

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held	November 03 , 20 25
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on November 03, 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, Jared Laux, Roberta Staugler, Bailey Cline, 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 20, 2025, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Mayor: October Tax revenue is down as expected.

Chief: Nothing to discuss.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-28 RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE MONEY FROM WATER FUND TO WWIP-FR WATER TOWER 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 2025-29 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 Knapke. Vote all yes.

ORD 2025-30 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION TO THE LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE POOL PROJECT. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.

Erin Abels: nothing

Diller: Wastewater: Kleinfelder has submitted an updated general plan to OEPA. We will follow up this coming week. No proposal for design work yet, waiting on sludge testing.

Water Plant: Marv & Rob are pretty well done, once siting plan is received, we will review prior to sending to EPA. Waiting on TDS levels that will be produced by the RO plant before we go too far. We received a pay request from PMG for work completed by Rob Shoaf from May to November for 18,352.50. **Knapke made the motion to pay PMG Consulting \$18,352.50 which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.**

Well site study. We have discussed with EPA, Marvin and Eagon. We need to get together to decide a couple of things. We can get by with one or 2 wells, based on requirement as it doesn't need to pump by itself. We have to meet expected needs in 20 years. Our 2 wells run close, those plus flow from 3rd well is what we think we might want to do after we see what the cost is. Logistically, we won't have a whole lot of money getting it back to the plant. EPA needs to have a siting plan. It seems like it will possibly work as the best option in the long run. Haven't felt we need a 3rd well but found we need to meet a plan for 20 years. We don't need to produce that now.

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Water Tower: Tower is completed: sent a small list to contractor, nothing to hold up payment for. Final payment \$148,539.61. This is the final cost, which is \$4,128.50 less than original contract. **Schmitz made the motion to authorize payment of \$148,539.61 to Caldwell which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

Systemic Funding: Sharpsburg and 49 final design review has been reviewed with a couple questions. We have asked Aidan, Brandon and Derek to review for accuracy for their departments. Once finalized it will be submitted to ODOT for final approval. They are pushing hard to have it ready to have bid out around the first of the year.

Safe Routes to school: The school has decided not to do curbs, and will request for ROW RFQ's this week, which is a fairly easy process.

Annexation: Can file Fortkamp's November 30th, Ruhenkamp's will pass approval on December 1st.

Legislative: Items are popping up about every day, will continue to watch.

Tax Renewal levy: Voting is tomorrow 6:30am to 7:30pm. Reminder to get out to vote.

CRA: Nothing new to report.

Pool: You authorized to apply for a \$500K grant tonight to go with \$450K grant. Renger: The estimate from pool builder is right under \$1.2M to replace decking, gutter, filter, pump heater and vinyl liner. Get a better seal, won't peel away. The liners last about 15 years. It's \$100K for the gutter which should last for 30 years. Zero depth entry would be an extra \$226K. Planning to install a ramp with zero entry, just not entire side. We would have to upside the pumps, if it was all that shallow. Estimate does not include a splash pad or bath house. It will be set up for a splash pad, stubbed out to go over for some day. We would have to shut down baby pool too if a splash pad was installed. Hope to be able to go after a splash pad. Schmitz: What is cost of splash pad? Rengers: \$400K and the pool house another \$300K. Total replacement would be \$4M. Diller: We feel \$1.2M is a lot more doable. Kaup: How long do we get to keep the \$450K grant? Diller: Not very long, not another budget cycle. ODNr application needs to be turned in by 11/14. In the meantime, do you have any questions on the numbers and thoughts? We need to have a meeting. I am sure they will have a lot of things they will want that wouldn't fit into our budget. They think our structure will hold up for a long time, with a new liner another 30 years. At some point it will have to be replaced, we know it is not going to make money. All the planning and suggestions will come back to this table, you will decide what we will do.

Park Board: Batting cages are getting started and will hopefully be in ground this year. Schmitz: Is that what the stakes are for? Renger: Yes, near diamond three. Diller: They are working to finish up this week. Ruhenkamp coming in to do boring so it can be poured this fall and get up. They will also do work for community park for batting cage, and also new score board donated to diamond two. The water line to the restroom at Fort Site has been leaking for a couple of years, we couldn't find the leak. It has not shown up on the surface. Instead of fixing the old line, we will put in new one and make it right.

Budgeting: I put proposed capital budget in share-point. Met with departments, got things to be done for 2026, up till 5 years. Big items are streetlights, quite a bit extra with project, both of those areas, 10 are going in paid at 90%, these are because of the crossing; we will need to fill out areas in between, I think every 125 feet. Estimated figure for now until we can get final layout and get estimate done. There isn't a lot of equipment this year, vehicles are in good shape. Originally, we were going to replace the VA van, Aaron would rather not have a vehicle at this point. Aaron: I like to drive my own vehicles, like to keep to have available for employees to drive. Diller: There are a lot of maintenance items included. Still buying meters for water department. Upped cost on fire hydrants, replace, additional fittings. Also put in to finish up the sanitary lab, try to get finalized. Kelly is helping Mitch with this. Knapke: Street, is the plow a V blade? Diller: Yes, we have one now for alleys about only place we use. Ton truck needs

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tires too. Jared plans to replace 2 AED next year. Radar signs built in, see how it will go. I am becoming a big fan of radar signs when you go into towns. We can probably apply for money from PEP, not sure about workers comp. Jared: I submitted a request for funding with the WoW for money for radar, they might have stipulation of advertising the Wow on them. Office, we have computer stuff, server, new firewall, also revamp server room. There may also be some office revamps, Aaron might need a stand up desk. Anything outside, replace fence or landscaping. Budgeted for overlays but don't see us doing any type of street project.

Sanitary: We are just working on the design; we do need to replace the North Wayne Street pump station. Mitch is getting some prices. Aaron: There are alternatives for a different pump. Diller: A lot depends on skid, concrete, we can put building on similar to East station. It will be easy to get access to, with a 1/2 basement, not like current pit. We do need to keep the wall up because it is in a flood plain.

I do need to request an executive session for personnel.

Tax Levy: November 4th we will have a 1.0% to 1.5% tax increase on the ballot.

Upcoming Events: Christmas Open House: Tree lighting November 13th with Friday and Saturday the normal hours and Sunday 11am to 4pm.

Poll Council: nothing to report.

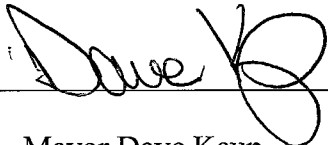
Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter into executive session to discuss employee compensation in accordance with Ohio Rev Code 121.22(G)(1). Pearson made the motion to enter into executive session which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

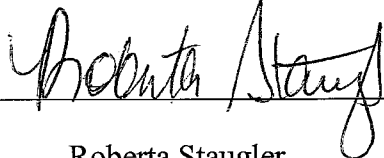
Pearson made the motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Randy was instructed to have the 2026 wage ordinance be prepared to be presented at the next council meeting.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 33863 through 33882 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 822-2025 to 851-2025 inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. **Wendel 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 8:49pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler