

October 6, 2025

RESOLUTION duly moved by Norton and seconded by Schultz to go into an executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 6:38 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 Schultz and seconded by Norton to come out of the executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law 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

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, Darin S. Schultz and John W. Norton; Village Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Sarah Michel, Chief of Police 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 asked for a moment of silence for Richard Baron, career Sheriff, 20 year part-time Police Office for the Village, and a Councilman for the Town of Newstead and for Delores Whiting wife of Donald Whiting, a past Mayor and Trustee for the Village. Please pray for both families.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 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	\$	46,137.28
Electric Fund	\$	78,804.44
Water Fund	\$	3,398.67
Sewer Fund	\$	5,013.02

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 that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Jason Herring	6 Washington St	Roof	\$50.00
Akron Boy Scouts	Various locations	Temporary Signs	\$ 0.00
Sam Villafranca	168 East Ave	Roof	\$50.00
Adam Swendsen	11 Bloomingdale	Roof	\$50.00
Mark Kidder	2 Front St	Roof	\$50.00

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

PUBLIC HEARING – was held at this time to hear any and all persons for the purpose of addressing the 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant Program. Village Clerk DeTine read the Proof of Publication and asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak, hearing none, the Clerk reminded all in attendance of the many recent opportunities the CDBG Program has provided to the Village such as: Mill Street reconstruction/Mechanic Street mill and pave project, Waterline loop on Skyline Dr, Main Street ADA sidewalk apron and crosswalks for the Village Central Business District, Village Hall ADA front entrance project, along with the Rural Transit Van Service program shared jointly with the Town of Newstead and the Town of Clarence. Discussion was held regarding the wish list of projects for this coming year such as: bike path crack seal and repave on the section between Jackson St and Hake Rd, Shepard Ave mill and pave, Sidewalks on Main Street between Church St and Townsend St, State St, Front St, and Fassett St replace water line and mill and pave and the annual Rural Transit Van Service Program shared jointly with the Towns of Newstead and Clarence.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Schultz to close the 2026-2027 Community Development Block Grant Program be and hereby is closed at 7:10 pm.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – was held at this time to hear any and all persons for the purpose of addressing the proposed referendum to amend the Service Award Program for the Akron Fire Company Volunteers. Clerk DeTine read the Proof of Publication and asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak, hearing none, the Clerk explained that the Village would like to increase the Service Award to eligible firefighters from \$650.00 per credited year to \$1,200.00 to stay in line with the Town of Newstead Service Award. If the proposition is approved at the upcoming Special Election on December 2, 2025, the increase would become effective January 2026.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Norton to close the Public Hearing for the proposed referendum be and hereby is closed at 7:17 pm.

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 – Nothing new to report.

Electric Substation Upgrade – Public Works Manager Jon Cummings reported that the Village will be doing the civil work for the project such as transformer pads, trenching, etc. Also, the Herbert F. Darling Inc will be installing the 16 helical Foundation piles in the near future.

State Street Bridge – Nothing new to report.

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

Water Tank Improvements – Public Works Manager Jon Cummings reported that MRB Group is considering sites to add hydrants on the transmission line.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Legion Agreement moving along.

CLERK – submitted report for September 2025. Reported: Village has collected 97.55% of the tax bills as of October 1, 2025; finalized the FEMA appeal process and hoping to receive balance of reimbursements to close out the FEMA Grant process, Working with Adam Burg on the Insurance Renewal, With the help from Office Co-workers organized and set up the Team Meeting held September 26, Continuing to work with Municipal Solutions on the Sewer Upgrade Project, Water Tank Improvements Project and the East Avenue Water/Sewer line replacement project. Lastly reported, along with Treasurer Michel attended the 2025 NYCOM Fall Training School from September 15-19 in Lake Placid, NY.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for September 2025 and schedule for October 2025. Reported: Homecoming event went well, scheduled for Halloween and recommended the Board set the hours for Halloween with the siren to blow at 6pm and again at 8pm. 2021 Durango is back in action after having a new motor installed with a warranty of 3yrs or 100,000 miles.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz to approve the Official Trick-or-Treating hours in the Village of Akron Friday October 31, 2025 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm with the Amherst Fire Control/Akron Fire Company sounding the siren to start and end Trick-or-Treating activities be and hereby is approved.

