

October 20, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:00 pm.
Present: Deputy Mayor E. Peter Forrestel, Trustees: Michael R. Middaugh, Darin S. Schultz, and John W. Norton; Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, and Treasurer Sarah Michel.

The Deputy 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 October 6, 2025 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh 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	\$	15,927.15
Electric Fund	\$	108,311.78
Water Fund	\$	9,413.59
Sewer Fund	\$	1,436.11
Capital Projects	\$	40,363.75

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

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

Lisa Lederhouse	12 Wesley Dr	Roof	\$50.00
Mike/Brenda Regan	83 John St	Window	\$50.00
Newstead Public Library	33 Main St	Temporary Signs	\$ 0.00
Cynthia Sweet	20 Wesley Dr	Roof	\$100.00

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

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

Andrew Bogdan	2 Sunset Blvd	Temporary	\$50.00
Sandro P/Pizza Bella	66 Main St	Temporary	\$50.00

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – The Board decided on the following projects for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the year 2026:

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh that the No. 1 request for the Community Development Funds for the year 2026 for the Village of Akron be and hereby is to be replace sidewalks along Main Street from Church Street to Townsend St, and that Mayor Brian T. Perry is authorized to sign, submit and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for said project, upon approval of ECCDBG.

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Schultz that the No. 2 request for the Community Development Funds for the year 2026 for the Village of Akron be and hereby is to mill and pave Shepard Avenue and Westgate Avenue, and that Mayor Brian T. Perry is authorized to sign, submit and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for said project, upon approval of ECCDBG.

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh that the No. 3 request for the Community Development Funds for the year 2026 for the Village of Akron be and hereby is to be the joint Rural Transit Van Service project with the Towns of Newstead and Clarence, and that Mayor Brian T. Perry is authorized to sign, submit and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for said project, upon approval of ECCDBG.

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Rose and Scott Hubbard from 11 Hart St came before the Board to discuss their extremely high-water bill. The Clerk and Treasurer ran down the list of where to find possible leaks and Attorney Borden recommended hiring a Plumber to check the house for any likely water leak issues. They will get back to us with results.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – Trustee Forrestel will reach out to Eric Wies from Clark Patterson Lee to find out the status of the project close out letter.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Trustee Forrestel visited the substation to see the work being done on the new transformer foundation that the Village employees are completing.

State Street Bridge – Nothing new to report.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Nothing new to report.

Water Tank Improvements – Nothing new to report.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

TREASURER – Treasurer Michel submitted her report for September 2025. Also reported that the auditors, Drescher & Malecki, are on their second week of site work for the Village audit.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: Attended the Celebration Committee meeting this past Saturday where discussion was held regarding the new flagpole for Russell Park that will also be able to hold the proposed new ball for the New Year’s Eve ball drop celebration. The Committee is still looking for a company who can fabricate a lighter ball for this event. Also discussed was the idea for the Akron Community Band to set up somewhere at Veterans Park on Friday July 3, 2025 to hold their usual Friday night concert before the fireworks.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: Met with Teamster Union Representative Nick Doran along with Mayor Perry to discuss the Police Union Contract. He requested an Executive Session to discuss the details of the meeting with the rest of the Board. Trustee Forrestel also mentioned that a jeep tried to go over the bike path bridge causing damage to the side boards and has already obtained new wood to replace the damaged ones with the help of the Village DPW. Lastly, he mentioned that it is time to remove the water buckets from the new trees throughout the Village before the winter weather arrives and volunteered to do it.

Mayor Perry – Excused Absence

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Also requested an Executive Session for the DPW Union Contract.

Trustee Schultz – reported: Attended the Fire, Police and Safety meeting held last Wednesday to discuss and make plans for future annual Village Holiday and Summer events.

OLD BUSINESS

West Shore Property Development – Trustee Forrestel stated the Timber Framer will soon begin work framing and setting rebar for the concrete foundation piers.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Attorney Borden received a request from the Village’s third-party Attorney for this matter to modify the contract making the sale of the property and the lease of the additional property on Eckerson Avenue two separate contracts. Once changes are complete the Board will receive copies for review.

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

Russell Park Shelter – Work is scheduled to begin in late winter early spring.

LOSAP Proposition – Special Election scheduled for December 2, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Norton to approve the purchase from Basic Concepts Inc in the amount of \$24,380.00 for oil containment system for the substation upgrade as per the recommendation of Public Works Manager Jon Cummings be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to authorize the Village Clerk to forward remaining balances of unpaid taxes as of November 3, 2025 to Erie County be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- AYE
	JOHN W. NORTON	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh that the Village Board will support and sign the Proclamation claiming November as National American Indian Heritage Month presented by Kay Green of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution American Indians Committee be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
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MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH
DARIN S. SCHULTZ
JOHN W. NORTON

- AYE
- AYE
- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from Charter Communications regarding broadcast changes.

Letter from New York Power Authority regarding the Unanticipated Hydro Curtailment from the unanticipated curtailments generated back on April 17-18, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Akron Mobile Home Resident Kay Green mentioned that the condemned trailer at 14 Wesley Drive has been removed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh to go into an executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 7:40 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED

E. PETER FORRESTEL
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH
DARIN S. SCHULTZ
JOHN W. NORTON

- AYE
- AYE
- AYE
- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Norton to come out of the executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 8:27 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED

E. PETER FORRESTEL
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH
DARIN S. SCHULTZ
JOHN W. NORTON

- AYE
- AYE
- AYE
- AYE

On motion of Middaugh and seconded by Schultz at 8:28 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CLERK