

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of

**VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL**

Meeting

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

Held \_\_\_\_\_ March 02, 20 26 \_\_\_\_\_

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on March 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, Abby Miller, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post.

**Also Present:** Aaron Rengers, Roberta Staugler, Bailey Call, Abby Miller and Neal Spencer.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report, February Income Tax Reports

**Minutes: Thobe made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 16, 2026, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote, all yes.**

**Mayor:** I will be attending the Mercer Co Health Department meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> so I will not be at council meeting. Chief is at the Sportsman Club giving a Stop the Bleed class tonight.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

**RES 2026-13** A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY OHIO 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 2026-02** AN ORDINANCE AMENDNG SECTION 1. OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14 REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT LEGISLATION, AND DECLCARING AN EMERGENCY. **Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

**ORD 2026-03** AN ORDINANCE EXTABLISHING AN UPDATED VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY, OHIO, COMPREHENSIVE SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance on to the second reading which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes by roll call vote.**

**Rengers: Lagoons:** Kleinfelder started their 30% engineering for the wastewater plant. The January bill was \$20,463.26, February was \$18,037.38 not to exceed \$120,000. This project should be done by end of March.

**Water Plant:** Still in EPA review. We sent their review fee check. No notice yet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> well.

**North Wayne Street:** We haven't heard anything from the engineer.

**Water Line and Sanitary Extension:** The first sanitary line to service Ruhenkamp engineering cost will be \$23,700. I signed the agreement with Choice One. I also checked with Access Engineering to make sure it was not an outlandish price. It was in line with what they would charge.

**Systemic Funding:** The sidewalk project on Sharpsburg Road is going smoothly, waiting on the construction bid to be awarded shortly. They plan to start at the end of May.

**SAFE Routes to School:** Looks like this will be a construction project for 2028, would be disappointing if no sidewalk will be up to school until then. Knapke: Will that be curbed? Rengers: No. Pearson: So, the first ODOT project will go past the school, second a sidewalk up to school? Will that help with property across the street. Rengers: SRTS is the sidewalk up

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to the school and then out by 5-point. First project is out by Spy Run and the second is out by the high school.

**Legislation:** HB503- requiring voter approval on changes to municipal tax reciprocity credits was passed by the Ohio House and is now heading to the Senate. HB92- for unpaid utility bills by tenants, I have not heard any news on this.

**Taste of Town:** The Taste of the Town will be held on June 18, 2026. They are requesting we close North Wayne St from 101 N Wayne to 131 N Wayne during the hours of 1:00pm to 11:59pm. The event will be held from 5:00pm to 10:00pm and allow the sale of liquor during the event.

**Pearson made the motion to authorize the closing of North Wayne Street from 101 N Wayne to 131 N Wayne for the purpose of the "Taste of Fort Recovery-Beer & Wine Tasting" event to be held by the Fort Recovery Merchants from 1:00pm until 11:59pm on Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

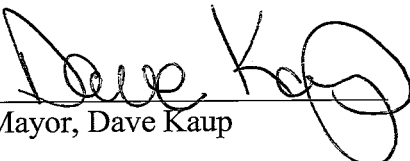
The America 250 Event in Fort Recovery will be July 25, 2026. Amy: We have a meeting on Wednesday. We are selling yard signs, trying to raise money to have activities, this is not a money-making event for us. We have sold about 50 signs. We purchased 200 to start. The event will be at the Amphitheater; we will be opening a time capsule from 1976 during the event.


**Annexation:** I Talked to Nathan Fortkamp, he wants to annex entire 51 acres, not planning on a huge housing development, it will be included in the new CRA. I believe he has started the process. Mayor: Have you seen the layout? Rengers: I only saw a blank annexation map. Knapke: The carwash, did it sell? Rengers: Yes, it sold, I have not seen a timeline.

**Poll Council:** Nothing to report.

**Council reviewed invoices for checks 34074 through 34113 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 94-2026 to 135-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Knapke made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Thobe. Vote, all yes.**

**Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Post. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.**

  
Mayor, Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler