66 Cedar St	Porch	\$50.00
ODS Mgement/Cloisters	21 & 23 Westgate Ave	Sewer Repair	\$100.00
Jenna Hollenbeck	64 East Ave	Door	\$50.00
I Squared R	12600 Clarence Ctr Rd	Inside Reno	\$5,381.40
Linda Webster	11 Danita Dr	Roof	\$50.00
Greg Bell	16 Bloomingdale Ave	Windows	\$50.00

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

PUBLIC HEARING - was held at this time to hear any and all persons for the purpose of addressing the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Program. Village Clerk DeTine read the Proof of Publication and asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak, hearing none, the Clerk reminded all in attendance of the many opportunities the CDBG Program has provided to the Village such as: Skyline Drive sidewalks, replacement of water lines on John Street, Bloomingdale Avenue, Brooklyn Street, Washington Street, Liberty Street and Cedar Street/Morgan Street; total reconstruction of Marshall Avenue and Hoag Avenue, Village Hall ADA Front Entrance Project, Main Street ADA Sidewalk Apron and Crosswalks for the Village Central Business District, waterline loop on Skyline Drive and the newly completed Mill Street Reconstruction/Mechanic Street Mill and Pave Project, along with the Rural Transit Van Service program shared jointly with the Town of Newstead and the Town of Clarence. Discussion was held regarding the wish list of projects for this coming year such as: West Shore Bike Path Extension & Pavilion which would extend the Village portion of the bike path across Cedar

Street to the Village owned land on Eckerson Avenue and provide a Shelter, parking, and a sidewalk/pathway/crosswalk to connect to Clinton Street; and the annual Rural Transit Van Service Program shared jointly with the Towns of Newstead and Clarence.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz to close the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant Program be and hereby is closed at 7:15 pm.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Norton that the No. 1 request for the Community Development Funds for the year 2025 for the Village of Akron as Lead Agent be and hereby is the West Shore Bike Path Extension & Pavilion, and that Mayor Brian T. Perry is authorized to sign, submit, and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for said project, upon approval of ECCDBG.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Forrestel that the No. 2 request for the Community Development Funds for the year 2025 for the Village of Akron be and hereby is the joint Rural Transit Van Service Program with the Towns of Newstead and Clarence, and that Mayor Brian T. Perry is authorized to sign, submit, and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for said project, upon approval of ECCDBG.

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

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Akron Chamber President Jacob Halleck wanted to thank all the Akron Police Officers who sold tickets on their own time for the Glock-a-Day raffle sponsored by Escarpment Arms to benefit the Akron Police Department.

Clarence Center Road Resident Alonson Scriven reminded the Board of his letter regarding the traffic speed on Clarence Center Rd and asked for more Police presence to help curb the issue.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Nothing New

Electric Substation Upgrade – Nothing New

State Street Bridge – Nothing New

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Nothing New

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Reported working with Assemblyman Michael Norris on establishing a conservation easement at the Water Plant and along the transmission line. More to follow.

CLERK – submitted report for September 2024. Reported: 1,172 tax bills have been processed in the amount of \$1,183,392 (97.07%); Welcomed new Deputy Clerk Emily Frey to our Office Staff; Attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on September 11, 2024;

Working with Municipal Solutions for all paperwork/bond/publications for the Water Tank Improvement Project; Working to send in the final appeal for FEMA monies related to the December 2022 Blizzard; Working with Adam Burg for our Insurance renewal; Reported attending NYCOM training along with Treasurer Michel, summaries are included with the Clerk's Report.

CHIEF OF POLICE – Excused Absence.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – reported: all paving for the Village for this year has been completed including the Sewer Plant and driveway at the Joint Facility; Splash Pad has been closed and winterized; Getting location ready for the new Directory sign to be installed in Russell Park; Racking has been installed at the Sewer Plant cold storage building which will house all the electric transformers etc.; working on school zone signage and crosswalk signs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Welcomed Mike Borth back from his Medical leave.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – reported at the earlier work session.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: Recently attended a Celebration Committee meeting where discussion was held regarding the New Year's Eve and July 4th events specifically zeroing in on safety, parking, porta potties, permanent pole in the Russell Park for Ball Drop. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2024.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: the new directory sign is ready to be installed, the DPW will get the location ready in Russell Park and install it. Will consult with Signmatic Systems for the Splash Pad sign that will list those that donated to the project. HR has met regarding the Akron Police contract that will expire May of 2025. The Department has provided their request list, and another meeting will be scheduled in early November to further negotiate. The DPW Contract will also expire in May of 2025 and a meeting will be scheduled for discussion as soon as the DPW provides their list of requests. The HR Committee would like to negotiate another three-year contract with both the Police and DPW.

Mayor Perry – reported: Excused Absence.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Substation bids will be going out for the circuit switches October 16, 2024 and due back by November 21, 2024.

Trustee Schultz – reported: Will be scheduling another Safety Committee meeting with the Emergency Managers, APD, AFC, ACS to discuss safety for all future events.

Eckerson Avenue Property Development – Resolution completed earlier as #1 project for the CDBG program.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Corner of Clinton Ave and Eckerson Ave – Attorney is still reviewing the draft new survey.

Electric Rate Case – Nothing new.

Russell Park Shelter – Nothing new

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz to approve the payment to Orleans Ford in the amount of \$6,559.29 to repair STV06 - 2011 Ford F550 Dump Truck be and hereby is approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from the Akron Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to use Main Street and Russell Park as well as assistance from APD and AFC for the Akron Chamber/White Whiskers Dog Parade and food and music in Russell Park on Saturday October 26, 2024 and for the Light Up Akron Event on December 14, 2024.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to allow the Akron Chamber of Commerce the use of Main Street, Russell Park, as well as assistance from the APD and AFC for the Akron Chamber/White Whiskers Dog Parade and food/music in Russell park on Saturday October 26, 2024 and for the Light Up Akron Event on December 14, 2024 be and hereby is approved.

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

Letter from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services stated that our appeal was denied again for a portion of the application, however, the portion covering the food bill from the Akron Fire Company was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

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 7:50 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	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 to come out of the executive session regarding the medical, financial, credit, 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 8:56 pm be and hereby is approved.

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

On motion of Forrestel and seconded by Schultz at 8:57 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CLERK