

February 14, 2011

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 5:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson, Trustees Michael R. Middaugh, Kathryn A. Capan and Brian D. Wittlinger; Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn and Clerk Treasurer Daniel P. Borchert.

Mayor Carl E. Patterson led us in the pledge to the flag.

The Akron Fire Company presented the slate of Firematic Officers for 2011 for consideration. Fire Chief – Dan Kowalik; 1st Assistant Fire Chief – Josh Haist; 2nd Assistant Fire Chief – Gary Baehr; 3rd Assistant Fire Chief – Rick Lobur; 4th Assistant Fire Chief – Peter West; EMS Captain – Donna Miller; Commanding Officer – Tom Lobur; Warden – Aaron Tandy.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Capan seconded by Middaugh, that the slate of Firematic Officers for 2011 as presented by the Akron Fire Company: Fire Chief – Dan Kowalik; 1st Assistant Fire Chief – Josh Haist; 2nd Assistant Fire Chief – Gary Baehr; 3rd Assistant Fire Chief – Rick Lobur; 4th Assistant Fire Chief – Peter West; EMS Captain – Donna Miller; Commanding Officer – Tom Lobur; Warden – Aaron Tandy be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED CARL E. PATTERSON - AYE
MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE
KATHRYN A. CAPAN - AYE
BRIAN D. WITTLINGER - AYE

Trustee E. Peter Forrestel entered the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Mayor Patterson commented on the process that was under taken by the Akron Fire Company in coming to this decision regarding the 2000 aerial truck. The value is there that this piece of equipment adds to the future of the Akron Fire Company, but it should also add value and to the future of all the surrounding Fire Departments in the area. We need to start looking at building a partnership with all the surrounding departments to see how they can all work together for the entire community. He would develop an EMS Committee that would have representation from the Village of Akron, the Town of Newstead, the Akron Fire Company, the Newstead Fire Company, Disaster Coordinators and some citizen volunteers from the community. This committee would be an 8-10 person committee that would report back to both Boards on a quarterly basis. He would like to see the Akron Fire Company complete the revisions of their by-laws and work together with the Newstead Fire Company in preparing a joint strategic master plan for the fire district. He would like to stress that he is all in favor of providing the right tools so the fire department can safely serve this community, but at the same time they have to understand that they need to serve in the most cost effective manner possible. In today's economy all organizations are trying to become more efficient without adding cost. Resident Doug Ceisner made a comment that agricultural district is exempt from paying the fire tax and is concerned that the fire district tax will be going up to help pay for the new truck. The fire company stated that they have all their financing in place and the new purchase will not affect the fire district tax. Mayor Patterson wants to be clear that if he was challenged on the approval of the spending that this was the right piece of equipment for the community and not careless spending.

The following RESOLUTION was duly moved by Forrestel seconded by Wittlinger:

1. Background:
 - A. Approval required by the Village of Akron Board of Trustees per the Akron Fire Department contract dated June 01, 2008;
 - B. Approval required by the Town of Newstead in accordance with their contract that expired on December 31, 2010;
 - C. Public presentation by the Akron Fire Company on February 7, 2011 and an opportunity for public comment.

2. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Akron resolves to approve the purchase of a 2000 Pierce/Dash used aerial truck currently located at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport for a price not to exceed \$450,000 in acquisition cost.
3. Resolution is conditional on the approval of the Newstead Town Board in accordance with their contract.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KATHYRN A. CAPAN	- AYE
	BRIAN D. WITTLINGER	- AYE

On motion of Capan, seconded by Middaugh, at 6:10 p.m., this meeting was
ADJOURNED

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER