

June 2, 2008

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 6:02 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson; Trustees E. Peter Forrestel, Michael Middaugh and William P. Kaufman; Attorney Daniel D. Shonn, Clerk–Treasurer Daniel P. Borchert, Superintendent Robert Kowalik, and Chief of Police Richard Lauricella.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh, seconded by Kaufman, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2008 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	\$ 4,412.75
Electric Fund	\$ 66,976.32
Water Fund	\$ 4,111.14
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,352.60
Capital Water	\$ 673.38
Capital Sewer	\$ 152.49

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

PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled

APPEARANCES – No one was scheduled to speak

PUBLIC COMMENT – Douglas Ceisner from 100 East Avenue appeared before the Board with winter snow cleanup questions such as; what is the cost to the Village to remove the excess snow from Main Street Business District which generally takes place twice during the winter months; including overtime for employees, equipment, etc.? Why is this procedure done only in the Business District when other businesses in Akron clear their own sidewalks and remove excessive snow piles at their own cost? Mayor Patterson explained that the snow is removed from the Business District as a safety measure and because of the limited space in that area. He also reminded Mr. Ceisner that the Businesses are still responsible to clear their sidewalks; the Village just clears away the excessive snow piles. As for the Public Work Department employees, Superintendent Kowalik added that the employees work a night shift instead of their regular day shift eliminating the need to pay overtime.

Trustee, Kathryn A. Capan, entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Ceisner also spoke with Chief Lauricella regarding a charge placed against him by John Weeks. Chief Lauricella explained to Mr. Ceisner that the charges were dropped and his record is clear of that charge. Mr. Ceisner requested a letter stating his record is cleared of that charge. Chief Lauricella agreed to send the letter.

PROJECT REPORTS –

State Street Bridge – Nothing new to report

John Street Waterline Project – project has begun and is going well.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

Attorney – Nothing at this time

Clerk-Treasurer – The Board received the Clerk’s report for May 2008, together with the June 2008 office schedule. Prepared and mailed the Village Tax Bills, Refuse Bills and Electric Bills on May 31, 2008. Reported that the Village Hall Exterior Trim has been replaced and waiting for delivery of the cupola to complete the project.

Chief of Police – The Board received the Police Report for May 2008, along with the schedule for June 2008. Chief Lauricella reported that; Officer Scanio will be off for a month, new tires were placed on Police car 90, and he is looking into pricing to replace car 90. Lastly, Chief Lauricella updated the Board on the recent rash of car larcenies in the Village. Police have an idea of the suspects but need proof to place any charges.

Supt. of Public Works – The Board received copies of Superintendent Kowalik’s May 2008 report. Superintendent Kowalik recommended moving Robert Lucia from Grade 13 Step 3 to Grade 13 Step 4.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Kaufman to move Robert Lucia from Grade 13 to Step 3 to Grade 13 Step 4 on the recommendation of Superintendent Robert Kowalik be and herby is approved.

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

Also, recommended to send two Public Works Electric Department Employees to attend the MEUA Western Region meeting hosted by the Village of Mayville scheduled June 12, 2008 at \$35.00 each.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Kaufman and seconded by Capan to allow two Public Works Electric Department Employees to attend the MEUA Western Region meeting hosted by the Village of Mayville scheduled June 12, 2008 at \$35.00 each be and hereby is approved.

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

Superintendent Kowalik also stated that several projects were completed last month including: site work at the sewer plant for the new garage, Colony Place storm drain project, the ditch cleaning behind Ford Gum and; have continued framing Clarence Center Road overhead distribution for 3 phase upgrade to supply power to the new Akron Commons Development.

Elected Officials –

JUSTICE COURT REPORT – Board received monthly report from May 2008.

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Capan – Nothing to report

Trustee Middaugh – Nothing to report

Mayor Patterson – Explained that the earlier meeting time this evening resulted in a Joint Village/Town Meeting held this evening at 7:30 p.m. Also, requested a brief executive meeting regarding personnel issues.

Trustee Forrestel – Distributed the WWWC Minutes from the meeting held May 19, 2008.

Trustee Kaufman – Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Inter-municipal DPW Facility – Attorney Shonn reported that together with Town of Newstead Attorney Nathan Neill a draft is being completed on the Inter-Municipal Agreement.

Rental Regulations – Committee is reviewing information and existing laws from other communities.

Celebration Committee – Trustee Capan reported that most everything is in place for the celebration. The Committee did advertise in the Valu Pak. Next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2008 and Trustee Capan invited Superintendent Kowalik to attend.

Mitigation of Murder Creek – Nothing to report

Sewer Moratorium – Expires June 30, 2008 – Attorney Shonn will have a Resolution to pass at the next scheduled Board Meeting on June 16, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

Request to hang the Walk the Villages banner across Main Street will be completed after the Relay for Life and the July 4th Celebration are complete.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Kaufman and seconded by Capan to allow Clerk-Treasurer Daniel P. Borchert to attend the NYCOM Annual Meeting from June 8, 2008 – June 11, 2008 in Saratoga Springs, NY be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh authorizing Mayor Patterson to sign the contract with Rock Construction for the Capital Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$157,860.00 be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Kaufman to hold a Public Hearing on June 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. to amend Section 122.44 to establish the new sewer rate at \$18.75 for use less than 5,000 gallons and \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons in excess of 5,000 gallons be and hereby is approved.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of Concern regarding the location for the Joint Public Works Facility

Letter of recognition for the Akron Police Department from the Erie County Legislature

Letter from Michael Ranzenhofer regarding the status of the Parkview Drive Bridge

Erie County Computer, Electronics, Textile and Bicycle recycling drop off day on Saturday June 7, 2008 at the GM Powertrain Plant on Vulcan Street between 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT – Norma Bluhm from 142 Buell Street came before the Board to share her strong feelings regarding the possibility of the Joint Public Works Facility being built on the Buell Street site. Mrs. Bluhm really feels that the green space should be preserved for the Village of Akron residents to use and enjoy for generations. She also feels that it would be an unpleasant sight for people entering the Village from Main Road. Mayor Patterson responded that plans have definitely not been finalized and both Boards are still weighing all their options. The Mayor also wanted to convey that letters and concerns from Village residents have been considered throughout this decision process.

Douglas Ceisner from 100 East Avenue stated that he agreed with Mrs. Norma Bluhm’s concerns regarding the Joint Public Works Facility site.

Mr. Ceisner also wanted to mention to the Board that in the future when a new Code Enforcement Officer is hired that they consider hiring a resident of the Village or of the Town or at least a resident of the County, unlike the Code Enforcement Officer in the Town of Newstead.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Capan, and seconded by Middaugh authorizing the Board to go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. 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
KATHRYN A. CAPAN - AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Kaufman, and seconded by Capan authorizing the Board to come out of executive session at 7:44 p.m., be and hereby is approved.

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

On motion of Forrestel, seconded by Patterson, at 7:45 p.m., this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER