

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held _____ March 16, 20 26 _____

CALL TO ORDER: President, Al Post called to order the Regular Council Meeting on March 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, Roberta Staugler, Bailey Call, Jared Laux, Bill Kincaid and Neal Spencer.

The mayor is attending the Mercer Co Health Department meeting tonight.

The President led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, February Police Stats and Finance Reports.

Minutes: Knapke made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 2, 2026, this was seconded by Thobe. Vote, all yes.

Laux: February stats are in SharePoint. I held a Stop the Bleed training at the Sportsman Club March 2nd. We have set up Bird for E-Citation. We will try it out for his cruiser only. We won't have to go to Celina to file tickets they will automatically be sent to Celina. This will also reduce time spent at traffic stops. The goal will be to do the whole department when we get a new cruiser. Knapke: What is our cost? Laux: The cost to add a printer and scanner was \$1,200. My truck would need internet and a laptop. I thought it would make more sense to wait until we get a new vehicle. I think it is a good thing for him to try. Knapke: Is there a subscription cost? Laux: No, the state provides it as part of our current subscription. Post: Are there others using it? Laux: Yes, the Sheriff Dept and Rockford, it depends on the report package you have through the state. We may need to print juvenile cases. If you saw the link to the press release in SharePoint, Celina will take the lead on the case because the victims reside in Celina, we are working on it in conjunction with them. On the IT side, we added you to village happenings on the council calendar.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-14 A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION 2026-01, DATED JANUARY 5, 2026. (The Transfer of Money from One Fund to Another Fund for the Village of Fort Recovery). 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.

RES 2026-15 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER FUND FOR THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes. Pearson made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. We will be able to put \$24,489 back into the General Fund as there had been funds transferred prior for the same ODOT project.

ORD 2026-03 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 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 third reading which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes by roll call vote.

Staugler: We have two items from State Liquor Control. The liquor licenses in town are all set for renewal in June. They are asking if Council has any objections to any renewals. Also, we have a request for a new license for DCMW 2.0 LLC to be located at 112 North Wayne Street. Council was asked if there were any objections to either request. Receiving none. **Pearson made a motion that council has no objection to the renewal of existing liquor**

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licenses in village limits or to the issuance of a license to DCMW 2.0 LLC which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Staugler will submit necessary documents to the state.

Rengers: Lagoons: We are still working with Kleinfelder on the 30% engineering for the wastewater plant. They hope to be done by March.

Water Plant: Nothing yet from EPA, waiting on the third well site.

North Wayne Street: Waiting on complete rebuilding costs.

Water Line and Sanitary Extension: Choice One is working on engineering for the water line and sanitary extension.

CSO: We received the notice that we are no longer considered a combined sewer overflow community.

Systemic Funding: ODOT trail construction will start in May, I am still waiting on Erin to see how we can buy the lights. They have extended the price guarantee of \$137,855.77 for 35 lights.

SAFE Routes to School: The ROW is almost finished.

Miami Valley Lighting: Brandon has taken down 14 MVL lights and has put up 11, which worked well on the spacing. Pearson: Keep on giving us an accurate count, we like to know.


Legislation: HB92 is out of committee, likely to vote on soon. HB503 is heading to the senate.

Pool: The \$450,000 Grant has been extended until 12/1/27, we are waiting to hear later this week on the \$500,000 request. Schmitz: Is there something the community could help with? Renger: The Pool house is not that bad. Schmitz: Is this something that could be remodeled? Rengers: Brandon and Derek could do some of the work there. We have no concrete plans; the pool can run through the summer. Maybe add a splash pad where the community could get involved.

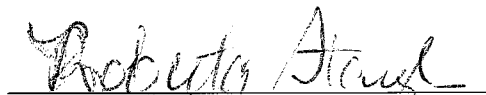
Poll Council: Nothing to report.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34151 through 34182 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 158-2026 to 161-2026 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 Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.



President, Al Post



Roberta Staugler