

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held November 17 , 20 25

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on November 17, 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 November 03, 2025, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Mayor: I attended the Veterans Day Monument Park ceremony, I was ready and they went past me, so I won't have to write a speech for next year.

Chief: I had some money left in community relations, so I ordered pens to pass out at presentations or have a reason to say hi when out. Big news is that the WoW committee came through with help purchasing a new Radar Speed trailer. We will be able to put messages on it, such as road work ahead. It is a Speed Alert 24X60. It is like the one we share with St Henry with red & blue radar plus messages. We can use it when we have a street project with worker ahead message, it will help with safety. Spencer: Can you put on it "Wayne St No Trucks"? Laux: We will need to add decals; they did have the stipulation that we have a WoW emblem on it. The current one we own with St Henry; it's 10 years old. Would like to give full ownership to St Henry so we can be released from the maintenance, repair and insurance. They are the biggest helpers at our events. If it is all right with council, I will give our 1/2 interest to them. Council did not have an objection. Chief: The total cost was \$17,100 and should be here four weeks from now. There was an accident at hardware, it was very busy during Christmas Open House.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2026-31 A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE COLLECTIONS FOR FOUR REAL ESTATE TAX LEVIES IN THE VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY TO 0 MILLS. 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 2025-32 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VA TO EXECUTE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMET COMMUNITY PARK RECREATION/CONSERVATION PROJECT PASS THROUGH GRANT AGREEMENT. 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.

RES 2025-33. 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.

Staugler: Amy Wise the State Auditor did call this morning to let me know the review auditor has not been able to complete our audit due to some difficult audits he is reviewing. She said she hopes he can complete it soon.

Erin Abels: nothing to report.

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Diller: Lagoons: Kleinfelder has submitted updated general plan to OEPA, no proposal yet. We will take a look at other layouts. Still don't have everything we need to have for dredging.

Water Plant: As soon as we finalize pricing on one or two wells, we will make a final decision. Installation of raw water line will be much less due to the existing well and line back to the plant. Both are around 125 gpm, which will meet the OEPA requirements. We should be able to finalize in next couple of weeks.

Water Tower: This project is now complete; all bills are paid.

Systemic Funding: Things seem to be moving along for final review. We reviewed the plans and made some minor changes with Choice One. It is scheduled to go out for bid in January.

Safe Routes to school: Grant RFQ submittals are due December 10th, to then award to R-O-W consultant, shouldn't take more than a couple of months. This is a 2027 project.

Annexation: We can file Fortkamp's annexation with the 30 days up on Wednesday, so we will file on Thursday. Ruhenkamp's annexation 60-day period will expire the end of the month so we will be able to pass on December 1st to record 30 days after.

Legislative: Unpaid utility bills legislation is moving forward something is going to happen. What the final terms are is hard to say. We had thrown around, if we can't collect past due from the landowner, then they can charge the tenant for the monthly bills, will wait to see what the final bills says. Lot of bills on RE Tax, some going thru. The Latest, HB503 voter approval municipal tax reciprocity. If you work in St Henry and pay 1.5% you owe us nothing. Where it comes to play is we are the only ones that allow reciprocity for out of state. Going up north Coldwater and Rockford don't allow people that work in Decatur credit and even bigger UC Ohio doesn't allow credit for those that work in UC Indiana. We are one of less than 5 in the state that do. It affects about 46 people that file here and work in IN, which is \$26K that we could collect. We can do what everyone else does by not allowing a credit or we can waive a portion of the credit. This is something we have to decide. Anything passed after August 1st is void. Bill states anything after this date is null and void, wouldn't allow us to change. Do you have any feedback? They are saying if you want to change reciprocity, you must put it on the ballot and get voter approval. This credit has been given since 1982. Wendel: Does it include remote work? Rengers: If working here you pay Fort Recovery. Diller: If someone works in MI or KY wouldn't get credit either. Diller: If workers went to IN and they paid the county tax we wouldn't get credit here. Just want to bring up, might have to take to ballot if we ever want to change it. Basically, from time they introduce the bill they don't want people to go out and make changes about eliminating credit. We are going to give to OH but not out of state. Kaup: If we took to the ballot probably have 46 no votes. Diller: Probably more because people don't understand it. We did have 73% approval for our income tax increase. We appreciate people supporting that and trusting us.

Tax Renewal levy: With the Resolution you guys passed tonight to zero out the four levies, we need to have it to the County so they can get it to the state by Friday. I will have it to them tomorrow.

CRA: Nothing new, we have a potential other annexation

Cruiser: We sold the 2015 cruiser for \$2,724. It is in need of a new engine.

Couple of things to mention. The new Christmas decorations. Tom & Tess Kaup spearheaded the downtown tree lighting and other areas around town. Another thing they did; worked on the new historical plaques. They have 25 of the 39 plaques installed. Kaup: they didn't put mine up yet. Diller: I guess you will be putting it up wherever you want.

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Park Board: Pool project: Renger: Jenn submitted another grant. We expect to hear back sometime in January, won't know until March if awarded.

Diller: Still working on 2nd batting cage, it is a big project. Speaking for the WoW; they will assist the Swayer project. They are working on final design, layout, drainage, tiles for electric stone and then ready for concrete. Equipment install will be next summer, they want to get as much done as they can then see where it goes.

Zoning: The trees are gone at 202 E Broadway. Their front yard will be on the Elm St side. Partially use the 40' of R-O-W, not being used. They will cut down the hill; it will be a nice improvement.

Upcoming Events: The annual FR Radio Christmas Gala will be held on December 10th at the Cooper Pavilion.

Rengers: We have put it out on social media that we have available an application for two open council seats. Mayor: I had two calls, both lived out of town. Diller: They can serve on the park board and design review if consulting.

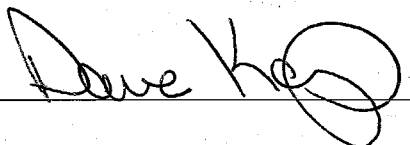
Poll Council: Scott: Are they working on the lights? Laux: They were here late today to do boring. Knapke: Issues with Leaf Vac today? Diller: Yes, they worked until 5:30 today to try to get finished.

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)? Knapke Made the motion to enter into executive session which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

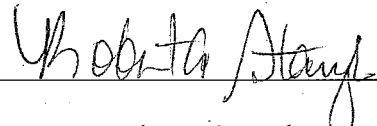
Knapke made the motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes. Council directed Diller to have Erin Abels prepare the 2026 Wage Ordinance to present at the next meeting.

Council reviewed invoices for checks 33883 through 33909 including then and now certificates, and electronic payments 853-2025 to 854-2025 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 8:32 pm.



Mayor Dave Kaup



Roberta Staugler