

March 3, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:12 pm. Present: Mayor: Brian T. Perry; Trustees: E. Peter Forrestel, Darin S. Schultz, and John W. Norton; Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Sarah Michel, Police Chief Richard Lauricella, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, and Code Enforcement Officer Mike Borth.

The Mayor had Marilyn from the Akron Bugle lead us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Norton and seconded by Forrestel that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel 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	\$	24,757.58
Electric Fund	\$	102,115.14
Water Fund	\$	11,203.34
Sewer Fund	\$	7,461.14
Capital Projects	\$	2,619.25

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

PUBLIC HEARING – None

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Public Works Manager reported that the catwalk is on site and labeling of the electric panel has not been fully completed.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Nothing new.

State Street Bridge – Mayor Perry reported that he spoke to CPL Engineer Dan Duprey who reported that the state is working on efforts to bridge the gap of the original grant to cover the COVID impact on construction costs and should see some funding by December 2025.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Clerk DeTine reported receiving and opening nine RFQ’s today. They will be reviewed by Public Works Manager Cummings.

Water Tank Improvements – meeting scheduled for March 17th with MRB Group.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Nothing to report.

CLERK – submitted report for February 2025. Reminded all that the Village will be holding elections for two Trustee positions on March 18, 2025. Also gathering information for the 2025-2026 Village taxes which will go out May 31, 2025.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for February 2025 and schedule for March 2025. Reported: Officer Maria Westphal has completed her FTO and has started filling shifts on the schedule; 2016 Ford Explorer sold through the Auctions International site; working with Treasurer Michel on items to use remaining grant funds on.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – Reported: Hoping the plowing needs slow down so potholes can be cold patched until better weather; Electric Crew is out tree trimming; 2011 F550 Plow Truck needs to be updated and suggested purchasing a gas powered one instead of diesel. Also working with PSC on the electrical infrastructure of the proposed Rock Oak Akron project.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – submitted report for February 2025. Reported: Completed annual State training; will attend wetlands training next week; requested an executive meeting regarding Personnel.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – reported at the earlier work session.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: Bloomingdale Avenue sidewalks were very icy, glad that the March billing insert reminded residents to make sure their sidewalks are clear.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: Received communication from the Union Representative, concerning the upcoming Union Contract, which will be reviewed and responded to by the HR Committee. It is the season for tree trimming and removal of dead trees. Looking into legality of planting trees beyond the easement on specific private properties to avoid issues of tree roots affecting underground water/sewer lines, etc.

Mayor Perry – reported: Nothing to report.

Trustee Middaugh – Excused absence

Trustee Schultz – reported: will be attending the Akron Fire Company Installation Dinner which is scheduled for this Saturday March 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

Eckerson Avenue Property Development – Nothing new.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Nothing new.

Electric Rate Case – Treasurer Michel stated that PLM requested more information which she is working on supplying.

Russell Park Shelter – Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry to move Deputy Clerk Emily Frey from Grade 1A Step 1 to Grade 1A Step 2 on the completion of her six-month probation period effective March 9, 2025 as per the recommendation of the Village Clerk be and hereby is approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE –

Correspondence from NYCOM to Governor Kathy Hochul regarding AIM funding for Municipalities.

Letter from Charter Communications regarding broadcast changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Trustee Forrestel mentioned that the Board has received requests to revive the chicken law that was proposed back in 2020. The Board agreed to review the initial draft.

Mayor Perry asked for a moment of silence for Jason Miller’s Father who recently passed and asked for prayers for Jay and his whole family during this difficult time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz 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 7:45 pm be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Perry 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 8:47 pm be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Forrestel to support the resolution to urge the State Legislature to amend the Buy American Salt Act to Buy North American Salt Act as per the recommendation of the Association of Erie County governments be and hereby is approved.

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

On motion of Norton and seconded by Perry at 8:48 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK