

VILLAGE OF AKRON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2023

The October 17, 2023 Akron Village Council Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. followed by Roll Call:
Council Present - R. Huizar, T. Nusz, M. Strasz, D. Meyer, R. Hill
Employees Present: DPW/Fire Chief M. Hasso Jr., Treasurer S. Valentine, Clerk S. Hadaway
Guests Present: A. Vollmar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by M. Strasz, seconded by D. Meyer to approve the Akron Village Council Minutes of September 19, 2023. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Vollmar discussed the motorcycle bike run. He showed example of what parts of the Village property he is requesting to use. Lynn Street (gravel part) both sides, and also the grass area in front of Northstar Bank. D. Meyer stated that she had heard that when Mr. Forman came to use his building he could not get in and there were people using his electricity without his permission. R. Hill stated that he would approve one side of Lynn but unsure of both sides. R. Hill also stated that there will have to be a \$3 million dollar policy for insurance needed for bike run, with the Village of Akron as additional insured.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by R. Huizar, seconded by T. Nusz to approve the agenda adding Resolution #2023-1017 to new business. Motion Carried.

BILLS

Motion by R. Huizar, seconded by M. Strasz to approve the October bills totaling \$80,452.74. Motion Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

R. Hill reported that D. Queen has resigned. He was the new DPW Supervisor. He left due to a new job with higher pay and benefits. R. Hill also reported that M. Hasso has been researching dump trucks and has found four that they will bid on with the Village Council approval.

TREASURER REPORT

None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

M. Hasso discussed the water project. There will be no water project, the State recalculated the scores and the Village of Akron did not qualify for a good percentage of the grant. He also stated that the State of MI will make the Village put in a new well, generator and treatment center. More land will also have to be purchased. M. Hasso also discussed the resignation of D. Queen. He stated that the Council should consider posting this position in December and get them stated after the first of the year. He also questioned Council what 6-7 curb stops and 7 hydrants do you want repaired. Council stated to begin with the worst ones and go from there. He also stated that a new water sample had to taken and sent in. Motion by R. Huizar, seconded by M. Strasz to approve M. Hasso to bid up to \$70,000. Motion Carried.

POLICE REPORT

R. Hill reported that the Police Funds will go into a escrow account until a Police Chief is hired. The Council would like a copy of the job posting for Police Department. They also requested a resignation letter for M. Mitin. Clerk was asked to request from Council some questions from M. Simerson. Should he come in every week (how many days) can he still complete Salvage Inspections. Motion by M. Strasz, seconded by T. Nusz for M. Simerson to come in periodically and do his salvage inspections and also any court cases. Motion dies. Council requested that R. Hill speak to M. Simerson regarding his position.

CLERK REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

T. Nusz discussed the Police Committee Meeting. R. Hill had stated that he wanted to do an interview for Police Chief on Monday (October 23, 2023). However, T. Nusz stated that the two Police Chiefs that were going to be of assistance at the interviews had not been contacted. Interviews were postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Meyer requested the other Police Car be put away. Also questioned if there are letters going out to J. Dickinson and R. Duke. M. Hasso stated he will handle this, and also speak to J. Dickinson regarding pond. D. Meyer also questioned the status of the N. Main Street house. Nothing has been done. Building Codes will have to handle. M. Hasso will contact them as a Fire Chief to get house determined Dangerous. Then the Village can begin taking steps to remove home.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Meyer questioned having one other member on the Employee Committee. It was stated that this can't be done, and just President and Pro-Tem are allowed to be on.

Motion by T. Nusz, seconded by R. Huizar to approve Resolution #2023-1017 regarding opposing any legislation preempting local control for Solar and Wind Developments. Motion Carried.

Two Committee Workshops were scheduled:

Budget Workshop - Monday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.

Employee Handbook Workshop - Monday, Nov.20 at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Vollmar stated that he would come back with a map and the correct paperwork regarding the bike run. If everything is done can Council approve. It will also have to be approved by Police (re: alcohol) and also have a description.

As there was no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shari Hadaway".

Shari Hadaway

Akron Village Clerk