

January 5, 2026

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to go into an executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 6:35 pm be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to come out of executive session regarding the collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law at 7:01 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- 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 7:02 pm. Present: Mayor: Brian T. Perry; Trustees: E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, Darin S. Schultz and John W. Norton; Village Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, Police Chief Richard Lauricella, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, and Code Enforcement Officer Michael 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 December 15, 2025 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	DARIN S. SCHULTZ	- 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	\$	73,458.68
Electric Fund	\$	128,139.40
Water Fund	\$	20,451.16
Sewer Fund	\$	6,076.32
Capital Projects	\$	42,000.00

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- 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:

Mike Koziej	42 Crescent Dr	Roof	\$50.00
William Griffin	10 Jackson St	Garage	\$826.00
Jean Mann	169 Skyline Dr	Windows	\$50.00

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

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

Joseph Laughlin	165 East Ave	Temporary	\$50.00
Allen Thomas	20 Mechanic St	Renewal	\$50.00
Maxx Equities	32-42 Westgate Ave	Renewal	\$50.00
Pixley's Development	81 Buell St	Renewal	\$50.00
Whiting Door	113 Cedar St	Renewal	\$150.00
Guy's Subs	6 Clinton St	Renewal	\$50.00
Michael Schmidt	Knapp Rd Apartments	Renewal	\$100.00
Cloisters/Meadows	Westgate Ave	Renewal	\$250.00

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	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 applications for a Plumbers License for the year 2026 be and hereby are approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$75.00:

Richard Petschke	Alden, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Timothy Harris	Clarence Ctr., NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Sean Harris	Clarence Ctr., NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Bradley Rehwaldt	Akron, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
James Frey	Clarence Ctr., NY	Renewal	\$75.00
William Penepent	Basom, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Michael Dollendorf	Tonawanda, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
David Muskopf Jr.	Cheektowaga, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Adam Thompson	Depew, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Charles Lett	Elma, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Joseph Castle	Lockport, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Richard Kuhns	Lockport, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Ricky Hale	Batavia, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Dan Loudenslager	Clarence, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Daniel Greene	Lancaster, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Steven Bower	Clarence Ctr., NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Jeff Miller	Tonawanda, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
James Swanson	Niagara Falls, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Joseph Marchitte	W. Seneca, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Patrick Leary	Buffalo, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Sean Towlson	Lockport, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
William Mekarski	Akron, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Anthony Cellino	Elma, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Gregory Zakrzewski	Gasport, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Gary Flanders	Tonawanda, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Michael Reed	Tonawanda, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Salvatore Musso	Williamsville, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Dean Smith	Lancaster, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Darren Eggleston	Tonawanda, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Salvatore Alaimo	Buffalo, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Dave Twandowski	West Seneca, NY	Renewal	\$75.00

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

PUBLIC HEARING – None

APPEARANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PROJECT REPORTS –

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – waiting on Eric from Clark Patterson Lee with the close-out letter for the project.

Electric Substation Upgrade – waiting on bolt patterns for the new concrete.

State Street Bridge – Still on schedule for January bids. Clerk DeTine stated that #2 Reimbursement Request has been submitted.

East Avenue Water/Sewer Line Replacement – Conference Call on January 8th at 10:00 am with MRB Group, Mayor Perry, Trustee Forrestel, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings and Village Clerk Jayne DeTine to discuss questions regarding the project.

Water Tank Improvements – Village Clerk sent in 3rd Reimbursement Request.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – After being out of Town for the Holidays, it was nice to come home to our Village where we can appreciate all the services provided.

CLERK – submitted report for December 2025. Reported: scheduled and hosted the Defensive Driving School Training for employees; continuing to work with Municipal Solutions regarding the Water Storage Tank Improvement project, and East Ave Water/Sewer Line Project as well as working with NYS regarding the State Street Bridge replacement project.

CHIEF OF POLICE – submitted report for December 2025 and schedule for January 2026. Reported: “Light Up Akron” Christmas event and the New Year’s Ball Drop all went well, although the crowds were smaller than last year; Older Ford suffered minor body damage while parked at school unknown how it happened. All Officers completed their annual training and all qualified. Would like to talk about changing the hours of winter parking.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER –reported: Working with a company named Empire Fiber Internet who would like to use our electric poles. Airosmith Development is a company that presented a proposal for pole licensing, engineering and process management services directly related to the Empire Fiber Internet objective. Kudos to the DPW employees who have worked together during this recent bout with snow. New flagpole was installed in Russell Park which will also double as the New Year’s Eve Ball drop mechanism. Hoping to get the new F600 truck in February. Lastly new employee, Cody Lotz started work today.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – submitted report for December 2025. Reported that the new State Code went into effect December 31, 2025.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY – Reported in Work Session held earlier.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Norton – reported: attended the New Year’s Eve Ball Drop event and mentioned it went well but definitely a smaller crowd this year. Thanked the Church for the use of their building to make hot chocolate. Heard many great comments on the new flagpole.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: Thankful for all the volunteer work invested in the New Year’s Eve Ball drop event.

Mayor Perry – reported: Thanked Jon Cummings for informing the Board about Empire Fiber Optics proposition to bring fiber internet to the area. Jon will schedule them to come to the next Work Session. Kudos to the DPW for all their work during the Holiday events on Main Street, especially with the installation of the sound system along Main Street. Thanked Legislator Chris Green for the grant for the sound system. Will begin to hold interviews for the position of Code Enforcement Officer and Water Plant Operator.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Wanted to thank the DPW Department for all the preparation done before the New Year’s Eve event due to the snow fall right before the event.

Trustee Schultz – Reported: Appreciate the Emergency Service Manager, APD, AFC for keeping on top of the weather in regards to holding the New Year’s Eve event. Will be meeting with all those departments to schedule and discuss the upcoming summer events. Thanked the DPW for helping to clear the tree off the road on Skyline Drive. Recommended to approve the AFC Active Member Applications from Dustin Karl, Hailey Rogacki, and Kyle Regan as per the Police, Fire and Emergency Services Committee.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Middaugh to approve the AFC Active Member Application from Dustin Karl, Hailey Rogacki, and Kyle Regan 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
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OLD BUSINESS

West Shore Property Development – Timber framed shelter is complete, next steps to complete are the concrete floor, lighting/outlets, paving the parking lot and pathways to shelter and sidewalk.

American Legion/LL Tillman – Attorney Borden contacted Scott to get the status of the Contract and Lease for this project. Scott will send both out 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 is scheduled to begin in late winter early spring.

Solar, Wind, Battery Storage Moratoriums – Nothing new.

E-Bike Legislation – Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Norton to approve the step increase for Electric Apprentice Brandon Windnagle from Grade 12 Step 2 to Grade 12 Step 3 effective his anniversary date of January 2nd as per the recommendation of Public Works Manager Jon Cummings be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
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	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
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CORRESPONDENCE –

Letter from Environmental Facilities Corporation informing the Village of Akron that it was not selected for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA) for the East Avenue Waterline replacement project but is eligible to apply for the next round of the program.

Letter from Akron Soccer League requesting Akron Police support and road closure for the Annual Kick-it First Soccer Tournament scheduled for May 9-10, 2026.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Schultz and seconded by Norton to approve the request of the Akron Soccer League for Akron Police support in road closure for the Annual Kick-it First Soccer Tournament scheduled for May 9-10, 2026 be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
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PUBLIC COMMENT – Trustee Forrestel would like to remind the Planning/Zoning Boards to remember to review the fence regulations as they update the Zoning Code.

Kay Green representing DAR Chapter for Akron/Newstead informed the Board that firemen from Akron and Newstead were honored for their actions at the bus accident on the thruway last summer.

Resident Pat Mangan was interested in the new Manufactured Housing Development on Hake Rd and Clarence Center. Was interested in viewing the SEQR for that project and the Joint Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Akron and the Town of Newstead.

ACS Superintendent Andrea Kersten wanted to thank Emergency Services Coordinators for the help with keeping the school informed of the weather event during the Christmas week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Held earlier.

On motion of Schultz and seconded by Norton at 8:00 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK