

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

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

Held October 20 , 20 25

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on October 20, 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, and Al Post. Absent: Erik Fiely and Scott Pearson.

Also Present: Randy Diller, Erin Abels, Aaron Rengers, Jared Laux, Roberta Staugler, Bailey Clfne, Abby Miller and Neal Spencer.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for October 06, 2025, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Mayor: We had an hour meeting tonight to discuss income tax on ballot, no one showed up. I missed the last ambulance meeting. I have Browns tickets for sale if anyone is interested.

Chief: We completed training on Lexipol. Qualifications were done on Saturday. We want to thank Celina PD for letting us use their range and Celina PD for providing instructors. Scott Pearson arrived at 7:33pm.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-26 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ODOT-GRANT FUND. 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.

RES 2025-27 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES. 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 Schmitz. Vote all yes.

ORD 2025-13 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF 1.035 ACRES IN GIBSON TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY, ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION THEREFORE 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.

Erin Abels: nothing to report

Diller: Kleinfelder updated the general plan on the Lemna design work and possible layout. Working through possibilities of an alternative to dredging. Depending on a couple of tests, it would be cheaper than what was originally proposed.

Water Plant: Speaking with Marvin tomorrow. We will talk through the plans to make sure we are on the same page

Water Tower: This project is completed. We must give our final approval and will then pay the retainage. The total was just slightly less due to non-performed items. Project went well and it is working good.

Well site study. We have the step tests completed and had discussion with Eagon personnel. We will reach out to EPA tomorrow, discuss working third well for secondary well. From what they shared, there is nothing in books that says we need to have 3rd well. Mayor: Will they pay us back? Pearson: Where is the 3rd well – near the creek? Diller: South edge of Sawyer park.

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Rengers: The first two are down by Sawyer Park area, the 3rd by the drive on the hill as you enter the park. The 4th is between water plant and park. They test right under 100 gpm. Diller: Crazy to have that many wells we don't need. There is a public meeting regarding the drilling east of town. Adrian Grube will have it at 6:30pm Wednesday. Farm Bureau will be there. I will be there but not to discuss well drilling. It has nothing to do with the village, but I plan to attend. Mayor: I can probably be there. We will not be there to give our thoughts. A lot of discussion of talk of people fighting it. That is not approach they are taking, but rather how can they protect themselves.

Street: Butler Street: Striping work is done so project is completed. This will be the last entry into our agenda.

Systemic funding: Comcast boxes need to be moved, ODOT is working with them. It is still being tentatively scheduled for bidding around the first of the year. ODOT will do the bidding. Awarding bid by March. **Knapke:** ODOT takes care of bids? Diller: I am wondering if we have input. One I went to years ago they wanted our input.

Safe Routes to School: We met with school and Choice One regarding the layout of the sidewalk from Sharpsburg Rd up to school. They are considering putting in curbing, which will be helpful, as the walk is pushed out closer to drive by the entrance due to the sign. Curb would make little safer. We will put out RFQ for right-of-way consultant. There are only 4 owners involved.

Annexation: You passed the Fortkamp Annexation tonight which will take effect in 30 days. Ruhenkamp can be passed on December 1st and will be held 30 days before filing.

Legislative: Introducing some old legislation, making collection of overdue utility bills for renters more difficult. OP&F contributions from municipalities to increase, about anything you can think about on RE Taxes.

Pool: Rengers: Later this week we should have updated numbers on a brand-new pool and proposed rehab so we can see what steps are next. Jenn is applying for a grant from Land & Water Conservation for \$500K. Diller: It requires a match, we have the \$450K grant we can use.

Tax Levy: November 4th we will have the 1.0% to 1.5% tax increase on the ballot. No one attended our open house tonight.

CRA: Rengers: I went and talked to the school board. They are ok with 10 years at 100% on new and 15 years on remodels. Some legislation out there now limits going to 100% without school approval. Could lose out on 100%. Rockford is 5 yr at 50%. Wendel: Has it progressed? Diller: They are opening up a new one. Renger: I don't think it was a lot of lots. Pearson: Are they waiting on us? Rengers: We have a few things to finalize. I have the language on SharePoint. Diller: We want to wait on pending annexations, as when we pass it will include all properties in the village, those not in would require us to redo the process. We want to finalize anything being planned before we consider a map. Knapke: Will we need to read 3 times? Diller: Yes.

Park Board: Start work on 2nd batting cage, pony league. FRYSO meeting Thurs at 7:15pm. Anna is on board, she can keep us informed.

Zoning: We have a meeting scheduled for November 5th for a variance.

Finance: We had our initial wage review tonight. We will come up with paperwork at next meeting. We will meet with employees and have ready for the next meeting.

Upcoming Events: Halloween parade starting at the high school at 3:00pm march to VanTrees Park. Trick or Treating from 4:00 – 6:00. Christmas Open House: Tree lighting November 13th

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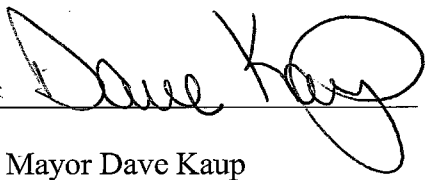
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with Friday and Saturday the normal hours and Sunday 11am to 4pm. The scarecrows have been a neat project the Merchants put on.

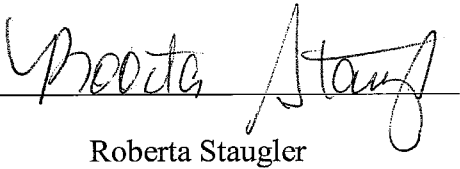
Tax: We had the Tax open house meeting tonight. The election will be November 4th the day after next council meeting. Aaron has an application for potential candidates after election for the open seats.

Poll Council: Nothing to report

Council reviewed invoices for checks 33825 through 33862 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 779-2025 to 821-2025 inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. **Knapke made a motion to approve as presented; this was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.**

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


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler