

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

February 02, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER: President Al Post called to order the Regular Council Meeting on February 02, 2026, at 7:30 pm in the Village of Fort Recovery Council Chambers to conduct regular business.

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

Also Present: Aaron Rengers, Erin Abels, Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Bailey Call, Erin Gardner and Jenn Schoonover.

The president led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report & January tax report.

Minutes: Knapke made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 19, 2026, this was seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes.

Post: I want to commend the guys for cleaning the streets and park walkway last week.
Pearson: Any complaints? Can they go wider on Center St? **Diller:** Plan to. I talked to Derek, he was going to start pushing it back and haul away. Not sure he got to any today. **Pearson:** Jerry on call? **Diller:** Yes, he is on call as Brandon is on vacation.

Jenn: We applied for grant for Criminal Justice Office for a firewall, software. We haven't heard back, we should hear something anytime. OCJS receives federal money, there will be another one in July. Also, a Land and Water Conservation \$500K capital budget money, we won't hear anything until Spring.

Abels: Nothing to report.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-10 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Pearson made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Schmitz. 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.

Staugler: Bank Reconciliation for December was presented for approval.

Rengers: Lagoons: Kleinfelder working on engineering the best way to put in Lemna, should be done by March. We are getting monthly calls from them.

Water Plant: Gnagy, plan is to EPA which will cost \$12K to review, haven't heard back from them but the new plan doesn't include a new well. Received an email on Friday, which said we need to pay \$12K before they start reviewing our plans. **Diller:** EPA doesn't receive money from the state; they depend on the review fees. **Rengers:** I will get ahold of Marvin, assume he has it, we will figure it out.

North Wayne Street: A complete rebuild is \$500K, working with engineer, to get that cost cut down by using existing wet well. We are hoping we can spend \$200K and it will last another 50 years. **Diller:** I have asked OPWC about emergency funding, there is nothing left. It is still running. **Pearson:** If made bigger can they get down there? **Renger:** We want to move it up so they can work on it easier. If they pour walls at 8', it would be nice to be up a foot higher.

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Water Line: Looking at an extension down State Route 119 for Ruhenkamp and First Street to Coopers. It will serve Wabash Road and State Route 119 for Ruhenkamp to annex into town. Engineering will cost \$18K, I will call Access Engineering to see if they would be cheaper.

Systemic Funding: January 29th was the bid opening. Jutte Excavating with a price of \$888,655.46 which was 10% below engineers estimate. We already paid our fee. With the change orders we might get a refund.

Lights: Project calls for 16' poles others are 14'. ODOT is requiring 16' poles. Diller: St Henry is at 16'. AR: We could replace the lights on 49 with 16'. I requested a quote for 14' and 16' poles, have not received any quotes. My rough estimate is \$200K, depending on ODOT poles at 16' with outlet on the top. Post: How long will it take? Diller: Probably 6-8 weeks. Rengers: We never ordered that many before. Schmitz: Could we do other stuff while we wait? Diller: We won't take existing poles down until others are burning.

SAFE Routes to School: Nothing for us to do there.

Legislation: All still pending.

Pool & CRA: No updates. Hope to have it done by June or July. Schmitz: Are we waiting on the school? Rengers: The school is good, we are waiting for annexations, lots people waiting on the CRA.

Sidewalk Maintenance: In drop box, I have highlighted the changes. Should we do inspections in the fall, and get contractor prices in the winter? This would give homeowners spring and summer before town went in and did it. Otherwise, there is not a lot of time to get work done. In fall we don't have summer help yet. School brought up other things, Shawn said 1/2" is not a lot. Mirroring what Versailles had done on their policy. People will not be happy if they have to install new. Knapke: Do the insurance companies have anything? Rengers: I can talk to PEP to see, I'm not sure what ADA says too, must be compliant. Knapke: Might come back the opposite of what we are saying too. Diller: 1/2" is ADA compliant.

Lagoons: The sludge removal came in .05 cents per gallon, if we did it now, if we bid probably do at .08 cents. Post: Do we have to do bid? Rengers: Can do if it would be an emergency. Wonder if completely necessary, if we operate Lemna then let it dry out. They can keep stirring it up, don't want to get all the way down. A lot of times, they can stir it up. Knapke: How are they estimating? Rengers: From the sonar, if too much water in might not be able to get it out. Diller: We could wait until Lemna says it will happen, if not as Lemma, move over and let it dry out, cheaper that way. Knapke: At that point could drain out and push off.

Rengers: If we drain until dry so won't have to pump out so much water. Post: Are we still adding stuff? Diller: Just air. Knapke: Going back to not applying? What changed? Diller: We added another two aerators. Renger: Turned it back when frozen. Hard freeze, only thing we can do because it was trapped with ice. As soon as ice is off, we will turn back off the nano bubbles. They will be here to rip it out. If we dredge it takes a lot to take out and put back on. Decided if dredging makes sense. Schmitz: With Lemma, won't you need to dredge? Rengers: We would have two different cells. Still need treatment time, can't treat that fast. Knapke: How many gallons can we put out per day. Diller: The permit is 250K gallons per day. Rengers: We have capacity to get out, two cells, divert at inflow point, there will be one divert to go. Diller: We have to remove sludge, can close one down and run the other, clean out every year. Pearson: Where was best one? Diller: I saw one in Van Buren IN, no maintenance while running only on cover of lagoon. Knapke: We went up there because of a popcorn plant. Diller: Will treat all sludge the same. Kleinfelder agreed that won't be a problem. Knapke: Will we have a cover? Diller: biggest advantage, runs all year long, now we get no treatment in winter.

Poll Council: Pearson: Wanted to say again the guys did a good job with snow. Diller: They worked 14 hours on Sunday. Pearson: They buried some cars. Diller: They went back and

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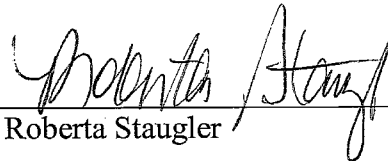
cleaned some out. Pearson: Probably a nice thing but could hit something. Diller: Someone went around and dug out hydrants, not sure who.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34024 through 34041 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 51-2026 to 65-2026 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 Thobe. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.



President Al Post



Roberta Staugler