

March 19, 2007

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:32 P.M. Present: Deputy Mayor Michael R. Middaugh; Trustees Carl E. Patterson, E. Peter Forrestel and William P. Kaufman; Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn, Esq. and Superintendent Robert Kowalik.

Deputy Mayor Michael Middaugh led the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel, seconded by Kaufman, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2007 with the one correction noted by Trustee Forrestel be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
 E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
 MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
 WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Kaufman, seconded by Forrestel that the audit of bills is approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay same in accordance with the following abstract of audit vouchers:

General Fund	\$42,159.51
Electric Fund	\$75,819.02
Water Fund	\$10,330.70
Sewer Fund	\$18,041.74
Capital Water	\$1,025.00
Capital Sewer	\$3,800.00

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh, seconded by Patterson, that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the applications and approval of the Building Inspector:

Chad Cummings	240 East Avenue	Garage	\$125.00
Chad Cummings	240 East Avenue	Front Porch	\$25.00
Scott Wieszala	22 Franklin Street	Garage	\$154.00

PUBLIC HEARING – was held at this time to hear any and all persons for the purpose of rezoning of SBL# 47.14-1-1 – 38 Jackson Street from Industrial to Residential. The Clerk read the proof of Publication and asked if anyone wished to speak. Village Attorney, Daniel D. Shonn explained that notice has been sent to Erie County and Town of Newstead March 7th, 2007 and has a waiting period of 30 days before final action can be made. He also explained that a SEQR was completed for the Comprehensive Plan and zoning changes and recommended adopting Negative SEQR based on same information as Comprehensive Plan SEQR. The property consists of 17 acres of land.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Patterson, seconded by Kaufman that the Public Hearing with regard to the rezoning of SBL# 47.14-1-1, be and hereby is closed at 7:45 p.m.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
 E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
 MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
 WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Kaufman, seconded by Patterson to adopt a SEQR Negative Declaration based on information from the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Changes adopted February 26, 2007.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

APPEARANCES – No one was scheduled to appear.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No one appeared to speak.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Washington/Liberty Streets Waterline Replacement Project – on hold until spring of 2007.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments

VRI – Ken Scherrieble was unable to attend this evening’s meeting. Trustee Forrestel was in receipt of the February 2007 VRI Report, which showed that the wastewater treatment plant improved its efficient capacity by 30-45%.

Clerk-Treasurer – The Board received the Clerk’s Report for February 2007, together with the March 2007 office schedule.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Patterson – Asked for an executive session to discuss Human Resource issues relating to personnel.

He received a revised report from Wendell Duchscherer regarding the joint Department of Public Works facility with the Town of Newstead.

Trustee Patterson showed the Village Board an article in the Buffalo News Sunday Paper regarding an approach to reduce taxes on their water system being looked at by the City of Lockport.

Deputy Mayor Middaugh – Being the last meeting as Deputy Mayor, Mayor Middaugh began with a thank you for everyone’s support during the last six months especially Robert Kowalik and the entire staff of the Department of Public Works and the staff of the Village Clerk’s office for doing a great job during the October 2006 storm.

He is continuing to work on the grant application for the Jackson Street drainage project with help from Village Engineer Keith Marquis.

Awaiting grant monies from Mike Cole for Village generator and 4 wheel utility vehicle for the Akron Police Department.

Trustee Forrestel – Wanted to begin by thanking the Deputy Mayor Middaugh for a job well done during the October 2006 storm and the entire six months as Deputy Mayor.

Forwarded the Water/Wastewater Committee meeting minutes from March 5, 2007 meeting via e-mail.

Trustee Kaufman – Calendar is set for the joint training for Planning and Zoning Board Members with the Town of Newstead.

He reported the compost site will be opening March 31, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

Crittenden Road Well Spill Claim – Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn stated he would like to discuss in Executive Session.

Village Map – Received a quote from Village Engineer Keith Marquis. Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn recommended that the Village obtain more quotes.

Inter-municipal DPW Facility – As reported by Trustee Patterson a revised report from Wendall has been submitted.

Patricia Curto – Nothing new.

Zoning and Planning Board Training –As reported by Trustee Kaufman the calendar has been set for the Zoning and Planning Board Training.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh, and seconded by Kaufman to excuse any Planning and Zoning Board Members with engineering degrees from Planning and Zoning Training.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

Letter from Theresa Subsara of 747 Genesee Street re: connecting to the Village Transmission Line. Trustee Forrestel referred situation to Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn who then spoke with Theresa Subsara regarding issue. Ms. Subsara stated her neighbor would be interested in connecting as well. There are several neighbors who are already customers with Akron.

VRI Agreement – Trustee Forrestel reported that Ken Scherrieble will present the Village Board with a draft agreement to review.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh, and seconded by Forrestel that Charles Rebmann be and hereby is moved to Grade 13 Step 2 effective March 18, 2007.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

Trustee Forrestel, on behalf of the Village Board, wanted to extend condolences to the Huff family. Richard Huff, retired Village of Akron Water Plant Operator died on March 9th. His son Daniel Huff served as Akron Superintendent of Public Works for several years prior to his retirement.

The Village Board is in receipt of an Updated Village Mapping Proposal from Marquis Engineering.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Robert Kowalik received a press release from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the approval of a new 50 year operating license for the New York Power Authority’s Niagara Power Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Janet Lindquist questioned the Board about the Village Electric allotment and why the Village cannot receive more. Superintendent Robert Kowalik answered that 42 other municipalities share the allotment and extra energy is not available, but there is an allotment that industry could obtain through the Industrial Development Agency. The Village has inquired about wind and or hydro power to find another source for inexpensive electricity. Also, Mr. Kowalik mentioned when the weather spikes high or low the electric usage spikes as well. Public Works Department Secretary, Sydnee Shepard questioned what heating source Kurt Schie’s Development would be using? Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn responded with gas heat.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh, and seconded by Patterson, authorizing the Board to go into executive session at 8:14 pm to discuss personnel issues, be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh, and seconded by Patterson, authorizing the Board to come out of executive session at 9:09 p.m., be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel, and seconded by Patterson, that Robert Lucia be and hereby is moved to Grade 13 Step 3 effective March 20, 2007.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh, and seconded by Patterson, that Bradley Baer appointed to the position of Apprentice Lineman in the Electric Department at the rate of Grade 12 Hire Rate \$16.98.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
E. PETER FORRESTEL - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
WILLIAM P. KAUFMAN - AYE

On motion of Middaugh, seconded by Forrestel, at 9:12 P.M., this meeting was ADJOURNED.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER