

VILLAGE OF AKRON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 15TH 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: D. Danielson, M. Hasso, S. Bills, C. Wilson.

Guests Present: Kemps Tiling Associate.

Motion by T. Nusz to approve July 8th, 2025, Park and Committee & Ordinance Council Meeting minutes, M. Strasz supported the motion. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Meyer to approve June 17th, 2025, Regular meeting minutes, T. Nusz supported the motion. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Kemps tiling presented a check to the council for a refund of services in the amount of \$2113.70 performed by them in November of 2024. Kemps refunded the money spent by Village of Akron because we sent them an invoice for the \$3050.00 for repairing Beach St water leak that Cooper Excavating fixed. Coopers said the sink hole was a result of a continuous leak in the repairs made in November. Kemps said that the hole was dry when it was covered. They said they did not do faulty work and the bill for the Cooper fix was a slap in the face. Kemps said that they did try to help with suggestions for other companies to come in and do the repair, but you have Cooper Excavating now and I hope they do a good job for you. We will end our relationship with you. T. Nusz said we have had a lot of individuals to help take care of these issues and we know the infrastructure is deteriorating. I find it unfortunate that we are losing good company. Kemp tiling will not work for the Village of Akron again and was told to tell you to lose their number. If the check is adequate, we are done

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here. R. Huizar stated that we hate this is how you feel, if we would have known this is how you feel, we also apologize.

Motion by T.Nusz to approve bills, obligations and payroll; as presented in the amount of \$24,661.30, M. Strasz supported the motion. All in favor 5 Yays 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Motion by T. Nusz to do a Letter of Understanding for all employees to pay these employees for any unused sick time accumulated at the end of the fiscal year. T. Tait supported the motion. All in favor 5 Yays 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Ordinance # 1600 for Farm Animals, Ordinance # 1370 for Open Burn, Ordinance # 1110 for Weeds, Ordinance # 1420 for Parking, Ordinance # 1410 for Street Openings & Obstructions, Ordinance # 1115 for State of Construction Act, Ordinance # 1210 for Building Codes, Ordinance # 1360 for Dogs, and Ordinance # 1000 for Water were all discussed, and council approved them to be sent to the attorney for further review.

The council did discuss Mutual Aid to be given to Ralph Bills for his efforts in advising S. Bills with DPW work because he was a past DPW employee. S. Bills did say that Ralph can make a certain amount of money in a given month. Minimum wage was discussed; D. Meyer did not like a flat rate of pay. It was tabled for another meeting.

The drain behind the bank was also discussed because it is sinking S. Bills was asked to get quotes for it. The bank will be asked to move their trash can so the garbage truck won't have to drive over the drain until it can be looked at. Top on the drain near Freeman's house, lid needs to be changed it was the only one they had at the time of repair.

S. Bills has been cutting limbs in the village that are hanging out in the streets and over sidewalks. He was told to cut what was needed if it was obstructing a view.

Trash cans at the apartments on Center and Main Streets were discussed because the trash company was having difficulty getting to them if they were on the sidewalk in front on the apartment building along with the cars parking in front of the cans. The owner of the property was asked if she could have her tenants move their trash cans out further into the street in front of the vehicles so the garbage truck can just pull up to them without any obstructions in the way. There may be a need for the apartment to obtain a dumpster for the four apartments, and it would possibly be cheaper for her to have this instead of the trash cans.

The dumpster at the park was filled with car oil and tires, there are signs posted with no dumping, if this continues the council will be forced to have the dumpster removed.

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Police car storage was discussed as M. Mitin would drive the old car home D. Danielson would like to do the same so that he can come in early and just be able to stop at the school on his way through to Akron and not have to come into Akron first and switch vehicles. I will be immediately available by doing this and would check the school in the morning and at the end of the school day. R. Huizar asked about the extra miles being put on the car D. Danielson said I have a 15-minute drive. D. Danielson asked what was going on with the new police car, why was it taking so long? D. Danielson will check on the new car and find out if everything is getting done with it so it will be operational to drive. The council decided that it would be okay for D. Danielson to drive the police vehicle home and if there were any issues they would review it again at a later time.

The President's report has no major complaints, T. Nusz and R. Huizar worked on the Ordinances so they could be presented for review and then sent to the attorney for final review. The Firemen are willing to help with the park getting it into shape. There have been improvements in park S. Bills has removed some old posts and shrubs and it is looking much better. Blight will start to be enforced; a list will be made, and the landowner will receive a letter to get it cleaned up. The letter to the landowner will be certified and pictures will be attached. The Council office is now cleaned and can be used by the Council members at any time. R. Huizar had one stipulation with the Council office that it was to be used only if the President or Clerk are in the office. And nothing is to be removed from that office.

Fire report T. Tait asked if it was addressed about the fire equipment being taken home. M. Hasso replied that yes, that won't happen again. D. Meyer also asked if it was addressed about the backing up of the fire trucks. M. Hasso said that yes there has to be a spotter on both sides of the truck when backing up.

Police report D. Danielson took his class last week and probably Friday will be recertified. He will be here on the week of July 22nd to get access to the computer logons and all the things he needs for access. D. Danielson also said he needs a new desktop for the office. Also, he is trying to get the things needed for the new Charger like radio. He also would like some lockers and there are quite a few things that need to cleaned out too. Saturday D. Danielson and J. Holsapple will do FTO training and hopefully next week be on full law enforcement duty.

D. Danielson said that he will give the council a calendar of his possible work schedule. He is hoping to work Monday handling complaints and Wednesday and Thursday doing normal traffic duties. This will give him approximately 24 hours per week

The Treasures report was presented with no issues

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The Clerk's report was that the road signs on M-138 will be replaced sometime in May of 2026 along with the M-81 and M-142 signs. The signs being replaced will be all non-freeway signs for those M roads.

The S.O.M.E. CPA Audit is scheduled for August 13th and 14th.

We did receive a new proposal for the BS&A application, and it was forwarded to Richard Cline. The clerk did apply for a grant to get the upgrade paid for. The Letter of Intent was presented to them and accepted, so now we wait for approval of that grant, it should be sometime in October or November.

A Soup Supper was brought up and scheduled for Saturday, September 27th from 4-8p.m. or until gone. C. Wilson said she will make Chicken Noodle and Beef Stew and also make cookies and pumpkin rolls. R. Huizar said she would make White Chili and provide salad and rolls. S. Bills said he could make Beef Barley. M. Strasz said he would make Chili. Other Council members said they would help monetarily.

Old business we are waiting on the BS&A grant, and the NO DUMPING signs for the park and Judd Rd.

D. Meyer asked if the council could start their meeting ½ hour earlier so they could discuss the topics. R. Huizar said it's just called a public forum to discuss ideas. M. Strasz asked if they could schedule a Streets and Sidewalk meeting for next month. M. Hasso said they are getting ready at the park for the ball tournament. Marv asked if they could camp at the park, R. Huizar said the park closes at 11 pm. It was also said that they camp up town on Main St during the Labor Day weekend festival. T. Nusz asked D. Danielson if he would be able to address the issue with people living in campers in the village. DPW would like to see if Fairgrove can do our street sweeping.

No New Business

No additional Public Comment

Motion by M. Strasz to adjourn at 8:16 pm. T. Nusz supported the motion. All in favor 5 Yays 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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