

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held July 06, 20 26

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on July 6, 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, Jennifer Schoonover, Erin Abels, Jared Laux, Bailey Call, Bill Kinkaid and Neal Spencer.

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor: There is an ambulance meeting on Thursday night, if they have a quorum.

Reports to Council: VA Report, Income Tax Reports.

Minutes: Thobe made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for June 15, 2026, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote, all yes.

Laux: The Jubilee went well. Nation Night Out is July 19th from 5-8. They have received a lot of nice donations from local businesses and two bikes from Wangler Hardware. The Tractor Pulls will also be coming up soon. Hopefully by the next meeting, Jared will have numbers for the message boards if we want to keep the same features. Scott asked if we got the speed signs in yet. Jared said we do have them, just waiting on them to be wired.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: None this meeting

Schoonover:

Budget – Jenn reviewed the 2027 budget to be forwarded to the Mercer County Auditor by July 15, 2026. Post made a motion to approve the 2027 budget as presented which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

I have also reviewed our tax receipts as of the end of June and we are still a little over where we would have been last year at 1.5%

Rengers:

Water Plant: Aaron talked to Marvin. He is still working on responses to EPA.

North Wayne Pump Station: Aaron has been working with Access Engineering and is hoping to have a preliminary report back sometime next week. Aaron anticipates that we will need a full replacement of the North Wayne Pump Station.

Lagoons- Wastewater System Study & Plan: There have been ongoing talks with Kleinfelder and EPA to determine the needs and what makes the most sense for the Village. Hopefully EPA will let us use the influent and effluent numbers that we have instead of installing new flow meters.

Water Line and Sanitary Extension: EPA has approved the plans for the extension. The next step is getting it out to bid. Right now, we are working on getting the right-of-way acquisition.

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Street Improvements:

Systemic Funding: Started pouring concrete on July 2nd. Kara Jutte is wanting to shut down Sharpsburg Road from 7a.m.– 5p.m. to through traffic only so they do not have semi’s going through when they are trying to pour concrete. **Knapke made a motion to restrict traffic on Sharpsburg Rd to through traffic only which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.**

Aaron talked with Choice One and they recommended we do the bid for the lighting ourselves. Aaron is working on getting a bid document and advertising together for the 34 additional lights to be placed on the project.

SAFE Routes to School: Right of Way work is ongoing as is final engineering. Still waiting on the third-party appraiser for the school right-of-way.

Paving Overlay Project – Wagner paving was awarded the contract for \$90,472.75. The contract and notice to proceed have been signed. We still have not gotten a date on when they plan to begin but anticipate it will be this fall.

Legislative Updates: - Nothing new to report, 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 update 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: A recirculating system will cost around \$791,000. A domestic system, which dumps water down the drain is approximately \$350,000. A domestic system might be a hard sell when we are raising water rates next year. Another concern is that it would go to the North Wayne Pump Station which is already struggling. With the domestic system, we would still need a chlorination tank and a filter to get the debris out of it.

Thobe asked about the grant and what it could be used for. Aaron said it could be used for the pool, splashpad, bath house upgrades, but it has to be spent by December 2027. The most critical need is the stainless steel gutters and unfortunately that is the most expensive and where we are losing water. Last year we lost around 500,000 gallons. The gutters alone would be over \$700,000 but we would still need a liner, concrete work etc. The baby pool was shut down because we were checking there for the leak and some of the concrete is coming up which is unsafe. Pearson commented that if we have a splash pad that is free to use, would people still use the pool. Aaron said the splash pad is typically used by kids 10 years old and younger. Some kids go for the diving boards. Schmitz, would rather create a splash pad, than to fix the baby pool. Knapke, asked if we have a plan that the splash pad, would be accessible through the pool. Thobe asked if there will be a committee to discuss the pool. Amy said there are people in town who are willing to be on the pool committee. Aaron said, it has also been discussed with the Park Board. We are going to apply for the NatureWorks Grant which would allow us to get a liner, which may help a bit with the leak, but it will not solve the problem. The main thing is that we want to do something with the money that we have. We can go after other grants down the road, but it would be beneficial to start fundraising now for a pool. Dave asked how many companies are out there to do pools and there was discussion about putting a levy on the ballot to build a new pool. Dave said the town is covered in donations, the businesses are asked for a lot of donations. Dave said he thinks maybe a levy is the best option to get funds. There was discussion about when the pool was open. It is believed it is somewhere

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around 1983/ 1984. Dave suggested getting a pool committee together and find out if the community would like a new pool or to renovate what we have. Jenn mentioned putting together a survey that we could put out at the pool and also send out in the utility bills to get input from the community.

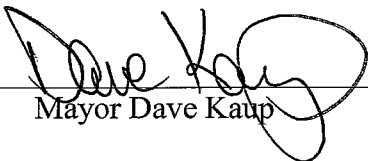
Community Reinvestment Area: Still waiting on Cory Gerlock and Troy Grieshop annexations to finalize the CRA. Hopefully we can enact the CRA by August. Any houses started now and not finished by the time the CRA is enacted will be eligible. Commercial and industrial properties will not be eligible. Aaron would really like to get the CRA submitted this year.

Upcoming Events:
The America 250 Celebration will be July 25th 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Amy passed out a flyer about Hot Air Balloon rides at the 250 celebration. You can enter for a chance to win a balloon ride. They will send up 250 people.

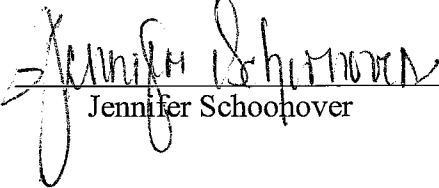
Poll Council: Schmitz – Is there any way we can weed between the curb and the pavement. Aaron said Brandon has a license and does spray that.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34409 through 34431 including then and now certificates, and electronic payment 407-2026 – 480-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Thobe made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Pearson. Vote, all yes.

Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.



Mayor Dave Kaup



Jennifer Schoonover