

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL Meeting

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

Held August 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on August 17, 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 and Neal Spencer

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor: Nothing to report

Reports to Council: VA Report, Income Tax Reports.

Minutes: Schmitz made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 3, 2026, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote, all yes.

Laux: Brandon and Derek got one of the speed limit signs put up by K&L. There are still 5 more to put up. The first one went up fairly easily because there was a pole and electric available.

Before school starts Jared will be doing an active shooter training with school staff. The second week he will be meeting with the High School students about appropriate phone usage, sexting and etc.

The WOW is coming up before long. Luke asked about the crossing beacons on SR49, can we get a sign that says “Stop when flashing”? Jared said the law is that they have to stop when people are in the crosswalk, not when the light is flashing. Jared said he would put a post out on FB to make people aware. He isn’t usually there in the morning, but he is in the afternoons to watch people.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: None

Schoonover: I will have the final pool expense / revenue report done for the next meeting.

Rengers:

Water Plant: Marvin is still working on structural, architectural, and mechanical and his response to OEPA.

North Wayne Pump Station: The pump station was really bad after the last rain we had. The water was up to 16’ after the Sunday rain. It is not really pumping anything and we are getting more I&I than previously thought. The secondary pump is not pumping correctly either. We are still waiting on the preliminary study report from Access Engineering to see what options they recommend for us to move forward. Once we get that report back we need to be prepared to move forward with engineering.

Lagoons- Wastewater System Study & Plan: Aaron met with Kleinfelder on August 7th. Aaron felt like it was a productive meeting. The issue of redundancy was brought up at the meeting and they talked to EPA. EPA said redundant equipment is needed, but not redundant

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treatment trains, the new estimate price will come back down from \$10 million to \$6 million. Kleinfelder will set up a meeting with EPA and hopefully get our permit extended.

Water Line and Sanitary Extension: EPA has approved the plans for the water line extension on 1st Street / SR 119. The bid opening will be August 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Choice One did an addendum for substantial completion to be done by December of this year instead of October.

Street Improvements:

Systemic Funding: The sidewalks are finished. There is still some asphalt, striping and electrical work to be done. The seeding is scheduled to be done in September. The substantial completion date is coming up soon. With all the rain, they will be able to tell what they need to do yet. They are still going to install tiles by K&L and by Chuck and Lucy Staugler.

SAFE Routes to School: The right-of-way work has been finished and submitted to ODOT for approval. Per ODOT, we need to get a permit to the school to allow their lights to be placed on the newly acquired right of way.

Paving Overlay Project – Wagner Paving was awarded the contract for \$90,472.75. We are still waiting for a start date from Wagner Paving. Aaron will reach back out to Wagner to see if they have an estimated start date yet.

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: Greg said he will be meeting with Weigant tomorrow. He picked up the existing plans and Kerri Muhlenkamp will scan them in. The pool is closed for the season.

Community Reinvestment Area: A couple people have reached out to Aaron to see why it is not moving forward, and he said it is important that we get these annexations finished before we move forward with the CRA The person Dave had previously talked to, is not ready to annex at this time. Still waiting on Cory Gerlock and Troy Grieshop annexations to finalize the CRA. 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. The Fortkamp annexation is on the Commissioner’s agenda for tomorrow.

Water / Wastewater Rates:

The rough draft of the rate ordinance is still in Sharepoint along with the rate study that Kleinfelder did in 2023.

September 7th Meeting – Aaron suggested, at this time, we cancel September 7th meeting as that is Labor Day. If anything pressing comes up, we can schedule a meeting for Tuesday, September 8th. Everyone agreed.

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Grounded Café: Grounded Café would like to close the alley (their drive-thru) on Saturday September 5th from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Greg made a motion to close the alley, seconded by Thobe. All in favor.

Park Board did agree to increase the pool gate fee from \$4 to \$5 for next year. They will also increase the pavilion rental for 2028 from \$150 to \$200.

Upcoming Events:
The WOW will be held August 28th & 29th
Next Council Meeting – September 21st

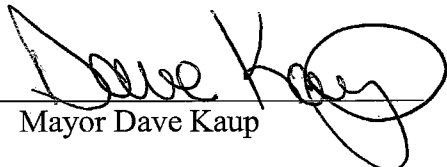
Poll Council: Nothing to report

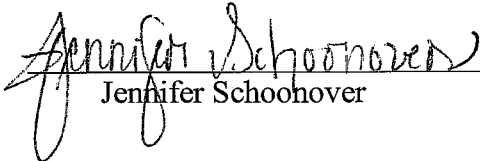
Council reviewed invoices for checks 34462 through 34490 including then and now certificates, and electronic payment 642-2026 – 643-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Pearson made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Knapke. Vote, all yes.

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). Thobe made the motion to enter executive session which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

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

Thobe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Jennifer Schoonover