

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held August 04 , 20 25

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on August 04, 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, Erin Abels, Aaron Rengers, Abby Miller, Neal Spencer, Jared Laux and Jennifer Schoonover.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, July Income Tax and Police Reports.

Minutes: Cliff Wendel made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2025 regular meeting which was seconded by Greg Schmitz. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Couple phone calls from people who got letters from the Village of St Henry about their wells. Aaron reported it was a letter that they would have someone come out and test their wells.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2025-16 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS.
~~Greg Schmitz~~ ^{Greg Schmitz} made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by ~~Luke Knapke~~ ^{Greg Schmitz}. Vote all yes. Al Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Cliff Wendel. Vote all yes.

Jared Laux: The July stats are in Dropbox. There is also some Lexipol information in Dropbox as well. Jared has been having discussions with them as they had reached out to see if we are interested in their policies, procedures and case laws, that we aren't always kept up to date on. They would give us standardized policies and procedures and Jared could review to make it fit for Fort Recovery. Jared would like to use it, but it is a little pricy. He has negotiated with them a bit so it will cost approximately \$1,837.50 for the first year and could increase by up to 5% per year. Depending on our insurance, some are eligible to receive a discount for up to three years. There is also an app, or you can go online and access your policies and procedures when out in the field. Cliff asked approximately how many procedures we have. Jared said approximately 70-80. Jared said it is year to year, not a contract. Scott asked if the policies would be ours to keep, if we canceled their services. Jared said he believes so, but he would have to check the user agreement. They have a team of lawyers who work for them so they would notify us when laws change. The quote is good for 90 days. Randy stated policies and procedures, Village wide, is something we will be working on soon. Randy thinks this is a good thing because it would keep us on the up and up. Aaron has a lot of experience in writing policy and procedures so he will be working on that. Clemons Nelson is what they used in Piqua. **Greg Schmitz made a motion to authorize Randy to enter into an agreement with Lexipol which was seconded by Cliff Wendel. Vote all yes.**

National Nite Out – Canceled on Sunday due to weather and rescheduled for Tuesday. We had an excellent turnout and received some good donations from businesses, including Neal from Fort Recovery Radio. We may want to consider doing it on a weeknight again next year.

Tractor Pulls were rained out Friday and finished early on Saturday, but there was a good turnout. There were no real issues on the PD side of things. The WOW will be coming up later this month and Jared has been working on two vehicles that have been an eye-sore and not registered correctly. Those are both taken care of now. There was conversation about a house on First St. that may needed tended to; Jared will look into this and talk with the owner.

*correction 8-18-25

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Erin Abels: Nothing to report

Diller: Water Plant Study: We had a follow-up meeting with Kleinfelder regarding the EPA’s master plan. We also received the dredging quote which came in more than double the original estimate. At this time, we will not be pursuing the dredging until we look at other possible options. Coldwater is looking at doing some dredging also so may piggyback with them and get a little better price.

Water Tōwer: Everything is basically done with the exception of getting power to the tower. Based on conversation with AES, they are probably still at least 10 days away. AES has not quoted it yet which must happen prior to construction. However, they can take up to 30 days after the quotes are signed. Tower is up and running. It won’t change anything except the mixer. We have a draw request for **\$9,660.00** for seeding and mulching. As we near the end of the project, we will still be holding the retainage fee until final draw. **Scott Pearson made a motion to approve the draw request which was seconded by Greg Schmitz. Vote all yes.**

3rd Well Site: The third well site was drilled today. We have not heard anything back yet. Quinter thought we’d have a better chance if we stayed in the same area because sometimes you only have to move 20 feet to find the right spot.

Systemic Funding ODOT Trails: ODOT has received the final set of design plans. Once they give their OK, they will come to us for final review. We are still thinking it will go out to bid at the end of the year and be ready for construction in summer of 2026.

Safe Routes to Schools: Stage one plans have been submitted. There are 4 property owners on 5 properties. One is the school, so we really don’t foresee any right-of-way issues on this one. That project is scheduled for the summer of 2027.

Butler Street: Still looking at August 15, 2025 for delivery of the poles. We still need AES to hook up the cabinet, but we don’t need any new service. Randy talked with Al today and he put it on his calendar. Shelley will be back in around September / October, to fix a couple places on Butler Street, when they do the Union City Rd paving. We do have a draw request in on Butler Street for **\$235,022.34**, that includes large a change order, for additional paving in the alley, parking lot, a section of George Street, our utility crossing on Union City Rd and extending the water line by Casey’s. We also added a little more concrete in the parking lot across from Rec Center. It all adds up. We still have the traffic light and retainage to pay for which will be around \$170,000. **Luke Knapke made a motion to approve the draw request which was seconded by Al Post. Vote all yes.**

Real Estate: The annexation with Nathan Fortkamp was filed and everything is ready to go. We will pass our final acceptance ordinance at our next meeting.

Legislative News: Nothing new to report as they are off on summer break.

Pool: (Aaron) Finally got the contractor out last week. Right now we are waiting for Derek to test the system, then the contractor will get us his recommendations. Derek is going to shut the pumps off for the night and see which one drops. That will help to isolate where the leak is coming from, if it is in the system or in the pool. After we get that information, they are going to come out with divers to try to figure out where the leak(s) are. We are losing 430,000 gallons of water a month. We do have a capital budget grant for \$450,000. We will look for other grant monies once we know what we need to do with the pool.

Tax Levy Renewal – Everything has been filed with the Board of Elections so we should be on the November ballot. Randy and Aaron did go to merchants meeting and they went on Spectrum and talked about it on WCSM. They will get with Neal and also try to attend more meetings and provide more information. Randy noted, we cannot spend money promoting this, but we can provide information and that is what we are doing. He told council, if they hear

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questions or concerns, please ask them to reach out to Randy so he can give them information. Once the information is out and people understand, we will stand a better chance of it being approved.

Community Reinvestment Area (CRA): Nothing new happening here. We are still working with the school to finalize some details. We did have a conversation with Jared Ebbing to discuss some of the details. We are still targeting the end of the year, however right now, we are waiting on the school board to give their feedback. Aaron will get in touch with Tony before the next school board meeting.

Randy and Aaron attended a meeting last week on the Public Works grants. Over the next 10 years, there will be \$600,000 available to the Village in regular round money. We can do one project, or take it as two smaller projects and go after the Small Government grants every third or fourth year, which is a little bit more money which would allow us some other options. Another topic from that meeting, was trails and bike paths. There has been discussion among the communities about forming a Mercer County Park District. One project they are considering is a bike path between Coldwater and St. Henry. The next obvious extension would be to Fort Recovery or using the railroad tracks to Coldwater. Norfolk and Southern still own the train tracks, but Randy heard they were just bought out.

Park Board: Pool is scheduled to close after the day shift on August 18th. School starts on August 19th.

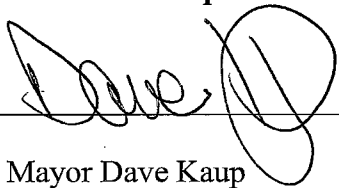
Important Dates - Filing Deadlines for everything is this Wednesday at 4:30. Sunday evening concerts are finished for the season. The WOW is coming up August 22 – 23. The next council meeting is August 18th.

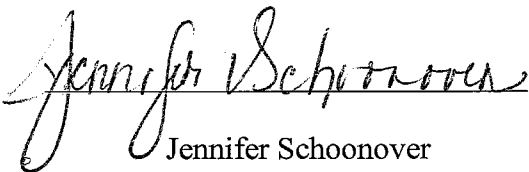
Audit: FRAQ form you are supposed to fill out was sent to your village email address. Fill it out and get it back to Randy and he will submit. You should have received an email from Richard Schultz a couple weeks ago.

Poll Council: Nothing to report

Council reviewed invoices for checks 33708 thru 33729 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 548 -2025 to 571-2025 inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. **Scott Pearson made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Cliff Wendel** Vote all yes.

Scott Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cliff Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Jennifer Schoonover