

May 19, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:03 p.m.
Present: Mayor Brian T. Perry; Trustees: E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, and Darin S. Schultz; Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Sarah Michel, and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel seconded by Perry 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	\$	9,369.02
Electric Fund	\$	89,965.49
Water Fund	\$	2,255.84
Sewer Fund	\$	6,290.12
Capital Projects	\$	9,471.75

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

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

Scott Schultz	10 Washington St	Fence	\$50.00
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ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE

Trustee Schultz abstained from voting.

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

Kevin Ceroky	7 Brodie’s Way	Pool, fence, shed	\$294.00
Daniel Kowalik	105 Main Street	Pad	\$50.00
Kevin Scherf	57 East Ave	Windows	\$100.00
Kimberlee Hallett	61 Buell St	Windows	\$50.00
Blake Allen	46 Hoag Ave	Windows/Roof	\$100.00
Robert Scheib	51 Brooklyn St	Shed	\$50.00

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz that the following application for a Dumpster Permit be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of permit fee:

James Lobur	40 Clinton St	Temporary	\$50.00
ADOPTED			
		BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
		E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
		MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
		DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz that the following application for a Sidewalk Cafe License for the year 2025 be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$50.00:

Market on Main Street	57 Main St	Annual	\$50.00
ADOPTED			
		E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
		MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
		DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

Mayor Perry abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz that the following application for a Sidewalk Cafe License for the year 2025 be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$50.00:

Martin’s Mercantile	62 Main St	Annual	\$50.00
ADOPTED			
		BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
		E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
		MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
		DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Perry that the following applications for a Peddlers License for the year 2025 be and hereby are approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$100.00:

The Pink Cow	Alden, NY	Annual	\$100.00
The Cheesy Chick	Clarence, NY	Annual	\$100.00
ADOPTED			
		BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
		E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
		MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
		DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – None

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Mayor Perry reported that Village Attorney, Andrew Borden, will be sending out a letter tomorrow to wrap up the project with the last remaining contractor CIR Electrical Construction Corporation.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Village Electrical Consultant, Doug Strang, suggested setting up a pre-con meeting with Ferguson Electric in the near future. Also, Mayor Perry added that he received an email regarding the NYSERDA PON 5896 which stated they would be awarding grants by the end of June 2025.

State Street Bridge – Discussion held about getting a RAN to cover cost overrun not covered by the initial grant from the State, however, the State is looking to grant further monies to help cover the cost overrun and hoping to see some of that by December 2025.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Mayor Patterson stated that Erie County DPW did a temporary repaving of East Avenue; He thanked the County for getting it done and in just three days.

Water Tank Improvements – Nothing new to report.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

TREASURER – submitted report for April 2025. Treasurer Michel reported: will be scheduling a Finance Committee meeting soon to discuss year end issues.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Schultz – reported: Wanted to thank those involved with the beautiful large flag that has recently been placed in Veterans Park.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Kudos to Public Works Manager Jon Cummings and Electric Foreman Tom Whitbeck for putting in the underground electric for the newly renovated Village Directory sign that will be placed now in Russell Park by the Shelter. It was a difficult job but they got it done.

Mayor Perry – reported: Wanted to thank the Public Works Manager Cummings, the DPW employees, and Clerk DeTine for the great job in scheduling, setting up, and running the Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Recycling/Shred-it event held this past Saturday. Great turn out.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: Still waiting to hear back from the Union Representative regarding the Village proposals presented; DPW Donut meeting this Thursday morning at 7:30 am; also thanked DPW for getting the difficult job of running the electric underground for the Village Directory.

Trustee Norton – Excused Absence

OLD BUSINESS –

Eckerson Avenue Property Development – Nothing new to report.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Nothing new to report.

Electric Rate Case – Treasurer Michel still waiting on the Union contract to be negotiated.

Russell Park Shelter – discussed earlier in the meeting.

Russell Park Amphitheater – Trustee Forrestel reported that this project is well on its way.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended contract with Municipal Solutions for fiscal services for the East Avenue Sewer Project from \$34,000 to \$53,000 after receiving the EFC sewer grant be and hereby is approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from Crossing Guards Cynthia and Robert Meyers notifying the Board of their retirement. Robert’s retirement will be effective at the end of the school year and Cynthia at the end of December 2025.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry to accept, along with gratitude of their service, the retirement letter from Crossing Guards Cynthia and Robert Meyers, with Cynthia retiring in December of this year and Robert retiring at the end of this school year be and hereby is approved.

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

Letter from Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth notifying the Board of his retirement form the NY State System as of May 30, 2025, but will continue to work until a replacement can be hired.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz to accept the request to retire from the NY State System from Code Enforcement Michael Borth effective May 30, 2025, put will remain working part-time until a replacement can be hired be and hereby is approved.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Clerk DeTine wanted to thank DPW employees Chris Wargala and Cody Andrusz for the great job refreshing the Village Hall landscaping.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Perry to go into an executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 7:37 pm be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Forrestel to come out of the executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 8:42 pm be and hereby is approved.

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

On motion of Perry and seconded by Forrestel at 8:43 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK