RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

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

Held November 02, 20 26

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on November 2, 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, Neal Spencer, Bailey Call and Abby Miller

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor – The Halloween parade was good. We had a great day for it.

Reports to Council: VA Report, Income Tax Reports.

Minutes: Knapke made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for October 19, 2026, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes.

Laux:
There are some stats in Sharepoint from the new radar signs that are up. Pearson asked if we would get those reports all the time. Jared said, right now, he can get the them from the office, but eventually, they will have to drive out to the signs to get the reports. Pearson asked if we can change the distance in which the speed is saved. Jared said it can monitor if vehicles are slowing down and averages the speed.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-25 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES, AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote, all yes.

RES 2026-26 A RESOLUTION CCEPTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND AMOUNT AND RATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote, all yes.

ORD 2026-08 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 51.025 ACRES IN GIBSON TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY, ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 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 ordinance which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote, all yes by roll call vote.

Schoonover: I've been reviewing remaining balances in our accounts and working on appropriations for next year.

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Rengers:

Lagoons- Wastewater System Study & Plan: Nothing new to report.

Water Plant: Nothing new to report.

North Wayne Pump Station: Aaron met with Access Engineering. They have three proposed options for the North Wayne Pump Station. 1.) Retro-fitting the existing pump station which would cost around $100,000. 2.) New submersible pumps at $380,000, which is what Aaron recommends. 3.) Self-priming pumps at $460,000. More that can go wrong with option three. None of these prices include excavation or electrical. So with option 2, including the excavation and electrical, the cost would be around $650,000 - $700,000. Aaron explained that we use a wrecker company to pull and replace the pumps. If we have the replacement pump it would cost the same as they charge per trip. We would not be building a building, but would probably get a pre-fab hut. Engineering for the pump station will be around $30,000. Definitely needs to get done sooner than later. We have it in the budget for 2027. There was discussion and council agreed to get started with the engineering services.

Water Line and Sanitary Extension: The plan is for Milestone to be onsite the week of Thanksgiving.

Street Improvements:

Systemic Funding: No update at this time.

SAFE Routes to School: No update at this time.

Sidewalk Inspections: Sidewalk inspections are underway and will be completed by November 15th, as per our Ordinance. Once the inspections are done, the research committee will meet and review the recommendations. The letters will be sent out to property owners by January 15, 2027.

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: Aaron said he needs to set up a pool committee meeting with Sam Blake. Aaron had a phone conversation with Sam; and he is going to send Aaron some dates and times he is available to meet.

Community Reinvestment Area: No update at this time.

Street Closings – The Psi Iota Xi would like to close Wayne Street, on the bricks, for their annual market on Saturday April 24th, 2027 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Pearson made the motion to close Wayne Street, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote, all yes.

The Merchants would like to close Fort Site Street on Sunday, November 15th, from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm for the Christmas Open House. Knapke made the motion to close Fort Site Street, this was seconded by Pearson. Vote, all yes.

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Kahlig Dozing would like to close Flaler Road on Wednesday, November 4th, for the Flaler Acres subdivision sewer connection. Aaron told them they could only close between 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Knapke made the motion to close Flaler Road, this was seconded by Pearson. Vote, all yes

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 16th

Poll Council: Nothing to report

Council reviewed invoices for checks 34586 – 34601 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 838-2026 – 868-2026 and inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Knapke made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Pearson. Vote, all yes.

Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel compensation in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 122.22(g)(1). **Schmitz made the motion to enter executive session which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

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

Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Mayor Dave Kaup

Jennifer Schoonover