

## VILLAGE OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>,2025

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

Council Members Present: R. Huizar, M. Strasz, T. Nusz, T. Tait, D. Meyer

Employees Present: C. Wilson, S. Bills, M. Hasso

Motion by D. Meyer to approve the Village of Akron council meeting minutes for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, supported by T. Nusz (with correction of 9 fire hydrants instead of 10). All in favor, no nays motion passed.

Motion by M. Strasz to approve the Village of Akron Special Council meeting minutes for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. D. Meyer supported the motion. All in favor, no nays, motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A resident asked if there was an ordinance in place about moving a trailer house onto a property of an unoccupied house, because he wants to live in it and renovate the property, he is on at the same time, but wants to sell the home he currently resides in. It was brought up about people living in campers on properties throughout town.

The resident claimed to have talked with our zoning administrator and the resident said that his reply was "BEAUTIFUL". R. Huizar said she would talk to the zoning administrator and check the ordinance and get back to him.

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Motion by T. Nusz to approve the bills, obligations, and payroll; as presented in the amount of \$22,107.91. M. Strasz supported the motion. All in favor, no nays, motion passed.

Motion by D. Meyer to accept the resignation letter from Michael Kay Vollmar as the Village of Akron Treasurer ending date of May 30<sup>th</sup>,2025. T. Nusz supported the motion, All in favor, no nays. Motion passed.

Motion by M. Strasz to remove Michael Kay Vollmar for all Northstar Bank Accounts and CDs. T. Nusz supported the motion, All in favor no nays. Motion passed.

Motion by T. Tait to hire April Kangas as the new Treasurer of the Village of Akron immediately, T. Nusz supported the motion, All in favor no nays. Motion passed.

Motion by T. Nusz to add April Kangas to all the Northstar Bank accounts including the CDs. M. Strasz supported the motion, All in favor no nays. Motion passed.

Motion by T. Nusz to add April Kangas to the Team One Credit Union CDs account, M. Strasz supported the motion, All in favor no nays. Motion passed.

Motion by T. Tait to pay \$200.00 to the new Village of Akron Treasurer, April Kangas to complete the delinquent Utility Billing to be put on the Summer 2025 Tax Roll. D. Meyer supported the motion, All in favor no nays. Motion passed.

R. Huizar talked a bit about her and M. Strasz attending a leadership conference, which they both thought was beneficial. R. Huizar also talked about how the Treasurer interviews went. R. Huizar said that there was a lot of talk about how well our DPW guy was doing and she and the council commended him on a job well done. R. Huizar also asked the council what their thoughts were about a town hall meeting. R. Huizar asked the council to get the meetings planned there were required of them.

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Fire report indicated that there is no burn ban now. The Fire Chief also said that he did discuss more about a merger with the other nearby departments. T. Nusz asked about the tornado alarm and M. Hasso said it is not working. M. Hasso said he talked with someone about the siren and was told that most people will receive an alert on their phone or TV before someone can get to the siren to push a button. M. Hasso also talked about an App called Code Red if you put in your address, you can be alerted of present dangers.

The treasurers report asked if the council would approve a L4029 (Truth in Taxation) paperwork and Millage form. R. Huizar said she will not sign anything if you are not able to tell what it is.

DPW report D. Meyer asked about the park and the old poles on the driveway at Ringle road. S. Bills said he thought it would look a lot better if he just took them out. There was concern about people driving on the grass and S. Bills said if they wanted to get on the grass they could anyway. S. Bills did hang tags at 12 residences for blight, he did enter some of the properties and mow but, it was discussed about giving more time to the residents to be able to mow their own properties before we entered the property, possibly a week's notice. The lawnmower that S. Bills is currently using was discussed. The mower does not ride well and could possibly be a safety hazard. S. Bills was asked to see if he could get some quotes on a new mower and what we could get for the current mower. S. Bills said he thought we should at least get half of our money back from the old mower. S. Bills was asked by the council to get at least 3 different quotes. S. Bills also asked if he could get rid of the DPW phone he has, he only gets spam calls on it and he would rather use his own phone. It was also asked by D. Meyer where we were with Cooper's and the hydrant repair, S. Bills said we were about 3 weeks out yet and it would take about 2 hours for each hydrant to be repaired or replaced.

M. Strasz suggested an idea for the park fence around the ball field to be replaced, to get a quote for the fence. Possibly approached local farmers

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and businesses to donate to the project and in return have a banner made up with their logo and company name to be put up on the fence around the ball field.

M. Hasso also said his water certification would run out sometime in October and that he will not be renewing it providing the water test outcome of S. Bills.

Police Report was read by C. Wilson. Activity was at a minimum. M. Mitin obtained 2 Spartan armored vests from the Federal Government; they were funded by the Homeland Security Grant. Fairgrove signed a liquor permit for the beer tent in Fairgrove on Labor Day weekend. Andrew, a student from AFHS did a ride along, school approved on 05/05/2025. The background packet for David Danielson was turned over to the background investigator. The new charger is coming along the Dell laptop is getting installed and M. Mitin is working on donations for the laptop mounting device from the MSP. M. Mitin also got 2 new Motorola in car radios valued at \$8500.00 each donated by the MSP. They have reprogramed them for Tuscola County; new face plates would have to be purchased for them at a cost of less than \$300.00 each. M. Mitin will be ordering 3 chargers, holders, & batteries for the new Motorola handheld radios that were donated by the MSP. These radios were a savings of \$1800.00 for the police department.

Clerks report talked about a Blight Letter sent to a resident for a dangerous and hazardous building located on Main St. The owner of that building did call back and said that it was not a danger to the public, C. Wilson asked him to attend the council meeting with a letter from a contractor stating that the council would go from there. David Goodchild letter containing the invoice for the bean cleanup was returned to sender. We are still waiting for the title to come back with a signature for the new police charger. Resumes were accepted by 3 applicants for the Treasurer position. SOME CPA sent a Audit and Objectives Service packet for council to review.

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Back to public comment a resident asked if the fireman and police would be available Labor Day weekend, when asked why the resident wanted to know if they would be willing to donate time for cleanup after the weekend festivities. Alvin Vollmar was questioned about planting grass seed on Lynn St stating that he did and took position of the village street (part of Lynn St to the North of the Ironhorse bar). By blocking the street off and planting grass seed. R. Huizar told him he cannot just claim a street; he claimed to have had it given to him by M. Hasso, who said that he was no longer maintaining that part of the street. R. Huizar told A. Vollmar that you cannot just take property or encroach on property that isn't yours. A. Vollmar also said that he obtained a lifetime lease from the RR for an easement in that same location to have campers and tents put there during the Labor Day festivities. R. Huizar said that A. Vollmar needs to provide some kind of paperwork for proof of ownership. At that point the meeting started getting heated, so R. Huizar told him time was up. There will be no more discussion.

Motion by T. Nusz to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. M. Strasz supported the motion, no nays. Motion passed.

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