

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held January 15, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on January 15, 2024 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: Erik Fiely, Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, and Al Post. Eric Fiely Absent.

**Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, Bailey Cline, Leslie Klosterman, Mike Franck, Gage Zehringer, Eli Hawk and Jared Laux.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report, December Income Tax, Finance and Police Reports

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting and December 27<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes. Schmitz seconded this the motion. Vote all yes.

**Mayor:** I attended the Squad meeting, things went well. They have set money aside for a new squad, but not this year. We need to order in 2025 for 2028 delivery. Same committee members as last year. We will have additional appointments to the Park Board and Design Review. Looks like Income Tax reported the best year ever. Chief good to have you back.

**Chief:** November and December stats are in dropbox. Haiden has been working the day shift, excited as the day shift is busier than night. I would like to thank Council for the new wage increase. I have been working on some cyber security, to avert the phishing email which in general is overall more prevalent.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:**

**RES 2024-01 A Resolution Authorizing the sale by internet auction during the calendar year of 2024.** Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made a motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.

**Staugler:** I have placed a copy of the Legal Notice which will be placed on our website and on Facebook letting people know that they can receive a copy of the legislation at the office or by request.

December Bank Reconciliation was presented to council for approval.

**Abels:** I have been working on the Language for the easement with the state for the traffic light. Trying to build in an automatic renewal term, will send to them this week to see what we get back.

**Diller:** Weather has been cold, no real issues that I am aware of.

**Lagoons:** No real issues lately, numbers have been down. The DO is above 5 which is not a problem, other numbers still good.

**Water Grant:** We will finish up tomorrow and wait to see what happens.

**Water Tower:** Still no meeting with Cole yet regarding the water tower and property east of Flaler Rd. The water tower plans are pretty well done. It should be bid out in the next three weeks.

**Traffic Signal:** Nothing new, still working on the easement.

**Gwendolyn/Wiggs:** Dominion has a short gas pipe to move. PAB still set to begin in February.

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**OPWC:** Our application is at state being reviewed by the Small Government Committee. We anticipate an answer in March.

**Systemic funding:** Nothing new.

**School Transportation:** We will meet together with the committee. It will take 2-3 years before can complete any infrastructure work due to ODOT requirements. We want to review pricing on Center St/State Route 49 to see if we can complete outside of ODOT so we can get completed this year.

**Public Works:** Noting to report until March.

**Utility:** During the last water plant inspection with EPA, we had no violations, just a lot of recommendations. I thought it was good. Lab recertification will be the first part of February.

**Legislative:** HB101 had a provision to correct mistake to increase bid limits from \$50-75,000. Was included and passed, it will be shipped to the Governor for his signature, then take effect in 90 days.

**Park Board:** Randy will meet with returning pool manager next week. We will get the process of hiring started. Paving in the spring is lined up.

**Cemetery:** Our grave opening price has increased from our contractor, so we will increase our fee by \$25. We are reviewing our lot and other costs that have not increased in several years. We can't raise the price enough to pay for all our costs but it can help.

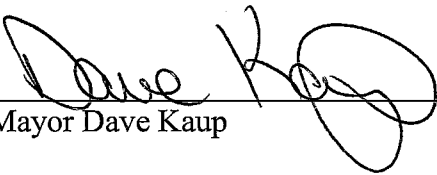
**Important Items:** Community Club Fish Fry is this Saturday evening.

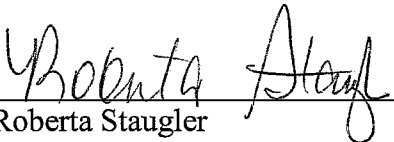
**Misc Items:** We are looking at a used brush chipper. We currently have a 1996 model with 1800 hours which is pretty well wore out. We have been pricing and found for \$8000 more we could have a new one. I found \$30-35,000 for a couple used and new was \$43,000. Kaup: Does Workers Comp offer funds for that? Diller: They don't fund brush chippers. We are eligible every 3 years and you can apply for \$40,000. We are looking for a piece of equipment. They are big in lifts, safety things like that. We will keep looking. They are taking our old leaf vac to Lacal to see if we need to replace or can be worked on and usable for a few more years. We also have the County CIC meeting tomorrow.

**Poll Council:** Nothing to report.

Council reviewed invoices for check 32430-32463 also including then and now certificates, electronic payments 293-2023 thru 331-2023 and 01-2024-24-2024, inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler