

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of

**VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL**

Meeting

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

Held \_\_\_\_\_ May 04, 20 26 \_\_\_\_\_

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called** to order the Regular Council Meeting on May 04, 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, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post.

**Also Present:** Aaron Rengers, Jennifer Schoonover, Erin Abels, Bailey Call, Jared Laux, Abby Miller, Don Bird and Neal Spencer.

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Mayor:**

The Brick Street Market was fantastic. There was a great crowd and the vendors were very happy with the turnout.

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

**Minutes: Thobe made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 20, 2026, this was seconded by Knapke Vote, all yes.**

**Laux:** Jared met with 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committed to try to figure out what they will need from the Police Department during their celebration. They would like to have a parade, close Fort Site Street and also mentioned fireworks,

This Friday, the Middle School has their fun day fun run so they will be doing traffic control for then there is a car show on the brick street Friday night. Don passed out some statistics from the speed trailers over the past week. He stated the one on SR49, Northbound by K&L Tractors captured nearly 23,000 vehicles, in one direction. It breaks down by hours, so we can watch patterns. There is a compliance %, which shows the percent of people who react when they see the trailer. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is what the average person feels comfortable doing. They will also record the minimum, average and max speeds that were detected as well the number of violators, which are people who are going 10+ mph over the speed limit. The second page shows statistics from the speed trailer that was placed at Butler & Main for traffic heading Westbound, which captured over 24,700. The third sheet showed statistics from the trailer that was placed by the Pool Park. There was a little over 2700 people who traveled this area in one week. We had 100% compliance, which means that everyone who saw the speed trailer slowed down. The 85th percentile speed was 22 mph. We are also able to adjust what is on the screen. The speed does now show, because sometimes people speed up just to see how fast they can go. There is also a sensitivity setting they have been working with. This can be adjusted to the distance as to which it will pick up. The radar will follow the car to tell if it slows down. It will follow the first car until it passes, then it will pick up the next car. If someone or something comes in contact with the trailer, it will take a picture. This feature was included free for the first year. After the first year, we will have to decide what features we want to get next year. After the first year, it is more limited, unless we pay for more options. We will not keep them out in the winter however we have to purchase an annual subscription as they do not offer a monthly option. Jared will work with them to get prices on the features we would like to keep.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

**ORD 2026-04** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY, GIBSON TOWNSHIP AND NATHAN AND JAMIE FORTKAMP; AND DECLARING 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 ordinance which was seconded by Thobe. Vote, all yes by roll call vote.**

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**Jenn:**

**Tax update** – We reviewed the past 4 months of income tax receipts and we are on track with what we had anticipated with the new 1.5% rate.

**Budgetary Narrative** – When we were audited last year, they asked that we have Council approve a policy for Tax Department Receipts to include dual control when the Tax Administrator is out of the office for more than 3 business days and a Multi Departmental Wage Breakdown. We also decided to update the Office Narratives for Budgetary, Payroll, Utility Billing, Pool Office, Tax Receipts, Cemeteries, Intergovernmental Revenue and Village Computer Back-ups. We also increased the dollar limit on payments that the Village Administrator is authorized to approve. The rest of the updates are minor corrections to the overview narrative. We need a motion to approve the Budgetary Narrative. **Knapke made the motion to pass the budgetary narrative which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.**

**Rengers:****Utility Improvements**

**Lagoons:** Kleinfelder recently sent two proposals. Aaron is hoping to have a meeting with them on Thursday to discuss.

**Water Plant:** The meeting with EPA went well and they are currently reviewing our water plant study. The engineer is responding to the EPA's questions and is hoping to have the plans ready to bid by September.

**3rd Well Site Study** – A third well is not required for our current plan. The original plan said we would have a 500,000 gallon per day plant which would require a 3<sup>rd</sup> well, so we derated the plan to 460,000 gallons a day and now we will be able to use the 2 well that we currently have. EPA does recommend a 3<sup>rd</sup> well, due to the age of our well, but it is not mandatory. Luke: who sends the master plan to EPA? Aaron: Marvin Gnagy with PMG sent it. Our plant is rated for 260,000 but we average around 220,000. Each well produces approximately 370 gallons a minute.

**North Wayne Pump Station:** Aaron met with Access Engineering April 29<sup>th</sup> to see what our best option is moving forward. We have been looking into some grant funding but Fort Recovery does not qualify for most water / wastewater grants, only loans.

**Water Line and Sanitary Extension:** Choice One is still working on this.

**Street Improvements:**

**Systemic Funding:** Construction is scheduled to begin on May 18<sup>th</sup>, weather depending. Choice One is working on getting a bid together for some lighting.

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

**Sidewalk Projects** - Working with Choice One on some other sidewalk funding that may become available through another round of Safe Routes to School or Systemic Safet.

**Overlays:** The bid Opening is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> for the overlay project on First Street, Center Street and the Milligan Street apron off of SR49. Dave asked about doing some overlay on 49. Aaron said the condition is not bad, there's a lot of crack seal on it, so it just looks bad.

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**Legislative Updates: Still Pending**

**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.

**Pool Renovation Project** – Aaron is trying to get in contact with Buddenbaum and Moore Pools again to see if they could help us design a splashpad and work with us on an updated pump and filter system. If they feel we would need to upgrade the stainless-steel gutters to save the pool, we will probably go ahead with a splash pad instead. We have received \$450,000 in a Capital Budget grant for the swimming pool / splash pad. The project must be complete by December 31, 2027. We would like to have a plan in place by the end of the summer in hopes it could be finished by the time the pool would open next summer.

**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 would really like to get the CRA submitted this year.

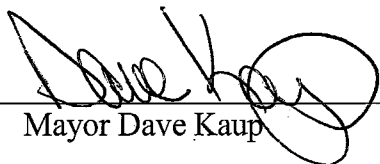
**Upcoming Events:**

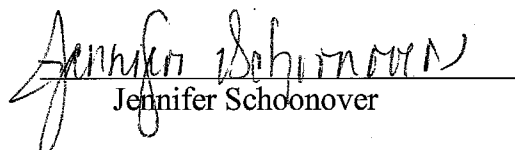
The Taste of the Town will be on Thursday, June 18th and the America 250 Celebration will be July 25th. The 250 Committee would like to close Ft. Site Street from 10 am – 10 pm. They are hoping to keep people at the amphitheater and in Fort Site Park, but would like to close the street for safety and ease of people walking to the businesses on Wayne Street. We need a motion to close Ft. Site Street for the 250 Celebration. **Knapke made the motion to close Ft. Site Street; this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes**

**Poll Council:** Nothing to report

**Council reviewed invoices for checks 34283 through 34302 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 259-2026 to 283-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Pearson made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Thobe. Vote, all yes.**

**Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Schmitz. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.**

  
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 Mayor Dave Kaup

  
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 Jennifer Schoonover