

March 17, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:00 p.m. 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, and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag. The Mayor also asked for a moment of silence for Walter Rosonowski, who was Director of the C. Dee Wright Center and member of the Akron Historical Society and Lucas Lowe, a brave young man who fought cancer since the age of 7 years old, recently made an honorary member of the Akron Fire Company.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2025 and Special Meeting of March 10, 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 Schultz 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	\$	53,910.12
Electric Fund	\$	241,434.81
Water Fund	\$	17,987.80
Sewer Fund	\$	13,668.69
Capital Projects	\$	6,053.00

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

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

William Short	130 Main St	Windows	\$50.00
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Mackenzie Rapson	24 Parkview Dr	Sanitary Sewer	\$100.00
Jessica Brandi	29 Brooklyn St	Roof	\$50.00
Boy Scout Troop 559	Village locations	Temp Sign	\$0.00
Silverbell Studios LLC	Russell Park/Main St	Hallmark Movie	\$4,000.00

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

Jessica Brandi	29 Brooklyn St	Renewal	\$50.00
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ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

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

Max Denisco	West Seneca, NY	New	\$75.00
Darren Eggleston	Tonawanda, NY	New	\$75.00

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Clerk DeTine recommended to hold a Public Hearing for Local Law #2 for 2025-Tax Cap Override on April 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Local Law #2 for 2025–Tax Cap Override on April 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm be and hereby is approved.

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

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Public Works Manager Jon Cummings recommended closing out the project. Board agreed and Trustee Forrestel will handle the communication to Clark Patterson Lee.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Will be scheduling a pre-con meeting in early April.

State Street Bridge – Mayor Perry received email from Clark Patterson Lee Engineer, Dan Duprey, regarding the extra funding needed to complete the project. Mr. Duprey stated the funds would hopefully be available this December. The Board may approve a RAN (Revenue Anticipation Note) to cover the expenditures until the funding comes in December to enable the project to move forward.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Nine RFQ’s were received on March 3, 2025. Public Works Manager Cummings reviewed them and recommended three to interview.

Water Tank Improvements – Public Works Manager Cummings reported that a pre-con meeting was held earlier today where discussion of Phase 1 – Water Tank Project and Phase 2 – Water plant upgrade were held.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

TREASURER – submitted report for February 2025. Treasurer Michel reported that the new payroll software will go live for the next payroll; still working with PML on the electric rate case and sill send report of new employee wages to them once the Union Contract is approved; Budget meetings will be scheduled for the first week of April.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Schultz – reported: attended the Akron Fire Company Installation Dinner, which was very nice, and also wanted to acknowledge and appreciate the hours members sacrifice as volunteers for the community: Will continue attending the Celebration Committee/Emergency Services meetings to discuss upcoming events and safety procedures for them.

Trustee Middaugh – excused absence.

Mayor Perry – reported: The Village is hosting a Hallmark Movie this week in Russell Park and portions of Main Street. He wanted to thank Public Works Manager Cummings, Clerk DeTine, Village Attorney Borden, and Chief of Police Richard Lauricella for the time and effort made in dealing with all the movie requirements.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: also attended the Akron Fire Company Installation Dinner along with Trustee Schultz, where a special member’s jacket was given to resident Lucas Lowe; working with the Electric Department regarding Village tree removal and replacement. Working to formulate a response to the Union regarding their requests for the upcoming DPW Contract.

Trustee Norton – 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. Complimented the Akron Newstead Rotary Club for the installation of the Flagpole in Veteran’s Park which will be dedicated on April 10, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS –

Eckerson Avenue Property Development – Trustee Forrestel received quotes for the 26’ x 40’ timber framed shelter and waiting for two more. Clerk DeTine will have the Erie County grant date for completion of this project pushed out to October 2025.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Attorney Borden will work with Trustee Forrestel on this request.

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

Russell Park Shelter – waiting on drawings from architect.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Shultz and seconded by Norton to lift the Winter Parking Ban as of March 17, 2025 as per the recommendation of the Police Chief Lauricella 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 Norton and seconded by Schultz to approve the Location Agreement with Silverbell Studios, LLC (Hallmark) for the use of Russell Park and a portion of Main Street from March 17 – 25, 2025 for the established fee of \$4,000 be and hereby is approved.

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

Buell Street Tree Replacement Program – Trustee Forrestel reported having a ride-a-long with Electric Crew Chief Whitbeck along Buell Street to inspect the 10 Norway Maple trees that need to be removed this Spring. He also reported that replacements which are usually planted in the Fall will be planted this Spring.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from Reyncrest Farms, Inc. request for more water.

Letter from Jacob Halleck resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to accept the resignation letter from Jacob Halleck from the Zoning Board of Appeals be and hereby is approved.

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

Assessor’s March 2025 Report.

A brief explanation of renewable energy credits and zero emission credits from NYMPA and a statement to members of NYMPA regarding electricity imports from Ontario, Canada.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Stephen Seligman asked about the age of the Buell Street trees that Trustee Forrestel touched on earlier.

Brian Murray stated that Commander Smith had an update, VFW Post 3180 will be turning in their Charter due to the 53 members’ age, and place of residence, because many of them have moved south or reside in a nursing home. Their assets will be dissolved into the American Legion. Mr. Murray also reported that the Legion will no longer handle the Memorial Day services and parade, however, will continue to place the flags and wreaths. Lastly, he had a discussion with Supervisor Izydorczak regarding the request to put grave sites on the GIS system.

Resident Kay Green asked the Board how they used the Quiet Place II movie money. Mayor Perry responded that the money was used for the Splash Pad in Russell Park.

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 8:00 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 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 8:49 pm 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 Forrestel and seconded by Norton at 8:50 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK