

**VILLAGE OF AKRON**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 18, 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

**Employees Present:** M. Hasso, S. Bills, K. Vollmar, M. Wilinski

Motion by T. Nusz to approve January 21, 2025 Council Meeting minutes with the correction of adding the word “potentially” on page 3. M. Strasz supported the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Strasz to approve February 4, 2025 Special Council Meeting minutes. D. Meyer supported the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Strasz to approve February 6, 2025 Special Council Meeting minutes. T. Nusz supported the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Meyer to approve February 13, 2025 Special Council Meeting minutes with the correction of replacing the word “by” with the word “at” on page 1. M. Strasz supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** A. Vollmar was told 21 years ago that he couldn’t put a building on his property and that he had to go by commercial use rules for mixed use property. He wanted to know why another resident could on residential. J. Dickinson, our zoning administrator, told A. Vollmar that what happened 21 years ago doesn’t apply because our current zoning ordinances were approved and adopted in 2012. J. Dickinson said you can’t live on commercial property, but you can live on mixed use property if the county approves a certificate of occupancy. J. Dickinson said that permits for building a house all come from the county and that the Village doesn’t dictate that. A. Vollmar said that there was $2,000 worth of damage to the ball diamond in the park by the fire department. He asked if the fire department was going to fix it. R. Huizar said that A. Vollmar no longer has the right to maintain the ball diamond and that DPW will be maintaining it from this point forward. M. Burke said that the new DPW employee has had multiple DUI’s and said that all the vehicles had to have blow devices. R. Huizar said that is false information. M. Strasz said that it was nonsense.

**GFL Waste Disposal Presentation:** D. J. from GFL reviewed the bid that was presented to the council. He explained that every time they are in town they will touch base with someone and deal with any complaints. He said all their employees are local, so they care. He explained that they also have a Full Circle program that they get grants to help organizations in the area. J. Dickinson said GFL never missed a day of pick up during Covid and he gives a vote of confidence to them. Another resident said that he has never had GFL deny a large item or large amounts of trash.

**Bills, Obligations & Payroll Approval:** Council asked the clerk about what a few of the bills pertained to, including Abadata, KISM, and Grasel Graphics.

Motion by T. Nusz to approve bills, obligations, and payroll as presented, totaling $20,563.57.

M. Strasz supported the motion. Motion carried.

**President’s Report:** Filling the open clerk position was tabled until the end of the meeting. R. Huizar asked how S. Bills training was proceeding. M. Hasso replied that he was doing good. M. Hasso said that he is performing some of the water tests, snow plowing, and doing meter reads among other things.

**Public Works Report:** The frozen water on S. Main is fixed. The cause was an animal burrow. There was an electrical issue on the plow truck that had been fixed. Plowing complaints were reviewed and dealt with. DPW was told not to pile snow on the vacant property next to 4263 Center Road. We still own the parking lot by Clint’s, so we still plow it except for a car length amount by the fence.

**Fire Report:** There were 3 fire runs in January. DNR wildfire training with Fairgrove on 2/21. There is a spaghetti fundraiser dinner on 2/23. Dump tank and frame purchased by the firefighters will be installed on the Quint this month.

Motion by M. Strasz to purchase G4 pager from Unification for $598.50. T. Nusz supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** K. Vollmar asked for a membership to Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association for $99.00 and to attend training sessions at $30.00 each. She was also reminded that all delinquent water, sewer, and trash utility bills need to be put on the property taxes. She said she will correspond with Fairgrove to help her figure out the process.

Motion by M. Strasz to approve Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association membership for $99.00. T. Nusz supported the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Nusz to approve the purchase of 4 prerecorded training sessions for $30.00 each. M. Strasz supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Police Report:** A paper was submitted showing what other cities are offering their police officers.

**Clerk Report:** In addition to the GFL presentation, a quote from Emterra was presented. Additional quotes were requested that did not include recycling from both companies. The council was informed of corrections on paperwork from 2024 that were made with MML unemployment, there is a $24.51 credit with them. December 2024 Financial report was presented. D. Goodchild certified letter was returned. The council requested that the clerk send a final warning certified letter to have the beans cleaned up. The clerk suggested that we start emailing water, sewer, and trash bills to the residents. The council asked for feelers to be put out to see if anyone was interested. There is a statewide minimum wage increase. The street administrator needs to be changed to the new DPW employee. The owner of one of the Akron Facebook pages wanted to know if anyone was interested in taking over the group or she was going to shut it down. No one was interested.

Motion by T. Nusz to increase minimum wage employees to $12.48 per hour beginning February 21, 2025. M. Strasz supported the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Strasz to remove Max Burke as Street Administrator. T. Nusz supported the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Strasz to approve Shane Bills as the new street administrator. T. Nusz supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** D. Meyer recommends we hire C. Wilson as the new clerk. Discussion followed. Motion by D. Meyer to hire Charlynn Wilson part-time pending background check at $16.00 per hour and beginning February 19, 2025. M. Strasz supported the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** A. Vollmar asked for clarification on the ballfield issue. R. Huizar said that DPW will be taking care of the ballfield from now on.

Motion by M. Strasz to adjourn at 7:58 PM. T. Nusz supported the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Wilinski

Akron Village Clerk