

August 4, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:07 pm. Present: Mayor: Brian T. Perry; Trustees: E. Peter Forrestel, Darin S. Schultz and John W. Norton; Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Sarah Michel, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, and Code Enforcement Officer Mike Borth.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2025 and the Special Meeting Minutes of July 30, 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	\$	21,139.96
Electric Fund	\$	66,346.74
Water Fund	\$	18,170.21
Sewer Fund	\$	12,042.18
Capital Projects	\$	1,770.45

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:

Living Beautiful Antiques	77 Main St	Expanded into 79 Main St	\$0.00
Crown Castle/Verizon	3 Flint Ave	Cell Tower Modifications	\$500.00
DC Hardware	69 Main St	Sign	\$50.00
Jakob Lojek	79 Cedar St	Driveway Replacement	\$50.00
Sandra Pietrowski	22 Parkview Dr	Shed	\$50.00

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 Schultz that the following building permit be and hereby is approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Jenna Hollenbeck	64 East Ave	Door Replacement	\$50.00
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ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

Mayor Perry abstained from voting.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Westgate Avenue resident, Brian Kuch, came before the Board to discuss the shoulder width of the County roads in the Village of Akron. He asked if the Village Board would send a letter to request the County to fix the shoulders of these roads, especially Clarence Center Rd and Hake Rd.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Trustee Forrestel stated that Attorney Borden is working on the close out letter for this project.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Public Works Manager Cummings, Electric Foreman Whitbeck and Clerk DeTine worked together on more documents for the Electric Substation Upgrade Grant PON 5896.

State Street Bridge – Mayor Perry reported signing off on the prints. Should be bid out soon.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Mayor Perry reported that Clark Patterson Lee is sending over previous documents/reports to the MRB Group. Also, Clerk DeTine reported that Municipal Solutions will apply again for the waterline portion of this project on behalf of the Village in this round for the WIIA grant.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz to authorize Municipal Solutions to prepare and submit an application for the waterline portion of the East Avenue Project on behalf of the Village and to authorize the Mayor to sign application and any supporting documents required by the WIIA grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation 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 Schultz to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended contract with Municipal Solutions to incorporate the cost to apply for the WIIA grant in the amount of \$1,800.00 be and hereby is approved.

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

Water Tank Improvements – Public Works Manager Cummings stated that GPI, the firm approved to do the inspection of the tank, came to begin their inspection and said the inside of the tank looked pretty good.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Excused Absence

CLERK – submitted report for July 2025. Reported: Village has collected 96.76% of the tax bills as of July 30, 2025; reported: Working with Public Works Manager Cummings and Electric Foreman Whitbeck with additional paperwork requested for the Electric Substation Upgrade grant PON 5896; Worked with Erie County Planner Paul D’Orlando regarding the Erie County Commercial Center Improvement Program grant for the business district on Main Street; Attended the Planning Board meeting held July 28 regarding the Zoning Code Update grant.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for July 2025 and schedule for August 2025. Reported: Excused Absence.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – reported: Began work on the parking area for the Eckerson Avenue Property Development Project; Working with Ford Gum regarding a flow meter; Wall project for the mechanic room at the Joint Facility has begun.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – submitted report for July 2025. Reported: Busy with building season.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – reported at the earlier work session.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: Spoke with Water Planter Chief Operator Asmus who stated that the reservoir is down about 14” so far. The Akron Central School caused brown water today due to watering a playing field.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: Also spoke with Water Plant Chief Operator Asmus who added that the reservoir could go down another 10”-12” inches in the next week; Stated that he was happy to see the Eckerson Avenue Property Development Project get started; HR Committee reported Jay Miller with the help of Thomas Whitbeck is the new Union Steward, who is hoping to move the contract forward quickly.

Mayor Perry – Nothing new to report.

Trustee Middaugh– Excused Absence

Trustee Schultz – Reported: Akron Central School/Akron Police Department is looking for Crossing Guards for this upcoming school year; Attended the recent SRO meeting this week with Akron Central School.

OLD BUSINESS

Eckerson Avenue Property Development – Trustee Forrestel recommended extending the end date for the grant from Legislator Christopher Green until December 31, 2025. Clerk will request date extension from the County.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Brian Murray reported that the surveyor will send the line adjustment survey to Village Attorney Borden and the Legion Attorney this week.

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

Russell Park Shelter – Work will begin after the summertime events.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to approve the purchase from GoTToGo Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$7,200.00 for residential meters as per the recommendation of Public Works Manager Jon Cummings be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION duly by Schultz and seconded by Norton to approve the step increase for part-time Officer Maria Westphal from Grade 3 Hire Rate to Grade 3 Step 1 on the completion of her six-month probation period effective July 25, 2025 as per the recommendation of 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 Schultz and seconded by Perry to authorize the NYMPA Board of Directors and the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of NYS to be the voting delegates for the Village of Akron at the joint MEUA and NYMPA Semi-Annual Meeting scheduled for October 1-3, 2025 be and hereby is approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE –

Assessor’s Report for July 2025

Letter from NYPA regarding ice conditions this past winter resulting in intermittent unplanned hydropower curtailments.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Bloomingdale resident Don Shonn wanted to thank the Electric Department for the quick recovery of electric after a squirrel interrupted a transformer on Sunday morning at 6:30 am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz to go into an executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 7:46 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 Schultz to come out of the executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 8:30 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 Schultz and seconded by Perry at 8:32 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK