

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held _____ August 18, 20____ 25_____

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on August 18, 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, Jared Laux, Roberta Staugler and Bailey Cline.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, July Finance Report

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 04, 2025 Regular Meeting with a correction to line 17 "~~Greg Schmitz~~ s/b Scott Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by ~~Luke Knapke~~ s/b Greg Schmitz". Second by Luke Knapke. Vote all yes.

Mayor: We have a Cemetery Board Appointment. Diller: Yes, Thomas Shaw would like to be on the cemetery board. He is on the Catholic Church Board also. He will fill a 6-year term expiring 12/31/2030. **Post made the motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Shaw to fill the remaining portion of a six-year term on the Cemetery Board ending 12/31/2030. This was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

Mayor: The Mercer County Squad will celebrate their 50th anniversary next month.

Chief: We have the WOW this weekend. Hopeful it will be nice, big, profitable and, uneventful for our department. I had training at FR school for preschool training, working on reunification. We are approved for a .gov domain. Working on cybersecurity, so we will switch from .org to .gov for email also. This process makes our website and email legit and completes the approval process for a free domain.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2025-22 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS.

Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.

Staugler: I need a motion to approve assessment of unpaid utility bills to real estate taxes. **Post made the motion to authorize Staugler to assess unpaid utility bills to Mercer County Real Estate Taxes which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.**

The Single Audit has begun. The auditor was here last week and will be here Wednesday. Appropriations were increased tonight to cover the estimated cost of \$13,000. The Audit review will not be complete until September.

Erin Abels: nothing to report.

Diller: The Street department has been working on the new downtown speakers. I want to publicly thank the Community Foundation for covering 85% of the cost with a grant to the Merchants and a few donations covering the rest. The village donated the brackets and the labor to hang on the light poles. We have two more to put up. It is a great system. The last two speakers will be hung on the south side of the new light. Mayor: I like it. Diller: For now, they can play Neal's radio which he has 24/7. The controls are in Jenny's store, the Opera house and Krenning Park. The microphones work pretty good and are cordless. We are happy, the village cost is under \$1,000. The system cost \$17,000 system and we are taking ownership because it

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is on our poles and can be on our insurance which the merchants are fine with. Brandon and Derek did a great job. It turned out nice.

Sanitary: We are still working on the sanitary dredging of the lagoons. Trying to see if there is another alternative that would be more cost effective. Meetings will include dredging as part of a bigger project with potential for funding, we don't want to pay \$1.4M to dredge.

Water Plant Study: We can't finish until locating a third well is finished.

Water Tower: We have approved 99% of the work. The only thing left is to pay out retainage. Just need AES to complete. The process takes so long. The paperwork is now finalized, and we should see an invoice shortly to get power to the tower, once paid they can come. It is part of the contractor's job to get power to the site. I guess they will send the invoice to us which we will then send to contractor.

Butler St: They have the power finalized for the new traffic light and only need to pop the meter in. I called Al today and he will see if it is scheduled. Mayor: Would be nice to have done for the WOW. Diller: I don't know, he said between now and middle of next week. I don't think it will be in service. We won't turn it on 4-way red flashing to start because it is not a new light rather a replacement. Once done it will be move to cycling. We had some wire issues on the other light. It was shorting out, regular cycle wasn't holding for 119. It was replaced and is now cycling like should.

3rd Well Site: We are 0 for 3! They had the 4th site marked with confirmation from EPA we can use, if we decommission the lime sludge pond and stay 300' from the salt bin and agree to get rid of the pond when the new water plant is operating. We will see, if not go to plan e which is to sit down and have a conversation with all involved.

Systemic Funding ODOT: Sidewalk final plans are moving along and still looking at 2026 construction.

Butler Street: Project is pretty well final. We will walk through after lights are installed. Shelly will replace some small areas of asphalt in the next couple months.

Real Estate: Annexation, we received the packet from the Commissioners. Now we wait 60 days before we can pass our acceptance, it is final 30 day after that. We are moving closer

Legislative News: Now on summer break.

Tax Levy Renewal: We are good to go. We will be on Neal's radio show tomorrow night. Mayor: Has there been much feedback? Diller: Nearly zero - the ones that do talk about it think it is the correct move.

Pearson: Do we owe someone money? Diller: Yes, we have an invoice from Eagon for \$1,324.75. **Pearson made the motion to approve payment to Eagon in the amount of \$1,324.75 which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.**

Community Reinvestment Area (CRA): Diller: We are still working thru some things; we talked to the school last week. Don't want to rush through it.

Pool: Rengers: The company is coming back tomorrow to test the system. They came here and did a free assessment, now they will come out with scuba gear to see if leaks elsewhere. We are losing 340K gallons a month. Then they will give us prices. We will then get a committee together and see what we want to do with the grant money.

Knapke: They will design and do the work? Rengers: They could as we haven't had anyone else reply. The reason they are doing it for free so far is they will know exactly what goes into

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it, which will make their profit a little better if they get the design and/or construction bid down the road

Diller: School is starting so the swimming pool is officially closed. We will keep it running a couple days for pool testing.

Important Dates – We have the WOW event this week. The next meeting is September 1st, which is Labor Day. We can cancel and call a special meeting if needed. **Knapke made the motion to cancel the September 1st council meeting which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.**

Diller: We need an executive session to discuss personnel.

Poll Council: Nothing to report.

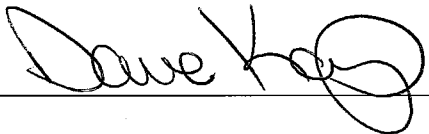
Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment in accordance with Ohio Rev Code 121.22(G)(1)? **Wendel made the motion to enter into executive session which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

Knapke made the motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Knapke made the motion to hire Jennifer Schoonover as the Fiscal Officer Trainee beginning October 1st at a pay rate of \$25 which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes. Randy will have a Wage Ordinance prepared.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 33730 thru 33754 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 610-2025 to 617-2025 inter-departmental transfers and adjustments **Schmitz made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.**

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.



Mayor Dave Kaup



Roberta Staugler