



VILLAGE OF AKRON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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JULY 21ST, 2026

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, T. Nusz, M. Strasz, J. Carr, T. Tait

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

Guests: Local Firemen, Mr. and Mrs. Reder

Motion by T. Nusz to approve June 16th, 2026, Council meeting minutes. M. Strasz seconded the motion. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion passed.

Motion by T. Nusz to approve bills, obligations and payroll as presented, totaling \$23,143.98. J. Carr seconded the motion. All in favor 0 Nays 5 Yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Mr. And Mrs. Reder were at the meeting to ask permission to cut the curb in front of their home on Emery St. S. Bills said he would take a look at it, the council agreed that if there was no interruption of water flow near a drain it would be okay for them to cut the curb. The Reder's were also concerned about a car always parking backwards on School and Center St. They asked if someone could look into this, Chief Danielson said he would talk with the individual.

Police Report: Definitely staying busy. Chief Danielson asked if anyone sees children riding bikes, e-bikes, or mopeds on the streets that he be notified. LEAN is now up to date. Chief Danielson showed the council a flyer on 2 Flock Cameras for our area. The cost for these cameras would be around \$3500.00 a year, he would ask if the county could help with this cost.

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T. Tait is absolutely a NO vote on the cameras and J. Carr is also a NO vote. There be a discussion on Flock cameras later. This will be in Unfinished Business at the next meeting.

Treasurers' Report: C. Wilson gave the council the monthly report and all the numbers match and look good. The Northstar CDs were renewed. The Team One CD will be discussed about its performance when it comes up for renewal near January 2027.

Presidents Report: I would like to thank our employees again; they always do a great job. We were turned down for another Grant, but we will keep on trying to get better water for our village. We had a Foam dance party at the park on July 20th which was a good turnout, and I think everyone enjoyed it. Thank you, Chuckie, for the popcorn and drinks. We have a couple in the Village that will be having a movie night at the park on August 13th. They will be providing popcorn and hot dogs for everyone to enjoy. Chuckie will be providing the drinks, hope to see everyone there. The police chief and I will be at the elementary school open house handing out a little goodie bag for the kids returning to school. We had Miller Seal repair the pavement on N Main St and the spot located in front of the village hall.

Freedom Fest is scheduled for Labor Day weekend; Main St will be closed for this event. We had an issue with the village hall being rented to one of our firemen, I am assuming that is why all the firemen are here at this meeting. If you rent the meeting room at the village hall, you do not rent the fire hall regardless of your status as an employee. The fire trucks and their equipment cannot be used for joy riding during a birthday party. T. Nusz made the point that you are welcome to come here and check equipment, cleaning or whatever you do, but we do not combine a party with work. No kids are to be in the trucks joy riding. T. Tait said absolutely not to have a joy ride with children in our fire trucks. The firemen were here to pick apart the idea that the council was refusing to let any children look at the trucks, that was not what the council was saying, they were simply stating that in their bylaws you cannot use village property for you own personal use. R. Huizar ended the conversation by saying their time was up.

Moving on to other topics. The Firemen have their ball tournament at the park on Labor Day weekend and wanted to add a couple bounce houses as an activity. It was questioned whether this would interfere with the Bean Festival at the same time. The Bean Festival charges for the bounce houses and the firemen will not charge as the bounce houses were donated. Chief Hasso said that we really don't get a lot of people at our tournament so he thinks it will not be an issue. The question was asked about the amount of electricity being used for the village and the village gets nothing in return all the money goes to the fire department. Assistant Chief Scott Schember said that he would like to have a licensed electrician come in and rewire the concession stand so it would not blow breakers. He said his brother Brian who would donate the time and work for it to get done at no charge. Bounce houses were okayed to have at the park for the firemen ball tournament during the Labor Day weekend.

We need to talk about the Employee Handbook; it does not have any Comp. time in it. Do we pay this out or let it accumulate over time or just simply pay overtime? An employee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday July 29th, 2026.

Motion by T. Nusz to have Brian complete the electrical upgrade at the park concession stand at no charge to the village. J. Carr seconded the motion. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion passed.

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Public Works Report: S. Bills has been very busy with the grass cutting and brush pickup in the village. Shane also installed new door locks around the village hall for security and new LED lights in the lobby of the hall. The new cameras were installed at the park, they work great. We had some trees removed and 23 stumps removed from the park by Kappen tree service. We had a water tower inspection done on the 21st of July and we will get the results of that inspection in about 3 weeks.

Fire Report: There were 7 fire runs this month. The firemen completed their training on brush truck and aerial operations. Replaced all 6 batteries on Engine 11. Still waiting to hear if we made it through the first round of AFG grant evaluations. We did not get the Firehouse grant; there were more than 1100 applicants and only 77 grants were made. Maintenance and small repairs on apparatus and equipment, 2 valves and a nozzle motor need to be replaced on the Quint, Chief Hasso will get estimates to the council. We will have our ball tournament Labor Day weekend.

Clerk's Report: BS&A is fully operational now; I had 2 weeks of in-house training for the new system. We will eliminate Quickbooks completely.

Unfinished Business: Still in the process of finding a Building Inspector/Hearing Officer for a dangerous building on Main St.

New Business: S. Bills asked if he could purchase 2 new toilets for the bathrooms at the park and would also like to replace the front door panic bar with a new one at the village hall.

Motion by: T. Tait to have Shane purchase 2 new toilets for the park bathrooms up to \$750.00. J. Carr seconded the motion. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Motion by: T. Tait to have Shane purchase a new panic bar lock with a passcode and key fob for the front door of the village hall for up to \$400.00. M. Strasz seconded the motion. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nats. Motion passed.

Public Comment: T. Nusz asked about the police presence during the Labor Day weekend FreedomFest. Chief Danielson said that he and J. Holsapple would be there on Friday. They would overlap their hours on Saturday and at times would double up along with Sunday. Monday Chief Danielson will be here. They will be at FreedomFest and also be present at the Bean Festival that weekend.

Motion by: T. Nusz to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm, seconded by T. Tait. All in favor with 5 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Charlynn Wilson
Akron Village Clerk

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