

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held December 05, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on December 05, 2022, 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: Erik Fiely, Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post.

**Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, Bailey Cline, Jared Laux, Neal Spencer and Leslie Gartrel.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report, November Finance, Tax, and Police Reports.

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve the November 21, 2022 minutes as presented which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

**Mayor:** Council decided to not have a Christmas party this year.

**Chief:** Call records in drop box. Been moving cruiser around town and will until snow starts to fly, I don't want it in the way of snow plows. We had online training with FEMA, working with the school. We also held a reunification exercise; I am willing to do anything we can do to help them out.

**Staugler:** Angie is working with MITS and looking at beginning use of the new software on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. she will probably update both until she is comfortable with the transfer.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

**ORD 2022-07 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING WATER SYSTEM RATES.** Pearson made the motion to pass on to the third reading which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**ORD 2022-08: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER RATES.** Pearson made the motion to pass on to the third reading which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**ORD 2022-09: AN ORDINANCE SETTING WAGE RATES AND PERSONNEL POLICY.** Pearson made the motion to pass on to the third reading which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**Erin:** I received an email from Brown Greer Directing Administrator about the Johnson & Johnson Bankruptcy payment allocation. We received \$81.97 which is under a \$500 minimum so it will be allocated to the county.

**Diller: Utilities:** Still don't have a sonar report from John Jacobs, he had a severe case of COVID, will probably be working on it this week. I have had other discussion with Melvin Stein and Ryan on testing. DO was a 6 in the primary pond and 11 in the secondary pond. It helps Cooper Egg Products CBOD loading is down in the 200's consistently. He will show us data and explain what he sees happening in the lagoons. To reiterate he wants to treat through winter and spring. We don't pay by material but by results. I don't care as long as it is working. Things look good

**Milligan Street Project: Tap Grant:** We are in process of reviewing information back from Choice One in an approach to scale the job to fit our budget. We want to provide them with a new project scope that will meet the same purpose and need as stated in the original project. If the district personnel feel it still meets the requirements, then it will go to a fund manager. They don't normally change the scope. It is a different time with inflation and costs, there might be a chance. We will continue to work on it, hope to know more in the next week.

**Systemic Funding:** Need to finish RFQ, Jenn was going to reach out to them today.

**PUCO Crossing exemption:** nothing to report

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**EV Station:** Nothing to report. Have not heard anything, getting the feeling the money is gone. We will look at other options.

**Legislation:** The State is in a lame duck session. Some bills deal with municipalities, they are not close to passage. Since the make-up of the legislative body isn't changing there is no need to push things through.

**Budget:** Draft copy is in drop box. I have not included much in the way of projects; it is mainly repairs and replacement and land acquisition. The other side, nothing for projects, with a potential for overlays which we sometimes convert into a street project. Other thing in the list is additional \$50,000 if needed for lagoon treatments. It may be taken care of with the first round. Any questions? Mayor: I think we need to hold off on big projects. Diller: Might look at a small project on Gwendolyn / Wiggs or the two blocks of S. Main. Main St would probably be the cheapest, a quick and easy project. Not quite as troublesome as Wigg St which at some time we need to get widened. People complain about not being able to pass. We will put together at the next meeting in the 2023 Appropriations. We are still waiting on a few prices to come back; Water Plant is looking at whether to get SCADA or not and a lot of other ideas in the works. Schmitz: What kind of lights on rec trail? Diller: We will add additional lights in the SW corner. Originally, we wanted to avoid conflict with baseball games. I don't think it will be an issue since the games are played mostly in May or June. We have gotten a lot of feedback it gets really dark back there. This could be a Community Foundation or Cooper Foundation project.

Knapke: How far off are we on replacing street lights, how far are we from owning all of them? Diller: They still have about 75 that they will not sell, we would have to tell them to take down. I have talked to DP&L about night guards which won't provide the same type of lighting. It might be where we take on street lighting to get them done. Honestly, with our rates, using the aggregation, we are paying about 1/5 per month on our lights compared to Miami Valley. We have 160 of our own vs 75 not owned. We have a maintenance agreement with them, they come out maybe 4-5 times a year to fix lights. Mayor: Have we repainted any posts? Diller: In the downtown we have. We will have to put it on our summer list, we discussed painting while standing or have J&M spray them, we will have to figure it out. Mayor: I see some missing paint.