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

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – reported: attended the MEUA/NYMPA Semi-Annual Conference on Wednesday October 1, 2025, working on milling and paving the remaining portion of Newton Ave, continuing to work on the substation substructure for the new transformer, reminded everyone that this Monday is the last yard waste/brush pickup; metal box for the sound system for Russell Park is completed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – submitted report for September 2025. Reported: in receipt of the new State Code Books which will be effective December 2025.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – Excused Absence

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: Spoke with Chief Water Plant Operator Asmus who stated the reservoir is down at least 50” but also stated no advisories are warranted. He also mentioned that John Asmus is working on his pesticide certification.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: HR Committee received the Union response to the Village proposal. The HR Committee will review and then meet with Union Stewards and Union Representative to discuss; participated in the Employee Team Meeting held September 26, 2025, Did mention the new type of paving on East Ave can be slippery when wet, walked around Russell Park to find sites for the two park benches that need a home.

Mayor Perry – reported: NYSDOT did complete the Parking restrictions in the area of John St, Buffalo St, and Main St as per the Village’s request for truck traffic safety, Received letters from the Akron Chamber thanking the Police and Fire Departments for all their help during the Cruise nights, Spoke with Clarence Center Rd resident, Matt Friebaum, who is interested in purchasing 127 Main St. He has completed the refurbishment of another very old home in Clarence and would like to sell 127 Main St to someone who would refurbish it as well.

Trustee Middaugh – Excused Absence

Trustee Schultz – Reported: held a discussion regarding recruitment of Crossing Guards. The Police, Fire, and Emergency Services recommended increasing the time to 1.5 hours for the

morning shift and 1.5 hours for the afternoon shift. Also allowing an applicant to work either the morning, afternoon, or both shifts; changing the probation period from six months to 2 months and lastly to change the pay to a two-step scale. He will attend a Safety meeting for upcoming holiday/summer events on October 23, 2025.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to change the following for the position of Crossing Guard: increasing the time to 1.5 hours for the morning shift and 1.5 hours for the afternoon shift. Allowing an applicant to work either the morning, afternoon, or both shifts; changing the probation period from six(6) months to two(2) months and lastly to change the pay to a two-step scale as per the Police, Fire, and Emergency Services be and hereby be approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS

West Shore Property Development – Trustee Forrestel stated that OB Custom Timber Framing has cleared with 811 and is ready to begin the piers.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Attorney Borden stated he has a few changes to the agreement before presenting the final draft to the Board.

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 – Public Hearing held tonight. A Special Election has been scheduled for December 2, 2025, from noon to nine.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Perry to approve the purchase from Herbert F. Darling Inc in the amount of \$46,546.00 for the installation of 16 Helical Foundation Piles for the substation upgrade 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 moved by Forrestel and seconded by Schultz to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the capital project of **ADA COMPLIANCE AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL UPGRADES NY ROUTES 20, 952A, 5, 93, 16, 391, 391, 62, 240, 277, 93, 324, 270, 425. US ROUTE, 20 AND 62. PIN 5814.03, D265344**, in the Village of Akron located in Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the State will include as part of the of the above mentioned project the **ADA COMPLIANCE AND PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL UPGRADES NY ON ROUTE 93** pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 24, of the State Highway Law, as shown on the contract plans relating to the project and meeting the requirements of the owner, and

WHEREAS, the service life of the adjusted facilities will not be extended, and

WHEREAS, the State will provide for the adjustment of the above mentioned work, as shown on the contract plans relating to the above mentioned project.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Village of Akron approves of the **ADA COMPLIANCE AND**

PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL UPGRADES NY ON ROUTE 93 as shown on the contract plans.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Village of Akron will maintain or cause to be maintained the adjusted facilities as shown on the contract plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Public Works Manager Jon Cummings has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Village Board, any and all documentation that may become necessary as a result of this project as it relates to the Village of Akron, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the clerk of the Village of Akron is hereby directed to transmit five (5) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the New York State Department of Transportation.

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

CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from Charter Communications regarding broadcast changes.

Thank you letters from the Akron Chamber to the Police Department and the Department of Public Works for all their efforts for and during the Cruise nights.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Kay Green representing Daughters of the American Revolution asked for the firefighters’ names who were involved in the bus accident on the 90 this past August, as they would like to present them with an award. Clerk DeTine will contact Fire Chief Haist with Kay’s contact information.

Trustee Forrestel commented that the Herbert Darling of Herbert F. Darling Inc. was a lifelong friend of his father Richard Forrestel and also was the driving force to bring back the American Chestnut Tree after the fungal disease referred to as chestnut blight killed nearly all mature American Chestnuts back in the early 1900’s.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Norton to go into an executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 8:05 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 Norton and seconded by Schultz to come out of the executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 8:14 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 Schultz and seconded by Forrestel at 8:15 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK