

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

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

Held _____

February 16, 20__ 26

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on February 16, 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, Abby Miller, Jenn Schoonover, Anna Post, Jared Laux, Ryan Lefeld, Jeff Puthoff and Neal Spencer.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, January Police Reports & 2025 Annual Report.

Minutes: Knapke made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 02, 2026, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes.

Ryan and Jeff from Choice One came to celebrate Randy at his last meeting.

Mayor: Nothing new on the squad house.

Dave said he has noticed the Street Department has been working on the new street lights.

Jared – Mutual Aid agreement is in Sharepoint. It is basically the same as we have had for a few years with St. Henry, Coldwater, Rockford and now we are adding Celina. **Knapke made a motion to approve the mutual aid agreement, Pearson seconded. Vote, all yes.**

Tuesday Jared may do a test of the weather siren because there is talk of getting some inclement weather. Aaron said when the weather is nicer the antenna will get fixed.

In January, Jared attended a House of Worship Security & Risk Management Training Christ Chapel. Last week Jared did some lockdown trainings at the school.

We are the host school of the mock crash this year. It will be held April 8th at the fairgrounds.

Thanks to Cliff Wendel, we received a grant for \$3600 from the Cooper Family Foundation for a speed radar. Aaron said we also got 2 new AED units for the parks from the Cooper Family Foundation. Luke asked where the speed sign will be located. Jared said we are not sure at this point as we are looking at getting a few more. We would like to put them at SR 49, Sharpsburg Rd, SR 119 and possibly somewhere else.

Jenn: Nothing to report

Abels: Nothing to report

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-11 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS. **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 2026-12 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND. **Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Thobe. Vote, all yes. Post 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.

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Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes. This was the third and final reading.

Staugler: Bank Reconciliation for January was presented for approval. The 2025 Annual Report has been submitted to the Auditor of State.

Rengers: Lagoons: Utility improvements – Kleinfelder is working on 30% design.

Water Plant: Marvin Gnagy and Rob Shoaf are still working with their architects to finish building design and electrical layout.

North Wayne Street: Another pump went out at the lift station. It is under warranty so we will be getting it replaced, but it is still a bit cumbersome to take it out. The lift station is on it's last leg and we are looking into the cost of upgrading it or rebuilding it to see which would be most cost effective.

Water Line and Sewer: Looking to extend a waterline down 119 on the north side of the road to the newly annexed Ruhenkamp property and potentially down First Street to cross Wabash Road. We are getting closer to finishing that loop back into town and to prepare for future expansion down Wabash Road. Sanitary line will be extended up from east lift station to 119.

Systemic Funding: The apparent low Jutte Excavating bid to be awarded in March. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer to avoid school traffic

SAFE Routes to School: Dennis Ziccardi is working on the right-of-way process. Choice One authorized to do final engineering.

Legislation: Aaron will continue to keep an eye on HB92. This may require landlords to keep utilities in their names rather than putting them in the tenant's names.

Pool & CRA: We did receive an extension for the Capital Budget grant we received for the pool. We must have the project completed by December 2027 or they will move the funds elsewhere. Aaron has talked with Angie King's office to let them know we do still plan to utilize the pool funds.

Sidewalk Maintenance: Aaron put an updated version of the Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement in Sharepoint. It will allow us to inspect sidewalks in the fall and look at getting bids for the work in the winter. The minimum assessment went from \$250 to \$500. If everyone is okay with the sidewalk policy, Erin will start working on the Ordinance. Dave said he thought it was a good idea and everyone agreed.

Lagoons-Wastewater System Study & Plan – Kleinfelder has begun engineer work for the wastewater plant. Kleinfelder was late applying for the EPA – WPCLF loan, which is why we had to re-do appropriations. We should be able to get reimbursed for that after the loan is approved.

Randy said he has appreciated all the support Council has given him over the last 31 years. He appreciated all the work he has done with the staff and Choice One and knows Aaron, Jenn and Anna will do a great job. Dave presented Randy with a plaque and gift from the council and thanked him for his 31 years of service and dedication to the Village of Fort Recovery. Randy said he has told Aaron, to feel free to call with any questions or anything he needs, and he hopes Aaron will call him.

Poll Council: Nothing from Council

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34042 through 34073 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 66-2026 to 93-2026 and inter-departmental transfers

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and adjustments. Knapke made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Post. Vote, all yes.

Mayor: do I have a motion to enter into executive session to discuss employee compensation in accordance with Ohio Rev Code 121.22(G)(1).

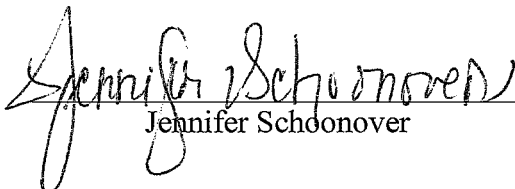
Knapke made the motion to enter into executive session which was seconded by Post. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Pearson made the motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Post. Vote, all yes.

Knapke made a motion prepare a Wage Ordinance for the next meeting. Thobe Seconded. Vote, all yes.

Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Mayor, Dave Kaup



Jennifer Schoonover