

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

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

Held _____ April 06, 20 26 _____

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on April 06, 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 and Abby Miller.

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor: We have an ambulance district meeting this coming Thursday. I have notes from Health District meeting in March. Some statistics from 2025; there were 237 baby girls and 236 baby boys born. Mercer County was also the first and only to have report of a human to have the bird flu.

Reports to Council: VA Report, Income Tax Reports.

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

Laux: There will be a mock crash with Fort Recovery SADD kids being the role players. I will be there on Wednesday to help narrate and support them. I will get the new speed trailer out hopefully tomorrow. Mr. Wyrick and I will be looking at placement for radar signs and try to decide if we should order electric or solar. Solar is cheaper. Knapke: How many will we order? Laux: It depends if we get solar, we can get six for what we had budgeted. Post: Why wouldn't you go solar? Knapke: What is the cost? Laux: They are \$4,100. Pearson: New Bremen and Chickasaw have them and it doesn't work. Laux: Depends on winter/summer use. The signs we have on Sharpsburg we will be moved to other locations. The new sign will be on 49 both directions. 49 and on State Route 119.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-16 A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE VILLAGE INVESTMENT POLICY. 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 2026-03 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN UPDATED VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY, OHIO, COMPREHENSIVE SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Third Reading. Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes by roll call vote.

Staugler: We need a motion to appoint Jennifer Schoonover as the new Fiscal Officer. **Knapke made the motion to appoint Jennifer Schoonover to the village Fiscal Officer position effective April 1, 2026. This was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.**

Rengers: Lagoons: System nearing end of the 30% design. Kleinfelder sent preliminary design to build next to the current lagoon to the west. Operating in the first transferring in the second cell. We are still trying to figure it out. Hoping to not have to dredge. Mitch is confident we can treat with one lagoon. We have been meeting our limits recently. Post: Have there been odors? Rengers: Just one day. Knapke: Would the 3rd pond be directly west? Rengers: Yes. Knapke: When all said and done we will use new lagoon and one back there but not used? Rengers: We will use lagoon one and Lemna. Pearson: How long are we talking about construction to be completed? Rengers: I don't know, last time we talked, if it is started in November, it should be completed the following November. Roughly one year. Can't get new estimates, working on, can't push engineers any faster. Working on swapping ground, it is on the plan sent you in share point.

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Water Plant: In EPA review, contacted by engineer. We do need to put in 3rd well which won't be able to run plant. They want 450 gpm, only need 50 gpm. If the test would produce 100gpm it will meet requirements. It makes most sense to drill. At its' highest and least draw down maybe we can get 170 gallons, it would be nice if that ran the plant. Eagon will start process we have at \$28,194 estimated cost to bore out it will be another \$56,000. We have that quote from last November. Knapke: Do you need a motion? Rengers: I don't. Post: Do you need for the well? Rengers: I will get requoted, don't need the well on line to get approved.

North Wayne Street: I have not heard anything from Access Engineering.

Water Line and Sanitary Extension: Choice One came in did a TOPA, so this is underway

Systemic Funding: Pre-con will be in April at the ODOT garage. That should start the process. Kara wants to start May 1st, think it will be done substantially by June finish in July.

SAFE Routes to School: Engineering is ongoing

Miami Valley Lighting: They have taken down a few more, there are 59 remaining.

Systemic Safety: This is underway. We may apply for another sidewalk project for Boundary/Butler/St Route119. The cost would be higher than 10%. ODOT doesn't have funding until 2027-28. Our cost would be \$300K. We pushed back to August deadline. Knapke: We cannot access homeowners, right? My question is ODOT District 1 for Mercer County north good or bad? Rengers: We went to the meeting, it seemed good. We would compete with Lima, Findley, Wapak, St Mary's and Celina. We will be in bottom of District 1, don't know if it will be that much of a change, leadership seemed good. District 7 will run our current projects. Next project will be District 1. Working with Choice One on First St Safe Routes to School, not sure if we will get funding while we have another SRTS project on the books. Hopefully in September or August we can apply with clearer picture of funding.

Overlays: I am trying to get prices together; First Street from railroad to Wabash Road, Center St from Main to SR 49 and Milligan apron to SR 49. When they did the 49 paving, they did not overlay the apron back. The truck route looks rough. I will have Choice One get the estimate put together. I talked to the county, they are willing to do chip seal, I am not against it. The county does a good job. If council is good with it, I will have Choice One get started. Brandon and I will go around to look at streets to see where we need to crack seal in the next week or so.

Legislation: HB503 is still waiting for the Senate, reciprocity of the Indiana county credit we would have to bring any change to a vote. Some of those numbers are in the March tax report. HB- 92 unpaid utility bills. They won't allow us to put accounts in owner's name. We need to increase our rates; we need a new ordinance after this year. When we redo, we also need to increase our deposits for renters, which are now \$75. If you think about how long it takes to get to disconnect, with a \$75 deposit we think it needs to be \$150. Just a thought when we are talking about the rates. Kaup: Our water/sewer ends in 27, it's been a long time. Rengers: A lot has changed, water/waste/ electric. We can get finance committee together soon to discuss.

Pool: Our Capital Grant request was not approved by ODNr. We need to decide what we want to do with this pool. If you think liner is good, we could potentially do a splash pad, upgrade pumps and liner. Neet to discuss it with Park Board. Randy had some names for a possible pool committee. Schmitz: How long do we have, 2027? Rengers: We must have it done by 12/31/2027. We have a pool builder lined up that could do splash pads, upgrade pumps, filter and reline. They are confident the stainless is what is losing water. We can't bill for lost water. Schmitz: Do we know reason why we did not get the grant? Rengers: We weren't nominated. Schmitz: How often can we apply? Rengers: I believe the EOY and will not know until April if we would get it.

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Health Ins: We renewed with Medical Mutual. Coldwater and St Henry received a 20% increase ours was 6%, so I'm not going to complain about that.

Upcoming Events: Taste of the Town June 18th, America 250 July 25th, Brick Street Market April 25th 10am-2pm and Spring cleanup is also on April 25th.

Batting Cage: The concrete is poured, waiting on it to cure. Pearson: what about the water? Rengers: I will look at it. Might be able to get out some of the slope before carpeted. Pearson: I never noticed the other one being wet.

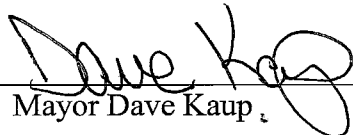
CRA: Waiting on few annexations, still looking to be complete by July 1st time frame.

Pearson: The light poles, did they come to get them? Rengers: Brandon took a picture of what we have. Platfoot came out took 3 down then got called away.


Poll Council: Nothing to report

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34203 through 34247 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 189-2026 to 226-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Pearson made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes.

Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thobe. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.



Mayor Dave Kaup



Roberta Staigler