

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held July 21 , 20 25

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on July 21, 2025 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: Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Absent: Erik Fiely

Also Present: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, Aaron Rengers, Bailey Cline, Abby Miller

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, June Finance

Minutes: Knapke made a motion to approve the July 07, 2025 Regular meeting which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Attended the Squad district meeting week of 11th. Passed the budget and also legislation to put the levy back on the November ballot as a replacement. Saturday, I went to a fund raiser for Erik Fiely. I want to thank Keith Boeckman and friends for putting it on. Chief will not be here, stats are in drop box.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:
RES 2025-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING THE PASSAGE OF AN INCREASE OF THE VILLAGE’S MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RATE FROM 1.0% TO 1.5%, FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME PERIOD, AND FOR PURPOSES OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS. NEW EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE, EXTENSION AND ENLARGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, DISCHARGE OF PRINCIPAL, PAYMENT OF INTEREST, AND ALL OTHER MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS PERMITTED BY LAW; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO ELECTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Third reading, Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was passed by Schmitz. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

RES 2025-20 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY TO FILE A CERTIFIED COPY OF NECESSARY RESOLUTIONS WITH THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS; DIRECTING THE MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PUT THE ISSUE OF AN INCREASE OF THE EXISTING MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY, OHIO INCOME TAX BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND TO CONTINUE INDEFINITELY ON THE November 4, 2025 BALLOT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Third reading, 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 Schmitz. Vote all yes

ORD 2025-10 AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE SERVICES THE VILLAGE WILL PROVIDE TO THE 1.035 ACRE TERRITORY IN GIBSON TOWNSHIP PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO THE VILLAGE ESTABLISHING THE BUFFER REQUIREMENTS THE VILLAGE WILL ENFORCE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.023, CONSENTING TO AND SUPPORTING THE ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY, 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.

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Erin Abels: Nothing to report

Diller: Nothing new to report on lagoon waiting on dredging. Would like to get proposal soon.

Water Plant Study: Marvin & Rob are well into final design work with completion as soon as well siting map is completed.

Water Tower: This is done with exception of electric. AES thinks they will be here in a couple days to get done. We did drain and disinfect the tower. It is in service now but no lights to go in it to check it. Reseeding was done correctly but late so it won't grow well. They will touchup with overfeed.

3rd Well Site: Did not go well. They were 100gpm on one and 60gpm on the other, not enough for a municipality. They have located 3 more spots. At some point will have to see what we can do to find a better site. Quinter said it looks right on paper; you can move 20 feet and hit 400gpm. Going to go in between wells, we have maybe hit the same acquirer. This well will not be to run all the time. Aidan thinks with the new plant we probably will run 2 at the same time. They staked all three today and should be back this week. Pearson: Did they know that day that it would not be enough? Diller: Yes. Rengers: They won't start another well the same day. The test well is 6".

Systemic Funding ODOT Trails: Nothing new, talked to Dennis, submitted to ODOT. Choice One submitted to ODOT, should be on track to bid at end of year.

Safe Routes to Schools: Choice One is beginning process. Anticipating a 2027 project.

Butler Street: Shelly came back to look at two areas we need to have them repair; the apron on Main and a spot in front of Janet & Charlie's to fix. They have a project on Union City Road in September, they will work this in. Update on poles, they should ship August 15th. I will keep on them to get done ASAP.

Real Estate: We consented to a annexation application. This would establish services we will provide. Now it will go back to the commissioners, wait 25 days for the commissioners to approve then we approve 30 days after.

House Bills: They only voted on one, agreed to stop emergency levy for school. They are taking replacement levies out too. All rest of veto's stayed in line. Governor is putting together a study on RE Taxes, to try to find solutions.

Pool: We are waiting on a company from Indy to get back with us. Rengers: They were supposed to be here last week.

Tax Meeting: Bill Kincaid did a nice job writing it up. We will do Insight on FR Radio this fall to get it out that way. We will take to file with the Board of Elections. We will need to appoint Aaron to take Randy's place on the CIC board.

CRA: We met with the School Board tonight; Aaron made the presentation, not a whole lot of response. We can go 100% or we can go 75% without their approval, other communities are well in the area. Rengers: I told them we want to do a 10yr on new, 15yr for a remodel and 8yr on a commercial property. We didn't get a lot of expression from the board. It's not a huge rush, beginning on January 1, 2026 makes the most sense. Pearson: Did you determine what is complete? Rengers: When they move in it will be completion. Diller: For us to read legislation it will need to be read first at the last meeting in October to get finalized for January 1st.

Park Board: Things are going well; National Night Out will be Tuesday 6-8pm. We are getting started on the batting cage. The permanent pickle ball net has been installed. If play is any indication, there is someone there every night now.

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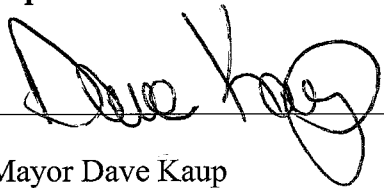
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Important Dates: ~~CIC Meeting is Thursday, Council election filing deadline is August 6th at 4:30pm we have 2 out for signatures. I reached out to Eric, did not hear back. Sunday evening concert and Tractor Pull this weekend.~~

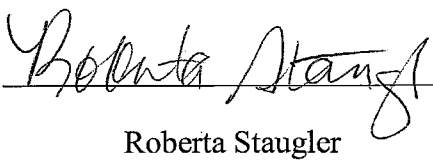
Poll Council: Schmitz: On the walking path there are a couple lights, left center side that are lit but dim, and one by the shelter house/restroom.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 33674 thru 33707 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 490-2025 to 493-2025 inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. **Pearson made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.



Mayor Dave Kaup



Roberta Staugler