

August 6, 2007

A WORK SESSION of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 6:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson, Trustees E. Peter Forrestel, William P. Kaufman, Kathryn A. Capan, Superintendent Robert Kowalik and Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn, Esq.

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:38 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson; Trustees E. Peter Forrestel, William P. Kaufman and Kathryn A. Capan; Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn, Esq., Superintendent Robert Kowalik, Building Inspector Donnal Folger and Chief of Police Richard Lauricella.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel, seconded by Capan, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2007 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Capan, 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	\$ 32,108.47
Electric Fund	\$ 20,576.93
Water Fund	\$ 6,691.81
Sewer Fund	\$ 16,385.44
Capital Sewer	\$ 7,484.27

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

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

Christine Humbert	35 Buell Street	Roof	\$25.00
James Pusateri	36 Buell Street	Roof	\$25.00
Todd & Cheryl Esposito	171 East Avenue	Pool	\$18.00
Mike Charles	146 East Avenue	Roof	\$25.00
Michelle White	17 Crescent Drive	Replace Shed	\$25.00
Ryan Cierzynski	33 Parkview Drive	Roof	\$25.00
John Kelkenburg	29 Randy Drive	Roof	\$25.00
Debbie Muck	8 Buell Street	Roof	\$25.00
Paul Stempniak	21 Marshall Avenue	Roof	\$25.00

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

PUBLIC HEARING – No Public Hearing

APPEARANCES – No one was scheduled to appear.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Norma Bluhm from 142 Buell Street shared her concern about the truck traffic on Skyline and Buell largely resulting from the Crittenden Bridge detour. Mrs. Bluhm also showed concern about the freight in the trucks and wondered if they could be checked. Chief of Police Richard Lauricella stated a road block could be set-up to check truck contents but that would result in major traffic congestion. Without a traffic violation, police officers are not authorized to stop trucks to inspect freight.

Lastly, Mrs. Bluhm questioned the progress of the property on Buell and Skyline. She noted that the silt fence is gone and the weeds are very high. Building Inspector Donnal Folger will speak to the property owners again.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Washington/Liberty Streets Waterline Replacement Project – Still waiting for reimbursement from the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Program.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments

Attorney – Working on the rough draft of the Russell Park Rules which the Village Board will post in the Park. Reviewing the Village of Angola's Landlord license permit process, and lastly recommending a Resolution regarding the Crittenden Bridge

RESOLUTION, Adopted by the Akron Village Board Aug 6, 2007

The Erie County Crittenden Road Bridge is a vital link between the highway system of the Village of Akron and Town of Newstead and our surrounding transportation system. This bridge has been closed since May of 2007. To date Erie County has funded only engineering studies of the bridge and has not allocated funds for the repair of the bridge. Traffic has been rerouted to the State Street Bridge in the Village of Akron which has put additional stress on this bridge. Additionally, Erie County has not acted on the repairs to the Akron Falls Park Bridge which was closed in June, 2003.

The closing of these bridges has both safety and economic impacts on the residents and businesses. School busses, snowplows, and commercial transportation in the Town of Newstead and the Village of Akron require additional miles for simple trips around the Town and Village. Fire and police response times are lengthened and could have an impact on the safety of our residents.

RESOLVED,

That the Erie County Executive, Erie County Legislature, and Erie County Control Board expedite those actions that will fund and carry out the repairs to the Crittenden Road bridge and encourage and support the County departments and contractors so that this bridge can be opened as soon as possible.

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

Clerk Treasurer – The Board received the Clerk's report for July 2007, together with the August 2007 office schedule.

Village Clerk Treasurer Daniel P. Borchert requested an executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

Supt. of Public Works – The Board received copies of Mr. Kowalik's July 2007 report. Mr. Kowalik updated the Board on the progress of replacing poles in the Crescent Drive/Sylvan Parkway area. Residents have been tolerant of the scheduled outages. Mayor Carl Patterson wanted to commend the Public Works employees for

doing such a great job in the Crescent/Sylvan area considering the tight quarters they were working in.

Continued working on the south side Main Street circuit relocation from over the Fire Hall and Renn's Auto Parts and Service. Completed and removed two of the three oldest poles in the system.

Completed annual hydrant flushing as of July 2, 2007.

Mr. Kowalik recommended accepting a formal proposal for engineering services from Marquis Engineering for the storm drainage erosion on Colony Place for \$3,880.00.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel, seconded by Capan to accept the proposal from Marquis Engineering for the storm drainage erosion on Colony Place not to exceed \$3,880.00.

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

Mr. Kowalik recommended moving Robert C. Lucia to the next step after he has successfully completed his six month probationary period.

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel, seconded by Kaufman to move Robert C. Lucia to Step 1 as of his anniversary date of July 23, 2007.

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

Superintendent Kowalik discussed the status of the State Street Bridge and the need to bolster it due to the extra traffic resulting from the closing of the Crittenden Bridge. The bridge needs a major overhaul or a complete replacement, but until the Crittenden Bridge is back in service that project is on hold.

Lastly, Superintendent Kowalik discussed the water main breaks on John Street on July 30 and July 31. Mayor Patterson wanted to thank the employees at the Public Works for a great job, especially on a weekend.

Chief of Police – The Board received the Police Report for July 2007, along with a schedule for August 2007.

Chief Lauricella reported that the number of summons are up due to the increased traffic. Reports of criminal mischief involving slashing tires has been reported, and Chief Lauricella is working on a few leads. Chief Lauricella will be contacting the Crossing Guards to insure that they are still available for the school year. He will also contact Akron Central School to see if they still interested in funding the additional crossing guard position.

Lastly, reminded the Board of the Grant for the 4 wheeler and generator. This has been placed back into the Police committee.

Building Inspector – Mr. Folger reported: 1) drums have been removed from the Bowling Pin Factory. 2) Court proceedings are scheduled for August 15, 2007 regarding the Michael Soika case. 3) Five loads of shingles were illegally dumped on Cold Springs property, Cold Springs later disposed of debris in a dumpster, kids then set the dumpster on fire. A more secure lock was placed on the fence surrounding the area. As a result of this incident, Mr. Folger would like to add “method of disposal” to the present Building Permit Application. 4) Notices of lawn and unlicensed vehicle violations were sent to 84 Cedar Street. Property owner is now deceased which will result in any fees associated with the above violations to go on to the tax roll.

VRI – No report.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Capan – Nothing to Report

Mayor Patterson – Nothing to Report

Trustee Forrestel – WWWC held meeting with Sue Kiester regarding timber harvest.

Trustee Kaufman – will be scheduling an Electric Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Map – Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn noted that CRA Infrastructure and Engineering is making good progress on the new map.

Inter-municipal DPW Facility – Held a meeting today to discuss a scale down version of the original inter-municipal facility as well as other options the Village may have if they choose to stay independent. Another meeting will be scheduled for late August.

Town of Pembroke Water District – Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn has sent out five letters to interested parties with no response thus far.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Capan, and seconded by Forrestel to allow Village Clerk Treasurer Daniel Borchert to attend the Annual NYCOM Fall Training School from September 17 – September 21, 2007 in Saratoga Springs, NY at a cost of \$1,245.00 plus travel.

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

Complaint from Dave and Paula Wood from 26 John Street – Damage due to the water main break on John Street resulting in water running into the residents finished basement. Village Attorney Daniel D. Shonn recommended that the Village file a claim with the Village’s insurance company.

CORRESPONDENCE

Time Warner Cable changes to their Video on Demand service and their Music Choice channels.

Town of Newstead SEQR/SERP Coordinated Review regarding Local Law No 4 of 2007 “Outdoor Furnace Law”.

Town of Newstead adoption of Local Law #2 of 2007 “Windmill Law”.

NYSDEC approval of the \$4,200.00 Restoring Municipal Forest Grant.

Trident Insurance determination regarding Guiseppe’s Pizzeria Notice of Claim.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No one appeared

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Kaufman, and seconded by Forrestel authorizing the Board to go into executive session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss Contract Negotiations be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Kaufman, and seconded by Forrestel authorizing the Board to come out of executive session at 8:44 p.m., be and hereby is approved.

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

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Capan, and seconded by Forrestel to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Akron and Teamsters Local #264.

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

On motion of Kaufman, seconded by Patterson, at 8:45 P.M., this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER