

July 12, 2010

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:32 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson, Trustees E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, Kathryn A. Capan and Brian D. Wittlinger; Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn, Clerk Treasurer Daniel P. Borchert, Chief of Police Richard Lauricella, Code Enforcement Officer Donnal Folger and Village Engineer Paul Bowers.

Mayor Carl E. Patterson led us in the pledge to the flag. Mayor Patterson requested a moment of silence in memory of Walter Sutton a Village resident who was very active in his church and Akron Central School. Also, for Candy Kruschke, a music teacher and choral director at Akron Central School. The Village will miss both of these wonderful individuals.

Mayor Patterson also took this time to present a Proclamation to the retiring Officer Farrington known as "Bob Cop". Officer Farrington's career has encompassed 35 years of service and duty. His strong leadership and knowledge of the Village and its people will be greatly missed. The Board thanked Officer Farrington for his many years of service and offered him best wishes for his future endeavors.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel seconded by Capan, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2010 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh seconded by Capan 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	\$ 54,543.44
Electric Fund	\$ 56,557.54
Water Fund	\$ 11,446.12
Sewer Fund	\$ 20,067.88
Capital Street	\$ 19,049.38

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

RESOLUTION duly moved by Wittlinger and seconded by Middaugh that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the applications and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Anthony Schumacher	10 Cedar Street	Siding	\$25.00
Tracy Oakes	97 Buell Street	Garage Roof	\$25.00
Joanne Sweitzer	14 Randy Drive	Roof	\$25.00
Donald Campbell	25 Franklin Street	Roof/Siding	\$25.00
Steven Czechowski	62 Parkview Drive	Back Porch	\$25.00

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

KATHRYN A. CAPAN - AYE
BRIAN D. WITTLINGER - AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – none scheduled

APPEARANCES – none

PUBLIC COMMENT – Sydnee Shepard representing the Celebration Committee wanted to thank the Village Board for all their help and support during the July 4th Celebration. Mayor Patterson extended his appreciation for the wonderful job the Celebration Committee did for the holiday.

PROJECT REPORTS –

State Street Bridge – received a report from Village Engineer Paul Bowers regarding the funding and time line of the project. An estimated start time would be 2015. The Board would like to look at any options to get the bridge useable in the interim.

Joint Facility – Mayor Patterson received reports from Jon Cummings and Tom George. Site development is going very well. Sewer lines will be complete tomorrow and the water lines will be installed next week. Rental Equipment will be returned this week if it has not already been returned. Site work will be completed by next week weather permitting. The Board agreed that the Village and Town Crews did an excellent job.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

Attorney – Mr. Shonn is working on a traffic order which will help solve several parking issues in the Village. Mr. Shonn submitted his comments regarding the draft letter for the Akron Mobile Home Trailer Park master meter program prepared by Village Engineer Paul Bowers. Lastly, Mr. Shonn recommended having a Public Hearing for three properties located in the Village who have received “Notice of Violations” from Code Enforcement Officer Folger.

Clerk-Treasurer – Clerk-Treasurer Borchert informed the Board that his report is not available at this time, but will be available for the next meeting.

Chief of Police – Submitted to the Board his report and the schedule for July 2010. Chief Lauricella discussed the impending retirement of Officer Farrington and the disability of Officer Wood after an auto accident. Officer Wood will be out of work until September 2010. Chief Lauricella reported receiving a grant for a video camera for the station. The 4th of July Celebration went very well and Chief Lauricella gave kudos to the Celebration Committee. Recent break-ins of local sheds have prompted the Chief to urge everyone to lock their sheds as well as their cars.

Superintendent of Public Works – The Board received copies of Superintendent Kowalik’s June 2010 report. Mr. Kowalik is on vacation this week.

VRI – Environmental Services – Ken Scherrieble submitted his report to the Board. The crews are working on cameraing and jetting which has helped find problem areas. Rain Storm System did very well during early June where rainfall was heavy. As per the flow graph the flows show a definite decrease in storm water infiltration. Lastly, discussion was held regarding sludge removal to be completed later this year.

Code Enforcement Officer – Mr. Folger reported that the EPA extended the lead rule until October 2010; Rock has been removed from John Street where a complaint was filed regarding its location; A new vegetable dryer at Agway was the cause of a fire last week; After a complaint regarding the Bottle Redemption Center, Mr. Folger reported the center has been cleaned up. The Center has been extremely busy since they contracted with Wilson Farms resulting in 40,000 returns per week; distributed the Plumbers

License Application and Test to Board Members for review. Lastly, Mr. Folger questioned the Board about his authority regarding the Joint Facility due to its Village location.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Capan – Nothing new to report

Trustee Middaugh –Nothing new to report

Mayor Patterson – Wanted to take a moment to once again thank Sydnee Shepard and Kathy Capan from the Celebration Committee, the local businesses and sponsors for a wonderful July 4th celebration.

Mayor Patterson apologized to the representatives of the Akron Bugle and the Buffalo News for not informing them of the time change for the scheduled work session.

Lastly, would like to thank Village Engineer Paul Bowers for attending this evenings meeting and the great job he is doing for the Village.

Trustee Forrestel – Nothing new to report

Trustee Wittlinger –Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

Mitigation of Murder Creek – Nothing new to report

Village Court – Trustee Wittlinger provided a schedule of the Town of Newstead Court Addition Project. The Town Court should be moving into the Village Hall on Thursday, July 15, 2010. The project is scheduled to be completed by October 2010. Trustee Wittlinger also spoke about rule changes regarding the acceptance of fine monies by the Village office employees. More information to follow

Code Enforcement Officer – Discussion was held regarding the Contract with Town of Newstead for the joint Code Enforcement Officer. Village Code Enforcement Officer Donnal Folger will read the contract and forward his comments to the Board. Mayor Patterson stated that the Board would like Mr. Folger to stay and guide the new Code Enforcement Officer through the Village process.

Akron Mobile Home Park – Village Engineer Paul Bowers presented the Board with a draft letter to the Akron Mobile Home Park regarding the idea of changing out the water meters for one master meter for the whole park. The issue will be discussed at the next Water Wastewater Committee meeting.

2010 New York State Early Retirement Incentive Program – Clerk-Treasurer Borchert presented to the Board a brief presentation of the Incentive Program and how it would affect the Village. The Board decided to hold a public hearing on August 9, 2010

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Wittlinger to hold a Public Hearing regarding the 2010 NYS Early Retirement Incentive Program on August 9, 2010 at 7:30 pm. be and hereby is approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Capan to move Christopher Wargala from Grade 10 Step 4 to Grade 10 Step 5 effective his anniversary date of June 12th on the recommendation of Superintendent Kowalik be and hereby is approved.

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

A discussion was held regarding the request from Akron Central School to use the fire hydrant water to water the athletic fields without being billed for the sewer portion. The Village will install a portable meter to the hydrant to accurately measure the consumption of water for billing purposes. The Board agreed that this use would be classified as water billing only.

Conversation was held regarding the regulations required by the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development. Regulations for the Village Hall Office require two handicapped parking spots, one being van side door accessible. The requirements would limit our regular customer parking to two spots. Attorney Shonn recommended having an architect evaluate the Village parking situation. The Board agreed to wait for the report that Ms. Kuras, representative from USDA Rural Development, would be issuing before proceeding.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Town of Amherst Central Fire Alarm – Semiannual 2010 Operations Report

Letter from Time Warner regarding channel changes

PUBLIC COMMENT – no one appeared to speak

On motion of Forrestel, seconded by Capan, at 8:46 p.m., this meeting was ADJOURNED

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER