



VILLAGE OF AKRON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 17, 2025

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

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

Employees Present: M. Hasso, S. Bills, A. Kangas, D. Danielson C. Wilson

Motion by M. Strasz to approve May 23rd, 2025, Special Council meeting minutes. T. Tait supported the motion. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion carried.


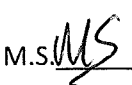
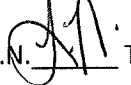


Public Comment: None.

Motion by M. Strasz to approve bills and obligations and payroll as presented, totaling \$36,070.86. T. Nusz supported the motion. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion carried.

President's Report: Council discussed S. Bills getting a raise. D. Meyer asked if he passed both his water tests; R. Huizar said he passed one and missed the other one by 4%. It was a lot to take both tests in one day. T. Tait said to give him a \$2.00 raise, M. Strasz agreed. D. Meyer said why not \$1.00 now and the other \$1.00 when he passes his other test? The council agreed that S. Bills does a fantastic job and that he deserves the \$2.00 an hour raise now.

Motion by M. Strasz to give S. Bills a \$2.00 an hour pay increase beginning the next biweekly payroll, supported by T. Tait. All in favor 0 Nays 5 yes. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: It was discussed that the picnic table that was donated to the park was very heavy and not easy to move, eventually it will go under the pavilion. There were pictures of miscellaneous items at the DPW building that S. Bills would like to have cleaned up and removed. S. Bills also asked what to do about the leaf pickup. It was asked if it was any good? D. Meyer said we need that leaf pickup. S. Bills said maybe have the residents bag their leaves and he will pick them up that way. D. Meyer said I am not bagging my leaves. There was also a confiscated Moped in the building along with some old fire hydrants. It was discussed by the council that S. Bills uses his discretion if the items are salvageable, maybe sell them or junk the

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items. Use what is necessary and clean up the area. Put the cement stops down at the park. Possibly move some stuff to Judd Road so the village DPW looks better.

Motion by M. Strasz to use the best discretion and to speak with R. Huizar about what to do with the items at the DPW building, supported by T. Nusz. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion carried.

Fire Report: There was a presentation to the Fire Board about a possible merger for the local Fire Departments. In possibly 2 months there will be another meeting to discuss further details. Fairgrove Township is on board with merger ideas and K. Gebhardt will write some grants for the possible merger. The merger is thought to save about \$50,000.00 on turnout gear and equipment. Each Entity has the ability to decide what is best for their communities. There are issues of possible break-ups, but M. Hasso said we all do everything together now, like events. R. Huizar said we learn by example.

When doing the Judd Road burn training the 5" front swivel intake on Engine 11 was not working properly. M. Hasso said the list price was \$1400.00 for the part he could get it for \$984.80 plus labor. It was also brought to the council's attention that residents can burn leaves at their homes, M. Hasso said EGLE changed this a while back. Do not burn leaves in the streets.

Motion by T. Nusz to approve the repair of Engine 11, supported by M. Strasz. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion carried.






Treasurer's Report: The Monthly Report was presented in its entirety. The council was very impressed with the report by A. Kangas, it was very professional. It was also mentioned by A. Kangas that this is the only village that does not impose a 1% Admin fee on the resident's tax bill. A. Kangas also said that we cannot have our tax account in an interest-gaining account. A. Kangas also presented the 5 foreclosures in the village with the opportunity for the village to purchase any of those properties. A. Kangas presented the Right of Refusal to the council.

Motion by D. Meyer to add the Resolution to Impose the Property Tax Administration Fee in the tax year 2026 for the 1% Admin Fee, supported by T. Tait. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Tait to approve the tax account to be moved to a noninterest bearing account, supported by D. Meyer. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Tait to accept the Right of Refusal to the foreclosed properties, supported by M. Strasz. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion carried.

Police Report: D. Danielson stated that he goes through his class on July 7th, hopefully he will have his McColes reinstated by then also. David was unsure of the case load and was asking about getting things caught up when he and J. Holsapple are here. The new charger, they are waiting for, the radios and computers, D. Danielson, said we need to get the car finished. M. Mitin asked the clerk to get a new desktop for the office because the one they have now is outdated. C. Wilson asked D. Danielson if there was anything specific, he needed, he said it would be just basically for writing reports and checking videos (body cam and cameras). D. Danielson said we can just get quotes and go from there. D. Danielson said he hopes to be ready by the 15th of July to start work. C. Wilson read the monthly Police Report. D. Danielson

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asked what the council would like to see for police coverage on Labor Day weekend to please let them know and what to expect.

Clerk's Report: C. Wilson presented the March 2025 financial statement from Nietzsche & Faupel. C. Wilson also presented to the council a date that SOME CPA would be doing their audit, it will be August 13th and the 14th. It will be a two-day process. C. Wilson presented the information on the insurance coverage for the new John Deere lawnmower. Also was the invoice to Kemps for the Beach St water main repair, which they were not happy about receiving. C. Wilson also asked the council to look into the new BS&A software program. C. Wilson presented the information along with a quote. It was discussed that Eric Kline would be able to help us with a grant to cover the initial cost to get up and running if we were able to maintain the cost every month. C. Wilson said we would be able to eliminate the QuickBooks account with savings of approximately \$2000.00 a year and also eliminate the Nietzsche & Faupel CPA account with savings of approximately 8-10 thousand dollars a year. The new version of BS&A is approximately 10 thousand a year.

This proposal was tabled pending further quotes and grants.

C. Wilson also discussed getting a postage meter in the office to cut costs with postage and the time it takes to stamp all the water bills. It was just a discussion pending further information on the cost of renting a postage meter.

Water service rates will increase \$1.00 a month for all residents. M. Hasso said he will have a rural water analysis done again.

Old Business: M. Hasso said he would get the signs for NO DUMPING at the park and on Judd RD.





New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Motion by T. Tait to adjourn at 7:57 PM. D. Meyer supported the motion. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Charlynn Wilson
Akron Village Clerk

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