



VILLAGE OF AKRON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20TH, 2026

The Village of Akron Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Council Members Present: R. Huizar, M. Strasz, T. Nusz, T. Tait

Employees Present: M. Hasso, S. Bills, D. Danielson, A. Kangas, C. Wilson

Motion by T. Nusz to approve December 16th, 2025, Council meeting minutes. M. Strasz seconded the motion. All in favor 0 Nays 4 Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Strasz to approve bills, obligations and payroll as presented, totaling \$53,800.12. T. Nusz seconded the motion. All in favor 0 Nays 4 Yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: R. Huizar talked about the Police service increase for the two villages and the township, the only question from anyone was how much it would increase. Typically, the increase would be for the cost-of-living increase.

Police Report: We are still very visible and will continue to be. T. Nusz asked about the police coverage costs for festivals. It was discussed that the festival owner should pay the hourly wage of the police officers for that coverage.

Treasurers' Report: The treasurer has worked on the budget diligently and is redoing the layout of it so it will be easier to read and understand. The treasurer talked about moving the Team One CD to another bank with greater interest rates.

Presidents Report: Things are going great within the village and thanked the employees of the village again for their hard work as always. R. Huizar asked the council members what do you want to see accomplished, what are the goals for the village you would like to see being achieved. T. Tait said he was happy to see the fire hydrants fixed and that was his main goal of accomplishment. M. Strasz said he would like to see better water quality and more community involvement. It was noted that we need to apply for grants, all grants for anything to become

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reality in this village. It does take a village to make things happen. We need to look at grants for the water, DPW building and the streets.

R. Huizar mentioned a raise for Shane and what are the councils' thoughts on this. S. Bills has received all his certification that is needed.

Motion by: M. Strasz to increase S. Bills wage from \$20.00 per hour to \$25.00 per hour effective April 1st,2026, seconded by T. Nusz, all in favor with 4 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Ordinances were placed on the table for further review from the attorney.

R. Huizar went into Unfinished business and talked about the cameras for the park. M. Strasz agreed that we would use the cameras there for security and the safety of our patrons along with keeping our infrastructure safe. We need better quality cameras for the night-time vision quality and be able to get alerts on the phones and the police monitors. S. Bills suggested that the cost would probably not exceed \$3000.00. It was mentioned to add it to the budget so when we are ready for the upgrade that money would be available, and it would be added to Buildings and Grounds and Park funds.

Motion by: T. Nusz to set up a \$3000.00 Fund for the cameras at the park, T. Tait seconded the motion. All in favor with 4 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Public Works Report: S. Bills has been very busy again as usual. He has been doing some work at the Village Hall with painting and trim and new lights. He installed new railings and lighting in the Fire Hall. There was some excessive water usage, and we found a broken pipe that was at a vacant house within the village. Christmas decorations were taken down, and plowing will continue on all streets.

Fire Report: The firemen will have Hydrogen Sulfide training January 26th, 2026.They will be training with Fairgrove and splitting that cost. CPR and AED training will be in February also with Fairgrove. Still looking at Firehouse Subs grants we still need to get current balance sheets as required. Still meeting with Wisner to get our old sections back from them for fire coverage. There is a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser scheduled for February 22nd, 2026.

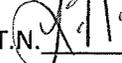
Motion by T. Tait to approve Akron's share of travel costs for H2S training in Traverse City from \$500.00 to \$750.00, seconded by M. Strasz. All in favor with 4 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report: BS&A implementation will go live on January 26th,2026 for the Utility billing and Tax portion of the Cloud upgrade. I will need approval for the Calendar of the upcoming council meetings.

Motion by: T. Nusz for the approval of the Council Meeting Calendar for the year 2026, seconded by T. Tait. All in favor with 4 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Also, a new Employment Contract was written and needed approval for it.

Motion by: T. Tait to approve the new Employment Contract for the Village of Akron, seconded by M. Strasz. All in favor with 4 Yays and 0 Nays. Motion passed.

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We checked into a new program for our first responders. It is called Frontline Strong Together (FST5). It is a free service for all first responders and their families for a wide range of needs such as stress prevention, PTSD and trauma treatment, depression, anxiety, family impact, and overall wellness. This a FREE program for all first responders and family members.

We have received all the information for this program and have set it into place for our village employees.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: T. Nusz would like to see about adding playground equipment to the park.

Public Comment: None

Motion by T. Nusz to adjourn at 7:13 PM. M. Strasz seconded the motion. All in favor 0 Nays 4 Yes Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Charlynn Wilson
Akron Village Clerk

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