

February 24, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:02 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, 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 February 3, 2025 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	\$ 24,448.19
Electric Fund	\$ 252,367.14
Water Fund	\$ 16,633.13
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,736.05

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 that the following application for a Dumpster Permit be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of permit fee:

Cold Spring Construction	43 Jackson St	Renewal	\$50.00
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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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh that the following application for a Plumbers License for the year 2025 be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$75.00:

David Stoehr	Buffalo, NY	New	\$75.00
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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

PUBLIC HEARING – a Public Hearing was held at this time to hear any and all persons for the purpose of addressing the Local Law #1 for 2025-Update Chapter 122 Sewer-Sanitary sewer connection to public sanitary sewers and infiltration and inflow remediation. Clerk DeTine read the Proof of Publication. Trustee Forrestel explained the update is for new developers planning on connecting to the Village sewer system. A fee will be added to the Village Schedule of Fee brochures

which the Village can amend from time to time. The Clerk asked if anyone wished to speak. With no further comments the Board approved to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Schultz to close the Public Hearing regarding the Local Law #1 for 2025–Chapter 122-Sewer update to include Sanitary sewer connection to public sanitary sewers and infiltration and inflow remediation be and hereby is closed at 7:07 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 Forrestel and seconded by Norton to adopt Local Law #1 for 2025–Chapter 122-Sewer update to include Sanitary sewer connection to public sanitary sewers and infiltration and inflow remediation 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 – Residents from Brodie’s Way, Jackson Street, and Clarence Center Road came before the Board to discuss the truck traffic on Jackson Street and Hake Road, and truck traffic and use of jake brakes on Clarence Center Road. They would like to have signs placed on Buell Street and Hake Road stating Local Truck Traffic only on Jackson Street and Clarence Center Road and also mentioned the speed limit on Hake Road still needs to be lowered. Kathy Neelon from Brodie’s Way did thank the Village Board for their help in the I Squared R odor issue.

Kay Green from the Akron Mobile Home Park mentioned that the resident association group did drop two lawsuits as the legal fees were getting too expensive.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Still waiting for the completion of the catwalk and labeling of the electrical panel.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Nothing new to report.

State Street Bridge – Mayor Perry reported speaking with Engineer Dan Duprey regarding the extra funding needed to complete the project. Mr. Duprey stated the County is working on additional funding to bridge the gap caused by COVID.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – RFQ’s are due by Monday March 3, 2025 at 2pm.

Water Tank Improvements – Nothing new to report.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

TREASURER – submitted report for January 2025. Treasurer Michel was absent due to illness but left word that the Village Hall security camera installation is 90% complete; there is one additional training scheduled for the new payroll software before it goes live; and will be sending out available dates to schedule budget meetings in the very near future.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: attended the Celebration Committee meeting where discussion included handicap parking, parade route and order of entries, and possibility of placing large boulders around the Veterans Park along the perimeter of Buell Street and Skyline Dr.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: HR Committee received the request letter from the Union negotiators, will review and get back to the Union with response. He received quotes for the timber framed shelter for the Eckerson Avenue Village owned property and will work to get a couple more quotes.

Mayor Perry – reported: Kudos to the DPW Streets Department for keeping up with the snow and icy conditions during the last several weeks – great job!

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Also gave kudos to the DPW Streets Department for the clean up of snow piles and ice in the Business District, the business owners really appreciate it. He also mentioned the AFC Installation Dinner scheduled for March 8, 2025.

Trustee Schultz – reported: still working with the AFC, APD, and Emergency Managers in regard to the upcoming events scheduled in and around the Village with respect to safety concerns.

OLD BUSINESS –

Eckerson Avenue Property Development – Trustee Forrestel received quotes for the 26’ x 40’ timber framed shelter but will reach out for two more.

American Legion/LL Tillman – still working on a solution to help with their request.

Electric Rate Case – Treasurer Michel is still working with PLM.

Russell Park Shelter – Trustee Forrestel reported that the Lions Club would like to be involved in the rehabilitation of the shelter.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz to approve the AFC Firefighter Records Listing for the Service Award Program for 2024 as per the recommendation of the Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Committee be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Norton to approve the quote from Clark Patterson Lee’s RFP for the Zoning Code Update in the amount of \$25,000 be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to approve the Akron Fire Company Active Membership Application for Kennedy Martin Grice as per the Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Committee be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh to move Officer Austin Patterson from Grade 3 Step 2 to Grade 3 Step 3 effective December 2, 2024 as per the recommendation of Chief of Police Richard 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 Schultz and seconded by Norton to support the REPEAL of the New York State Halt Act as per the recommendation of the Association of Erie County Government 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 –

Planning Board Minutes from the meeting held January 27, 2025.

Assessor’s Report – February 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Stephen Seligman expressed concern about snow and ice on the bump outs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Norton to go into an 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 8:06 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 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, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 9:10 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

On motion of Middaugh and seconded by Schultz at 9:11 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK