

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

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

Held _____ April 20, _____ 20 26 _____

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on April 20, 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: Amy Wendel, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post.

Also Present: Aaron Rengers, Jennifer Schoonover, Erin Abels, Bailey Call, Jared Laux and Abby Miller.

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor:

Dave had someone approach him about the old stop lights. Aaron said we would have to put them on auction since they are over the \$100 limit.

Reports to Council: VA Report, Income Tax Reports.

Minutes: Post made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 6, 2026, this was seconded by Knapke Vote, all yes.

Laux: March stats are in Share Point. We have 6 radar signs ordered, 4 electric and 2 solar. Jared, Brandon and Aaron have had discussions regarding the placement of the signs. They are thinking about some in the school zones because they can program them to say different things at different times. Pearson asked about a class 3 E-bike. Jared said it will go up to 28 mph and that persons under 16 are not allowed to operate them. Is there a limit on our trail? Not sure if we have it posted, but most trails are limited to E-bike classes 1 or 2. Luke asked about putting bus stop signs and/or no truck signs near the funeral home. Aaron said he would need to research the type and color of signs we can place in that area. Officer Bird is going to start doing the E- citations this week. Jared and Don did the Buckle Up with Brutus Program last week at the School. We can get some reimbursement from the State for doing that program. Prom is this weekend.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-17 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL TO STREET CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. **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 Schmitz. Vote all yes.**

RES 2026-18 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.**

Rengers:

Utility Improvements

Lagoons: There are no updates from Kleinfelder.

Water Plant: In EPA review. Aaron had a meeting with Wessler Engineering about SCADA today. Luke asked if we plan on doing the Water Plant or the Waste Water Plant first. Aaron explained that we need to meet certain EPA requirements to get our WW permit. However, more than likely the Water Plant will go out for bid first.

We have a meeting with our EPA engineer scheduled for April 27th. Marvin thinks it will be bid out yet this year. At this time, we do not qualify for grant (principal forgiveness) monies.

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We will have to get loans. Aaron had a meeting with the finance committee last week and we will definitely have to increase our utility rates. The committee feels this will be fine, as we will still be comparable to the surrounding communities.

3rd Well Site Study – We are working with Eagon and Choice one to get the paperwork ready for EPA. According to Marvin, a third well does not make a lot of sense for Fort Recovery.

North Wayne Pump Station: Need to upgrade the North Wayne pump station. It has been problematic for the last year. Looking into either retro fitting the current pump station or doing a new build. Working with Access Engineering on best path forward. Dave asked why we are working with Access and not Choice One. Aaron said he has only asked Access Engineering for an estimate and he will be getting an estimate from Choice One also. There was a question about the pump station locations and Aaron said, the South side of Wabash is called the North Wayne Pump Station and the North side is the Railroad Pump Station.

Water Line and Sanitary Extension: Choice One did some preliminary plans. They are currently being reviewed by the Water & Wastewater superintendents. We are waiting for their comments to share with Choice One. Aaron also met with Cliff Wendel at Coopers to hopefully get some right-of-way granted to the Village so we can have 60’ R-O-W. Right now, our water line is on Cooper’s property with an easement and we would prefer to own the right-of-way instead of an easement.

Street Improvements:

Systemic Funding: The pre-con was held last week at the ODOT garage. Construction is scheduled to begin on May 4th. They cannot work in the school zone or close a lane while school is in session. The street lights for the project are on order, but have approximately a 12 week lead time. We will try to get a bid out for (34) 16’ light poles and (4) 14’ light poles shortly.

SAFE Routes to School: Right of Way work is ongoing as is final engineering.

Miami Valley Lighting: Brandon has taken down 15 lights. There are still 59 MVL remaining in the Village. Our goal is to get down to 43 MVL lights.

Overlays: Getting prices together to see what the cost will be to overlay asphalt on First Street from the railroad tracks to Wabash Road, Center Street between Main and ST RT 49 and Milligan Street apron off of 49. Hopefully, we can get this out to bid in the next 2 weeks. The engineer’s estimate is \$141,000.

Legislation:

HB 503 – This bill was passed by the Ohio House and is now waiting for the Ohio Senate. If passed, it would require voter approval on any changes to municipal tax reciprocity credits.

HB 92 – Unpaid utility bills by tenants – This is currently in Senate Committee. It has had many hearings and some substitute language included. The latest would not allow the village to disallow the service to be on for the owner or future tenants if a previous tenant was delinquent. We will probably need to increase the security deposit and update our Water Ordinance with more strict procedures for water shutoffs.

Upcoming Events:

Brick Street Market will be April 25, 2026 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM. Spring cleanup will also be April 25th. Items must be on the curb no later than 5:00AM. The Taste of the Town will be on Thursday, June 18th and the America 250 celebration will be July 25th.

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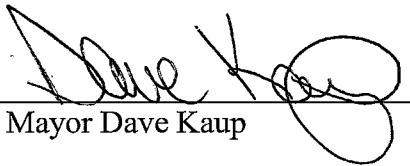
Community Reinvestment Area: Waiting on two annexations to finalize the CRA. Hopefully we can enact the CRA by August. Any houses started now and not finished by the time the CRA is enacted, will be eligible. Commercial and industrial properties will not be eligible. Aaron really wants to get the CRA submitted this year.

Poll Council: Nothing to report

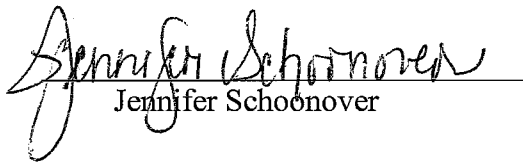
A1 – Fire hydrant on the corner, by his house is still leaking. The new stop ahead sign is completely twisted. Dave said there was one on SR49 that was upside down, after the wind storm.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34248 through 34282 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 227-2026 to 258-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Knapke made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Wendel Vote, all yes.

Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Mayor Dave Kaup



Jennifer Schoonover