

May 5, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:05 pm. Present: Mayor: Brian T. Perry; Trustees: E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, 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 led us in the pledge to the flag. The Mayor also wanted to take a moment to express sympathy and prayers for Marilyn Kasperek and her family on the passing of her mom Jane Downey-Roesch.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Norton and seconded by Middaugh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2025 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel 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	\$	33,967.71
Electric Fund	\$	92,638.79
Water Fund	\$	12,023.51
Sewer Fund	\$	4,555.21

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

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

Robert Johnson	12 Kibler Ave	Re-do Deck	\$50.00
Henry Weiglein	46 John St	Fence	\$50.00
Scott Schultz	10 Washington St	Windows/Roof	\$100.00

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

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

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Forrestel 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:

Joel Tucciarone	Lockport, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY		- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL		- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH		- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON		- AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – None

APPEARANCE – Akron Central School Superintendent Andrea Kersten, District Business Administrator Paul Kowalski, ACS Board of Education President Erik Polkowski, and member Kristy Pingitore came before the Board to give a presentation of the proposed 2025-2026 District Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Attorney Borden, Trustee Forrestel, and Clark Patterson Lee Engineer Eric Weis are still working together on a letter to CIR Electric to close out the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Nothing new to report.

State Street Bridge – Mayor Perry reported on the status of the extra funding needed from BridgeNY to support the project.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Trustee Forrestel reported that he and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings interviewed three firms for the East Avenue Infrastructure project, MRB Group, GPI, Inc., and Erdman Anthony last week. They recommended to the Board MRB Group for Engineering Services for this project.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to approve MRB Group for Engineering Services for the East Avenue Infrastructure Project as per the recommendation of Trustee Forrestel and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

Water Tank Improvements – Nothing new.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Mr. Borden wanted to give a shout out to the Village DPW for the great spring clean up of the Village including the yard/brush waste pickup service.

CLERK – submitted report for April 2025. Reported: along with Treasurer Michel submitted the ARPA report for this year; Met with Comp Alliance Reps, Shawn Roes and Todd Higley who presented the Village with a refund check for \$3,785.00 as we qualified for the Comp Alliance Safe Workplace Award for the year 2023. Also reminded all that any balances on the water, sewer, and refuse bills as of May 21, 2025 will be relevied to the Village taxes.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for April 2025 and schedule for May 2025. Reported: Annual Kick-it First Soccer Tournament went somewhat smoothly despite the rain, mud, and parking issues due to the mud, unfortunately due to the rain, mud, and same parking issues Sunday’s games were cancelled; 2021 Police Vehicle will be going into the shop for a tune-up and regular maintenance.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – Reported: Electric crews have been working on Main Street to run the cable for the Sound System, still working out spot to store the base station for the system; Street crews are out milling and patching on East Ave; the catwalk has finally been

installed at the Sewer Plant; Seasonal Helper Robert Massaro has returned for the spring/summer to help out with mowing; lastly Public Works Manager Cummings reported that the new F-600 plow truck has been ordered.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – submitted report for April 2025. Reported: Construction season has begun; attended flood training April 21-24, 2025.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – reported at the earlier work session.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – Nothing new to report.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: Requested an Executive Session regarding Personnel; Sent the Village response letter to the Union; Russell Park Amphitheater is well on its way to completion; Tree removal and replanting will begin soon on Buell Street; We all appreciate the Akron Central School transparency and interactive relationship Superintendent Kersten has begun with the Village Board.

Mayor Perry – Already reported in Work Session.

Trustee Middaugh– reported: Requested a resolution to approve two AFC membership applications, one for Active Member Adam Michael Golding and one for Limited Active Samantha Crooks as per the recommendation of the Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Committee.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Norton to approve the AFC Active Member Application from Adam Michael Golding and the Limited Active Member Application of Samantha Crooks 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. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

### OLD BUSINESS

Eckerson Avenue Property Development – Trustee Forrestel reported waiting on two more quotes for the timber shelter.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Attorney Borden will send surveys to Brian Murray.

Electric Rate Case – Treasurer Michel is waiting on the Union Contracts to be approved before sending wages to PLM.

Russell Park Shelter – Dave Sutton working on plans for rehab of shelter. Work will begin after the summertime events.

Russell Park Amphitheater- Trustee Forrestel reported that the project is well on its way.

Mobile Home Park License – The License was tabled from the last Village Board meeting to receive feedback from Code Enforcement Officer Borth who was absent. This evening Code Enforcement Officer Borth stated that there are no issues other than Code, which would be handled through the permitting process, which would hold up the approval of the annual license.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Norton to approve the Mobile Home Park License for Akron - Cooks MHP LLC for the year 2025 in the amount of \$1,500.00 on the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to move Laborer Bo Caton from Grade 10 Hire Rate to Grade 10 Step 1 on the completion of his six-month probation period effective May 4, 2025 as per the recommendation of Public Works Manager Cummings be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Norton and seconded by Perry to authorize the Board of the Village of Akron to relevy all unpaid water, sewer, and refuse balances as of Wednesday May 21, 2025 onto the 2025-2026 Village Taxes be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Norton to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2025-2026 Village Tax Warrant be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Norton to amend the sidewalk reimbursement from \$3.25 per square foot to \$4.50 per square foot for Village residents to repair their sidewalks as per the recommendation of Public Works Manager Jon Cummings be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

Assessors Report #2 for April 2025.

Packet from Erie County Dept of Environment and Planning regarding eh Commercial Center Improvement Program for the Village of Akron Business District.

Letter from the Celebration Committee requesting Police assistance with traffic control, parking, street closing, and the parade for the July 4<sup>th</sup> events.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Norton to approve the request from the Celebration Committee to allow the Akron Police to assistance with traffic control, parking, street closing, and the parade for the July 4<sup>th</sup> events be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh 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 8:32 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh 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, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 9:12 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

On motion of Middaugh and seconded by Perry at 9:13 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK