



VILLAGE OF AKRON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 15TH 2025

The Village of Akron council meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Council members present: R. Huizar, T. Nusz, T. Tait, D. Meyer missing M. Strasz

Employees present : S. Bills, K. Vollmar, M. Hasso and clerk C. Wilson

Motion by D. Meyer to approve March 18th, 2025, council meeting minutes, T. Tait supported the motion. Motion passed all favor.

Motion by T. Nusz to approve March 25th, 2025, Special council meeting minutes, D. Meyer supported the motion. Motion passed all in favor, with corrections.

Motion by D. Meyer to approve the bills, obligations and payroll as presented, totaling 36,084.96, T. Tait supported the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

R. Huizar asked about the quotes for hydrant repair, R. Huizar also asked for volunteers to help put together the policies and procedures manual, there were no volunteers. It was decided that R. Huizar and C. Wilson will have to do them. R. Huizar was also asking for ideas for a FUN DAY for Akron, any ideas, maybe a flashlight tag. M. Wilinski suggests a reading event and gives participants a T-shirt or cup with the village logo on it as an incentive. Bank in Akron would do popcorn for the event. Fairgrove village willing to help. R. Huizar also asked D. Meyer if her son would be willing to do a fishing charter for next summer. D. Meyer would ask.

R. Huizar asked what the councils' thoughts were on a deputy clerk or office manager maybe 2 days a week to help with the office burden to keep the village in compliance.

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R. Huizar said there will be a crackdown on the blight in the village and wants to know if the council would like it posted on the website, sign in front of the village office and on the Facebook page. T. Nusz suggests putting a sticker on the next water bill.

M. Mitin will be resigning, he gave a name for a replacement (David Danielson) he will work part time for \$26.00-\$27.00 an hour, this will keep us in budget. R. Huizar gave David permission to go ahead and do MColes because of the time frame. He would be able to start in July. M. Mitin and David both said they would do their best to make it a smooth transition. No council member would make a motion to hire him as R. Huizar noted that if we wait, we will not have a chief of police. R. Huizar asked the council if they needed to meet him, she sent every council member a text with NO response. T. Tait said he wasn't going to hire a police chief without laying eyes on him. M. Mitin spoke very highly of D. Danielson in the police report.

Public works moved the Goodchild beans from Mill St. also received estimates for a repair on Beach St that should have been Kemp responsibility, but they told DPW they did not have time to fix the repair. Cooper will be able to fix it for us in a timely manner for \$3050.00. DPW also got a quote for the Fire Hydrant repairs of \$62,325.00 for 10 hydrant replacements. T. Tait talks about the Hydrants visually look terrible in the village with the bags over them and not operable. T. Tait it is in the best interest of the village to get these hydrants replaced or repaired if the funds are available. It was discussed that if they are repairable to get them repaired and not replaced to save the village money, everyone agreed. T. Tait asked Shane about how to get all of them fixed, Shane responded that you don't know what you are getting into until you start looking at them. Every hydrant has a shut-off Co-Op also stopped by the village office asking about a water shut off in the winter, they spoke with Marv and Shane about the water still being on, they were told the water would only go off if both valves were shut off. It was their responsibility.

Motion by T. Nusz to repair the water leak/ sink hole on Beach St. T. Tait supported the motion. All in favor, Motion passed.

Motion by T. Tait to accept the bid from Cooper Excavating to repair/replace 9 hydrants in the amount of \$62,325.00 or less. D. Meyer supported the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. It is also noted that there is a 40-day lead time. If Cooper gets close to the cost of the repairs/replacement of the fire hydrants council will

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reevaluate. Marv suggested that Coopers look at the most vulnerable hydrants first to repair/replace those first.

R. Huizar asked for a Special Meeting on Tuesday the 22nd to meet David Danielson for the police chief at 6:00 p.m., and every council member agreed.

Goodchild will have a certified letter sent out with an invoice for the bean removal in the amount of \$3277.28

Shane will look at the waterfall at the park memorial and check to see what it needs to get it operating. We also received a street sweeper quote from the Village of Fairgrove in the amount of \$125.65 per hour and this will be done by a Village of Fairgrove employee.

Fire report: there will be fire training on April 28th. Brush pile on Judd Rd needs to be burnt. Marv was in talks with Fairgrove of a possible merger of the departments to help reduce costs. Possibly put a sign up on Judd Rd about dumping certain items.

Treasurers report: Kay met with Christy in Fairgrove to assist in adding water bills to taxes. T. Nusz asked about how the training was going, Kay said there were 4 videos, and she didn't think they were very helpful, and they were too long. Christy also said that the council needs to grant C. Wilson permission to receive the tax payments for Kay and to put them in her mailbox. Kay also said she would like to focus on taxes right now, D. Meyer agreed. R. Huizar said that R. Cline from the treasury dept. is a good resource for helping with the treasury things. T. Nusz also asked to see the bank statements to see where we are with those, Kay responded she cannot access those accounts. T. Nusz said you need to be able to get into those accounts so we can see those statements.

Motion by D. Meyer for the clerk to receive tax payments and dispersing to the correct mailbox for the treasurer. Supported by T. Tait. All in favor, Motion passed.

Motion by T. Nusz to accept the resignation letter by M. Mitin (Chief of Police). Supported by T. Tait. All in favor, Motion passed.

Motion by T. Nusz to hire Schulze, Oswald, Miller, & Edwards PC (SOME CPA) for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2025, in the amount of \$14,475.00, with the ARPA reports at an additional cost. T. Tait supported the motion. All in favor, Motion passed.

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Old business R. Huizar wants some items added to the web page such as the Budget, clerk's name change, names of all council members, financial reports, March minutes.

Motion by T. Nusz to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., Supported by T. Tait. All in favor, Motion passed.

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