

April 27, 2009

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 6:36 PM Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson; Trustees Michael R. Middaugh, Kathryn A. Capan and Brian D. Wittlinger; Clerk-Treasurer Daniel P. Borchert and Superintendent Robert Kowalik.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – was held at this time to hear any and all persons for the purpose addressing the proposed 2009-2010 Village Budget. Village Clerk-Treasurer Daniel P. Borchert read the Proof of Publication.

The budget holds the property tax rate at \$5.75 per thousand. The refuse rate will stay the same at \$46.00 per quarter based on our current contract. The Village has applied funding for the purchase of public works equipment not to exceed a loan payment of \$20,000 per year for five years. The holder will be paid off in this budget year for \$25,845. The BAN for the Main Street Storm Sewer project will be paid in full during this budget year for \$28,350. Employee contract cost increased 3.0%. Village of Akron health care cost increased 14%. The Village will apply \$50,000 of fund balance to a reserve fund for the Joint Public Works Facility.

The Village water rate is set at \$7.75/1000; easement rate is set at \$9.6875/1000 and outside residential customer's \$11.625/1000. The easement rate is determined at 125% of the Village rate and the outside residential rate is determined at 150% of the Village rate. Village residential water usage has dropped over the past eight years from 71,000,000 to 63,000,000 (8,000,000) gallons. Village industrial water usage has dropped as well from 33,000,000 to 27,000,000 (6,000,000). This accounts as \$94,500 of lost revenue to the water fund based on the old water rate of \$6.75/1000. Current water usages are as follows: Village Residential: 63,000,000; Village Industrial: 27,000,000; Easement: 1,900,000; Outside Residential: 320,000. The Village has started a program to update our oldest meters for more accurate readings. Water fund property taxes increased by \$27,000 in Genesee and Wyoming Counties from last year to \$115,000. Employee contract cost increased 3.0%. Village of Akron health care cost increased 14%. The water fund is applying \$0.05/1,000 gallons (\$5,000.00) consumed to be set aside in a reserve fund and applied to the Joint Public Works Facility. The average residential water customer uses 14,000 gallons per quarter and they can see an increase of \$14.00 per quarter. The new rates will go into effect with the October 15, 2009 billing.

Trustee E. Peter Forrestel entered the meeting at 6:41 PM.

The sewer fund rate is set at \$5.00/1000. The sewer rates are applied based on water consumption and the reduction in water volume accounts as \$52,500 of lost revenue to the sewer fund based on the old sewer rate of \$3.75/1000. The average residential customer can see an increase of \$17.50 per quarter. Employee contract cost increased 3.0%. Village of Akron health care cost increased 14%. The sewer fund is applying \$0.05/1,000 gallons (\$5,000.00) consumed will be set aside in a reserve fund and applied to the Joint Public Works Facility. The sewer rates are applied based on water consumption and the average residential customer can see an increase of \$17.50 per quarter. The new rates will go into effect with the October 15, 2009 billing.

The Village just completed an electric rate study with the NYS Public Service Commission and the new rates went into effect on January 1, 2009. This was the first electric rate increase since 1978.

The Clerk asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak. Resident Doug Ceisner had comments pertaining to plumbing permits that was referred to our Code Enforcement Officer; the distribution of elected official's salaries throughout the budget; elected officials eligibility for benefits; Code Enforcement Officers budget; separate line item for the Main Street sidewalk snow removal.

There were no others who appeared to speak regarding the proposed 2009-2010 Village Budget.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Capan, and seconded by Middaugh that the Public Hearing with regard to the proposed 2009-2010 Village Budget be and hereby is closed at 6:51 PM

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh adopt the 2009-2010 Village Budget with the property tax rate set at \$5.75/1,000 assessed valuation; The Village water rate is set at \$7.75/1,000 gallons used; easement rate is set at \$9.6875/1,000 gallons used and outside residential customer's \$11.625/1,000 gallons used; The sewer rate is set at \$5.00/1,000 gallons based on water usages.

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

The Human Resource Committee conducted interviews last week with the intention to hire an Apprentice Lineman to replace Brad Baer. They interview 7 candidates and would like to recommend the appointment of Donald Kreher, III to the position.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to approve the appointment of Donald Kreher, III to the position of Apprentice Lineman effective April 28, 2009 at the Grade 12 Hire Rate

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

On motion of Capan, seconded by Forrestel, at 6:58 PM, this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER