

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-8338 FORM NO. 10148

Held \_\_\_\_\_ January 19, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup** called to order the Regular Council Meeting on January 19, 2026, at 7:30 pm in the Village of Fort Recovery Council Chambers to conduct regular business.

**Appointed Council Representative Shawn Thobe was sworn in by Mayor Kaup for a 4-year term.**

**Roll call** was conducted with the following Council members present: Shawn Thobe, Amy Wendel, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Luke Knapke arrived at 7:37pm.

**Also Present:** Aaron Rengers, Erin Abels, Randy Diller, Donald Bird, Roberta Staugler, Neal Spencer and Ray Cooney.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report & Police Report.

**Minutes:** Pearson made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 5, 2026, this was seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

**Mayor:** I attended the meeting last week for the ambulance district, they do have the next ambulance ordered to be delivered in the summer 2028. Cost is \$370K which is \$100K more than the last one. This is the third one, they will order every 5 years. They paid \$37K down to get off 10% up front. It will be a long time till it gets there. They are doing well with money in the bank. They have money that they took from the 501C to use for a down payment until they get property tax money. I will not be here at the first meeting in February.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

RES 2026-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADM TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes

RES 2026-05. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE OPERS CONVERSION PLAN FOR THE CONVERSION OF VACATION LEAVE. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes. *Rengers: Employees can roll over 40 hours of vacation pay, if there is a balance they can cash out, this allows them to do so. Staugler, we have passed this the past 4 years.*

RES 2026-06 A RESOLUTION AUTORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.

RES 2026-07 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE ACCEPTABLE USE OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS ISSUED BY THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY TO ITS ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes. *Staugler: This is an update of the current policy changing from Tablet to Laptop.*

RES 2026-08 A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARK NATIONAL BANK AS DEPOSITORY FOR THE FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.

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**RES 2026-09 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A CYBER SECURITY PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.

**ORD 2026-01 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S RESIDENCY OUTSIDE VILLAGE LIMITS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance to the second reading which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

Knapke arrived.

**Staugler:** We received the report from the auditor today. Reviewed all noncompliance findings and recommendation items with council.

**Abels:** nothing to report

**Rengers: Utility:** Kleinfelder signed contract for 30% design. I am working on WPCL loan now for Lagoons loan.

**Dredging:** We are meeting with Pohlkat tomorrow. They have dredged in Philothea and Coldwater. The cost estimate blows the \$1.5M estimate out of the water. If they knock it down get to 18" sludge, they can haul it away and hope to land apply. That is all the further down they can pump. Knapke: Was the sonar 3'? Diller: How deep? Average a little over 2'. Rengers: If it is a slurry they can land apply. Pearson: Can you find someone to land apply? Rengers: Kelly says our lagoon is pretty much dirt, inorganic, require no screening. Pohlkat is out of Piqua. Knapke: Is a 6" difference that much? Rengers: I talked to them, depends how much we move forward with Lemna. Pearson: Sonar measurement off 2'? Diller: It is not worth getting another one, nothing there, didn't follow up. There is a spot in middle, to give you an example; Philothea was 2-3 acre with 6' sludge cost and it cost \$50K, our estimate was much more, over a million dollars. Rengers: If you pull out the mixers and aerators. Pearson: What is the time frame for Lemna? Rengers: Would be out to bid next Nov 27<sup>th</sup> and in operation by following November.

**Plant Study:** Talked to Marvin says our well is sufficient, if you drill it's for show because OEPA wants it. He will contact him; it doesn't make sense. At this point he has not been contacted.

**Systemic Funding:** Out for bid January 26<sup>th</sup> to be awarded in March with construction this summer. We need to decide how you want the lights. If you go down both sides, it is more expensive. Post: The sidewalk is on one side. One side space closer together. Pearson: How many will you take down? Kaup: 4 or 5? I'll tell you, on one street, Black Eagle, we did one side which certainly isn't as nice as on both sides. Rengers: There are dark spots with 125' between. Wendel: Would it be 125' if on one side, other wise 150' for both? Rengers: Probably get moved when we would do a street project. It doesn't need to be decided now. Schmitz: Is this Sharpsburg and 49? Rengers: Yes, both. Knapke: I'd do both. Rengers: I can figure out how many it will take. Boring is expensive. Kaup: It is cheaper than fixing the road. Rengers: Not sure of the cost, just wanted thoughts before calculating. Pearson: I favor both sides. Rengers: I just wanted to listen to your direction. Can do conduit and lights can go in later.

**Safe Routes to School:** ODOT is doing the environmental, should receive middle of this week. Dennis Zicardi will be working on this project.

**Pool and CRA** are both at a standstill.

**Sidewalk:** The first version was in 2021. 2026 would extend out into 4 years. It would not require a sidewalk on streets that never had them. Making it 4 years vs 2 years. You might see some if they see sidewalks might even want them even if they don't have curb. First round of inspections will be in the spring. Pearson: Would they have to have done by July 31<sup>st</sup>? If start

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May 15<sup>th</sup> could have done by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Rengers: If they had the estimate from the contractor.

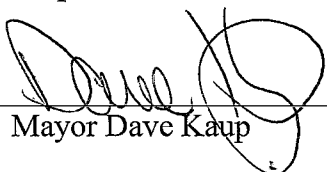
Kaup: In my opinion if they want a contractor to do it, if not themselves, they hire one guy.  
Pearson: If they say I like this person, but they can't do it by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Kaup: I think it's great if they can get it done by that date, if not go with our contractor. If you want to back it up a month ok too. Pearson: What about saw cutting? Is that guy out of Piqua? Diller: From area of Cincinnati. Pearson: Asking if we can get quotes. Knapke: Only approve of that company, right? Pearson: They come up one or 2 days. Knapke: If it goes past July 31<sup>st</sup> everybody does? Kaup: Have to hire a contractor that can pop it out without doing damage, replace and move on. It would take one skid loader to suck it out and back out. I don't know if you find someone to do it, could rent equipment, bust up hard way. Pearson: If it was me, I would say let them do it. Kaup: It is somewhat iffy, 3/4" is not a lot, you have to draw the line somewhere, could trip over 1/2". Only concern is if we are too picky, we can see how bad it is. Diller: I think 3/4" is standard. Schmitz: Is there a limitation on saw cut? Diller: If more than 1/2" or more than 3/4" don't want to do it. Pearson: Are we deciding 3 or 4 sections? Rengers: Start with easiest section of town. Balsam and Alder last. Kaup: Start and see what kind of pain it is.

**Zoning:** We have a meeting set for Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Poll Council:** Nothing to report

**Council reviewed invoices for checks 33999 through 34023 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 01-2026 to 25-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Pearson made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes.**

**Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Schmitz. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.**

  
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Mayor Dave Kaup

  
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Roberta Staugler