RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of ~~VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL~~ Meeting

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

Held October 19, 20 26

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on October 19, 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, ~~Shawn~~ and Al Post.

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

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor – Nice historical auction last night. Dave said he will be doing a proclamation on October 24th for a highway dedication for James Pottkotter, who was killed in Vietnam.

Reports to Council: VA Report, Income Tax Reports.

Minutes: Knapke made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for October 5, 2026, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes.

Laux: We have the Halloween parade and trick or treat coming up this Sunday. The parade starts at 3:00 with costume judging at 3:30. Trick or Treat will be from 4:00 -6:00.

Luke asked Jared if someone could watch South Wayne Street during the day as he has seen two vehicles run the stop sign recently. Jared said he will try to get out and patrol more during the day. He also said Officer Bird did pull someone over for a stop sign violation last week.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

ORD 2026-06 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FORT REOVERY, RECOVERY TOWNSHIP AND COREY & MIRANDA GERLACH; 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 Pearson. Vote, all yes by roll call vote.

ORD 2026-07. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTON I. OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02 AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE A NEW PART-TIME POSITION OF FINANCE MANAGER AND PROVIDE FOR THE CLASIFICATION AND PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE POSITION; 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 resolution which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Aaron said the change in the wage ordinance is making a part time position for Bert to help Jenn with year-end tasks and some other things Bert still wanted to wrap up.

Schoonover: The September Bank Reconciliation and financial reports are in Sharepoint and available for review. We are also starting to process more payments by ACH. Companies have been asked to receive payments by ACH so Jenn talked with Park National Bank and they said it is safe and actually recommended. In addition, with the price of postage going up, along with the envelopes and checks, we estimated it will save us about $1 for each check we usually mail. Also, when Anna or Jenn go to the post office or bank, we will deliver

in town checks to the businesses, again saving us a dollar and the businesses are getting their money quicker than waiting for it to come through the mail.

Rengers:

Lagoons- Wastewater System Study & Plan: Aaron is meeting with Klienfelder on Tuesday. They are doing some effluent testing from lagoon 1 only. Also testing TDS from Lagoon 1 and the pump stations. We will be doing a lot of testing to make sure we get exactly what we need and do not need to go back and redo anything in a couple of years.

Water Plant: Marvin Gnagy of PMG Consulting, has sent his response and comments, from earlier this year, to the EPA. Hopefully plans for the water plant will be finalized in the next month or so and can be put out to bid in December.

North Wayne Pump Station: Aaron will be meeting with Access Engineering on October 21st. He is anticipating a complete re-build instead of a rehab, based on the age. The wet well will be pre-cast. Trying to figure out which pumps will work best out there. We want to standardize everything too so we have parts available that can be used on either pump station.

Water Line and Sanitary Extension: Aaron had the pre-con meeting with Milestone Construction on October 15th. They plan to mobilize the week of Thanksgiving. They are projecting the waterline will take approximately three weeks to finalize, with the exception of asphalt and seeding. Milestone is wanting to close First Street for three days to install the waterline. Aaron said the road would still need to be open in the morning and afternoon, for the school bus. There was discussion and council was fine with closing First Street during the extension project. Aaron will let them know the dates of the closure, once the project begins. Milestone will likely be doing the sanitary lateral also. They are working on a quote and Aaron will bring it to the next meeting.

Street Improvements:

Systemic Funding: Hydroseeding was completed on October 13th.

SAFE Routes to School: No update at this time.

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: The report is in SharePoint for council to review, but essentially the pool structure and pump system failed. From the report, it looks like the easiest fix would be to install a pool liner. The liner and rebuilding the pits will cost around $35,000. Losing roughly 500,000 gallons of water a month.

Community Reinvestment Area: We are still waiting on the Fortkamp annexation to be finalized. We should be able to pass it at the next meeting.

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Industrial Park Drive Sign: Aaron said the sign looks bad and he thinks we should remove it. Dave said the tree is also bad, so he recommended removing the sign and the tree.

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

Upcoming Events:
Next Council Meeting – November 2nd

Poll Council:

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34554 – 34585 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 802-2026 – 837-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Thobe 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 Thobe. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mayor Dave Kaup

Jennifer Schoonover