



VILLAGE OF AKRON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 19TH 2025

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

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

Employees are present: C. Wilson, S. Bills, M. Hasso, and D. Danielson.

Guest included K. Vollmar and another guest (name unknown).

Motion by T. Nusz to approve the July 15th regular meeting minutes, M. Strasz supported the motion. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nays, motion passed.

Motion by T. Nusz to approve the Bills, Obligations and Payroll report in the amount of \$93,579.86, T. Tait supported the motion. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nays, motion passed.

Public Comment: K. Vollmar presented to the council revised insurance paperwork for Liability Insurance for the Freedom Fest Labor Day weekend.

A resident questioned the council on the Golf Cart Ordinance as to why his daughter was being stopped. Clerk C. Wilson gave the resident a copy of the Ordinance to read through. Police Chief Danielson explained what the repercussions would be if the daughter continued to drive the golf cart on the road.

Police Report: D. Danielson said he answered a lot of phone calls and got a lot of quotes that were needed. Chief Danielson said the new charger should be ready to drive for the Labor Day weekend; we are just waiting for the radars to be installed. Chief Danielson also found decals for the new police car for \$400.00 and had 4 dash cams donated by the Michigan State Police all we need to pay for is the installation. D. Danielson also spoke about the Golf Cart Ordinance and said that we could always follow a 3-strike rule where after the 2nd warning a citation would be issued, it is something to consider. The abandoned Moped has been picked up and is no longer in the way. D. Danielson and M. Hasso also helped an elderly lady get back into her home after locking her keys inside on Cramer Rd. D. Danielson is letting people know of his presence around the school

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drop-off times in the morning be known, people are unsure of how to react with his presence there.

The council has decided to only have Akron Police Department on the decal of the car and on the business cards for the police department. We will get business cards for both officers.

Motion by M. Strasz to give the Akron Fire Department the old radios from the Akron police department, T. Tait supported the motion. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nays, motion passed.

Treasures Report: The treasures report was read by C. Wilson. There were no issues with that report, we will move on to the president's report.

President Report: Guest was still questioning the Golf Cart Ordinance; all his concerns were addressed satisfactorily. D. Danielson left the meeting @ 6:30 pm. R. Huizar presented the council with a quote for refinishing the floor at the park pavilion and the Village Hall floors, she asked that the council think about it. The bill for the plumbing issue at Melinda Newsom's was presented to the council and was also sent to the attorney and MML for review. Akron Township has recommended Richard Sheppard for legal representation, they said they are happy with his service. R. Huizar said we will be calling him to see if he would be able to take us on as a client since we have not had much luck with any correspondence with our present attorney (Adam Flory). R. Huizar said that Chuckie has been with us now for 6 months and that she would recommend a 50-cent raise.

Motion by: M. Strasz to give C. Wilson a 50-cent raise, T. Nusz supported the motion. All in favor 4 Yays 0 Nays 1 nonvote, motion passed.

R. Huizar would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for our employees, and for all their hard work, they go above and beyond.

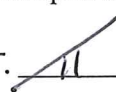
Public Works Report: Peerless Midwest did their yearly inspection for the service and testing of 2 wells and pumps. S. Bills did get 1 quote for the repairs of N. Main St from Mr. Asphalt, and he will continue to get more quotes for the resurfacing of that street. S. Bills did have a community service helper with him for a few days, that went very well. S. Bills also ran internet wiring to the park to see if we could get a better camera service over there. A quote from Yeager Asphalt was presented to resurface the tennis court, it will be discussed more at a later time.

Fire Hydrant replacements are done and repaired. Water testing has been done after the water was shut off to the Village, these samples came back as negative.

Two blight notices were sent out to residents for the weed overgrowth on their property.

The gas and diesel usage and the Hirshman Oil billing were not corresponding, and it has been addressed.

Fire Department Report: The accident at Vassar and Fairgrove Rd was discussed, it was a horrific crash. It was discussed about a therapist coming out and talking with everyone. Some seem to be

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fine after that accident, others not so well. M. Hasso talked with Katie Brown about an on-call therapist, and the council agrees that it is needed for our first responders. An EAP program can be very helpful to those struggling and is confidential. This program will be for all employees the cost would be in person \$60.00 an hour or \$25.00 for a phone consultation. T. Nusz says this program is needed and there should be no cap on its existence, and it should be renewed yearly. The cost up front is \$1000.00, and funds can be added if necessary. T. Tait asked if it comes strictly from the fire fund or general fund? D. Meyer said we should split the cost 3 ways for all employees' benefit, fire, police and general funds. M. Hasso will let them know we would like to get set up with the EAP program right away.

Motion by: M. Strasz to purchase 1 set of Tech turnout gear and 1 set of Rescue turnout gear in the total amount of \$4850.00, motion supported by T. Nusz. All in favor 5 Yays and 0 nays, motion passed.

Clerk's Report:

Motion by: T. Nusz to approve the Nietzsche & Faupel letter of Engagement for their services for the year ending March 31st, 2026, supported by M. Strasz. All in favor, 5 Yays 0 Nays, motion passed.

Utility bills for the 5 vacant homes that are up for auction were sent to the treasurer's office in Caro and were paid up to date in the amount of \$2135.92 by the Caro Treasurers office.

SOME CPA was here August 13th and 14th for our annual audit, when they left on the 14th it seemed all was good.

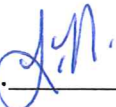
Old Business: The Soup Supper is still scheduled for September 27th from 4-8 pm or until it is gone. T. Tait did provide a monetary donation towards the cost of supplies.

Ralph Bills has been discussed again what we as a council can do for him for all his committed time in assisting with DPW. Ralph said he doesn't care he just likes to help. D. Meyer asked if we should pay him something monthly or yearly? D. Meyer said I wouldn't want to insult him by saying a number. T. Tait said possibly \$300.00- \$500.00. R. Huizar said I will just buy him a gift card, T. Tait agreed with that.

Waiting on BS&A approval, once approval is here it will be about \$9000.00 a year to keep it operational.

New Business: An alert will be sent out for the closure of Main St August 30th and 31st from 9am-8 pm. during the Freedom Fest on Labor Day weekend. The street will close on Main St from Lynn to the bank parking lot entrance on Main St. Chief Danielson and J. Holsapple will be helping with the blocked streets.

Public Comment: None

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Motion by: T. Nusz to adjourn the council meeting at 7:30pm, T. Tait supported the motion. All in favor 5 Yays 0 Nays, motion passed.

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