RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL Meeting

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

Held September 21, 20 26

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on September 21, 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, Jared Laux, Bailey Call and Abby Miller

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor: Would like Amy and Greg to talk to Steve Stump about the pool. He has reached out to the Mayor a couple times. Greg and Amy agreed to get ahold of Steve.

Reports to Council: VA Report, Income Tax Reports.

Minutes: Post made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 17, 2026, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes.

Laux: Nothing to report

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-23: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AND AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH PMG CONSULTING, INC, DISPENSING WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING. 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.

Aaron mentioned this resolution is to amend the contract to add SCADA to the scope of the PMG Consulting contract.

RES 2026-24: 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 Schmitz. Vote all yes.

Schoonover: The August Bank Reconciliation and financial reports are available for review. There are also some updated pool reports in Sharepoint.

I have reviewed our tax receipts as of the end of August and we are approximately $30,000 over where we would have been last year at 1.5%. Aaron mentioned our tax receipts are on track to replace the street and sewer levies that were removed this year.

Rengers:

Lagoons- Wastewater System Study & Plan: Meeting with Kleinfelder and OEPA on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We did have to renominate the funding and move the deadline out a bit. The only thing they cannot push back is the E-coli.

Water Plant: The designs are still in EAP review. They are hoping we can get plans finalized and bid out by December.

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North Wayne Pump Station: We are still working with Access Engineering, on a preliminary plan, to see what options they recommend for us to move forward. Different sizes of pumps and what our preferences are. Luke asked how the pump station held up this past week with all the rain we got. Aaron said it was fine.

Water Line and Sanitary Extension: The engineers have recommended Milestone Construction out of Troy. The engineer's estimate was $169,675 and Milestone's bid came in at $127,105.90. Aaron said we need a motion to accept the engineer's recommendation. Scott asked if we have ever worked with this company. Aaron said they have been in business for about two years. Choice One did some checking and the owner previously worked for a reputable company. **Pearson made a motion to accept Milestone Construction's bid, which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

Street Improvements:

Systemic Funding: The quote from Mesco for (16) 16' lights for ST RT 49 came in at $76,976. There are currently (3) 16' and (1) 14' light. Aaron said the difference in pricing between (16) 14' lights and (16) 16' lights was $1500. **Council discussed and recommended going with 16' lights on SR49.**

SAFE Routes to School: Aaron met with Choice One and they are starting to work on final tracings for the project. Tony Stahl is going to get us the paperwork for the school right-of-way this week, then all the right-of-way work will be completed. The project should be ready to bid in December.

Paving Overlay Project – The paving has been completed on First Street between Railroad Street & Wabash, Center Street from Main Street to Elm Street and the apron on the corner of Milligan at Elm Street. Pearson asked about paving the railroad crossing on Railroad Street. Aaron will check into the process of getting the railroad exempted at that crossing.

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: Need to schedule a pool committee meeting to discuss the findings of the pool leak detection and the status of the capital budget grant. Aaron would like to wait until we get the results from the pool leak detection study. Aaron said he does know there are leaks in the pool itself and in the pressure system. Amy asked when we would get the results. Aaron said he believes it will be in the next week or so.

Community Reinvestment Area: We are still waiting on the Fortkamp and Gerlock annexations to be finalized, then we can accept at the October 19th meeting.

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Water / Wastewater Rates:
The rough draft of the rate ordinance is still in SharePoint along with the rate study that Kleinfelder did in 2023.

Aaron said he would like to schedule a finance meeting in October.

Upcoming Events:
Next Council Meeting – October 5th

Poll Council:

Mayor - asked about water standing in front of John Wolf's house. Aaron said every time it rains, water puddles there, but there are no underlying issues.

Pearson – flicker on the street light in front of Top Wrench. Brandon is looking into it.

Post – Is there parking on both sides of SR49 North. We may need to look at "no parking" on one side of the street.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34491 through 34547 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 692-2026 – 772-2026 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 Schmitz . Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Mayor Dave Kaup

Jennifer Schoonover