

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

July 20, 2026

Held _____ 20 _____

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

Also Present: Aaron Rengers, Jennifer Schoonover, Don Bird, Bailey Call, Abby Miller and Neal Spencer.

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor: Had a meeting with the ambulance district last week. They are doing well financially and they have a full venue of people. They are planning another training session this winter.

Reports to Council: VA Report, Income Tax Reports.

Minutes: Thobe made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for July 06, 2026, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes.

Don Bird: We had National night out at Ambassador Pool on Sunday. Over 250 people attended. We had great sponsorship this year from the Ambassador's, Caseys, Fort Recovery Radio, Party Mart, Fort Recovery Merchants and Erin Minor (Wangler Hardware).

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

2026-05: AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE SERVICES THE VILLAGE WILL PROVIDE TO ANNEXED TERRITORY, AND DEDCLARING AN EMEMRGECY. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Pearson made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Schoonover: The June Bank Reconciliation was presented for approval. There are some pool statistics in Sharepoint for your review.

Abels: Not present

Rengers:

Water Plant: Marvin is still working on a few pieces of the water plant. He is almost finished with his responses to OEPA.

North Wayne Pump Station: Aaron will follow up with Access Engineering on the preliminary study. He is hopeful the study will be completed in August.

Lagoons- Wastewater System Study & Plan: Aaron is having ongoing discussions with Kleinfelder and OEPA. Kleinfelder is still reviewing our flow meter data.

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

Street Improvements:

Systemic Funding: The project is ongoing. Jutte Excavating is currently installing sidewalks on SR49. A semi ran over the corner ramp at Sharpsburg and SR49 so they are going to go back and redo that.

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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: Dennis Ziccardi has completed the right-of-way assessments and they have been submitted to ODOT. Once approved by ODOT, we will get checks out to the property owners. The school is the biggest property owner, but there are some properties where we needed right of way for cross walks.

Paving Overlay Project – We are still waiting on a date from Wagner paving as to when they will begin the paving project, but still anticipate it be sometime in the 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 pool meeting was held on July 13th, after Park Board Meeting. Aaron said, at this time, we will continue pool operations in the current state. Dave asked how many people are on the pool committee. Aaron said it started with Amy Wendel, Greg Schmitz, Johan Nickamp and Aaron Rengers. Amy said she has had several people reach out to her and there are some others who would like to be on the committee as well. Dave said a company out of Fort Wayne and a company out of Ashville, have reached out to him about our pool needs. Greg contacted Astro Pools and Patterson Pools and they both said they would come out to look at our pool. Greg said once we get more information and quotes from pool companies, we could form the actual pool committee. Greg also suggested we have an open house to get information out to the public. Dave suggested, once the committee is up and running, maybe the committee could go to Township Trustee meetings and ask if the townships are willing to help. Neal asked if there were any negative comments about the pool and stated most of the comments he has seen have been positive and people want to keep the pool in 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.

We need to start talking about our water and wastewater rates. The current rates are set to expire at the end of this year. Aaron talked about two options with the finance committee today. One is to have an annual increase versus a bi-annual increase. It looks better and may go over easier with people if you increase \$5 a year vs./ \$10 every two years. The rate ordinance doesn't need to be passed until the October / November time frame.

Downtown digital sign: Aaron thanked Jim Cooper and his family for the generous donation of the new downtown digital sign. It looks very nice. The posts from the old sign have not been removed yet, but they will be. Dave asked who controls the sign. Aaron said, Anna Post, Jenn Schoonover and Connor Rammel have access to change the sign. Jim Cooper purchased a 5 year cellular data plan. After that, we will have to look at continuing that service.

Upcoming Events:
The America 250 Celebration will be July 25th 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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Park Board Meeting – August 10, 2026

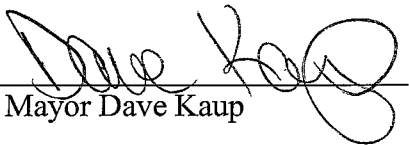
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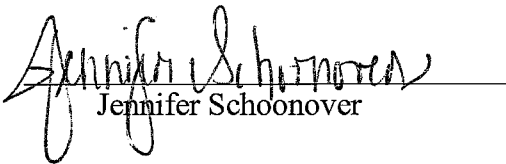
Council reviewed invoices for checks 34432 through 34456 including then and now certificates, and electronic payment 526-2026 – 529-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. **Knapke made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Thobe. Vote, all yes.**

Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss the purchase of land in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 122.22(g)(2). **Post made the motion to enter executive session which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

Thobe made a motion to exit executive session, which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Jennifer Schoonover