After the first of year, we will research a consultant or engineering company to look at our water process, how it comes in, and tests. Is there a way to retrofit the current plant cheaper, or actually build a new one with ion exchange technology. One that is easier than the lime soda we deal with now. Want to know what we should expect out of it in the next 5-10 years.

**Park Board:** Hope to close on the existing baseball field with the school after the first of the year. Working with adjoining property owner about obtaining additional ground for Swayer Overman project.

**Important Dates:** Records Commission meeting Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. The Annual Fort Recovery Christmas Gala will be at the Cooper Pavilion on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Diller:** I would like to request executive session.

**Poll Council:** Erik: Fire Hydrants. Diller: We have the parts with three that need the innards replaced. Fiely: I think there is not a fire hydrant by the school. Diller: Once they get filters done, they will tackle at least ones that need innards replaced. Knapke: Nice job by Street Department, not one person complained to me about leaves or limbs this season.

**Mayor:** Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code 121.22(G)(1). Fiely made a motion to enter executive session seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**Knapke made a motion to exit executive session seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes**

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**Action taken: Randy will forward wage ordinance update to Erin for final reading.**

Council reviewed invoices #31435 to #31458 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 220165 to 220173. **Pearson made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

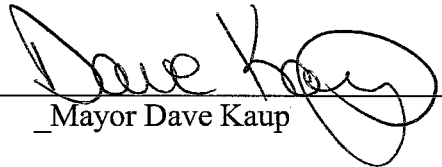
**8:50PM Melvin Stein from Kainos Ag arrived.** Stein: We had John Jacobs complete a sonar; we feel we have half of our goal accomplished. We have not received a report from him yet as he has had COVID. We have had him do other analysis as there were things, we saw in the mid report that raised questions. We are creating bio floc, which is what mechanical systems use to more rapidly digest. It is recirculated from the clarifier to begin the process over. In a lagoon, the sludge became septic, with no DO anaerobic every spring when it warms up which smells like death. We have been able to penetrate the sludge, which became light and fluffy, which stimulates bio floc in the mass. We do not know the percent of bio which was formerly dead and septic.

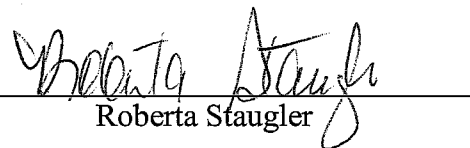
We submitted sludge samples to identify species. We are trying to correlate and figure out where we are at. Labs are compiling it in different formats. I spoke with Brown and Corwell last week. Their research and development section took us through an evaluation for potential products, to see if we have viability. We passed 3 of 5 tests to document viability of our product. We will start talking to them about what we are doing here. A sonar can't differentiate between the sludge, which is something further than what we thought about. It is possible we are building a bridge between the lagoon and a mechanical system. We are seeing elements on what it should take to get there. There are different species in the lagoons. In lagoon two just under the surface there are platonic spilites swimming around they are feeding on bacteria and algae. This is beneficial to the river too. We are looking at a dynamic system digesting nutrients.

We used a micro biometer to judge the sludge. Fungi eats fats and a percent of that too. It is one of two things that plant life will create as it becomes more efficient. We don't know the source, but it is beneficial. A micro biometer looks at everything and gave us higher results than from a lab. The smell continues to be negated. There is a smell at first in the lagoon, the rest smells like a pond. This is the most telling and anecdotal thing we have. Mayor: Are we at a standstill? Stein: Nothing that keeps us from continuing to gather data, continue to evaluate species to get a better idea of what is out there. We are working with other communities. One is Kodiak AK which is colder climate. If they are getting results, maybe we will get results in the winter too. Kodiak is obtaining baseline data and plate counts.

Diller: We have seen some positives. The important thing is we know something is happening. Will that be enough to alleviate issues we will see in the spring? We are trying and thinking it is working well, there is very little to no smell. Do you anticipate we can maintain it? Stein: Yes, you are still injecting air. Diller: Will it help with ammonia? Stein: I don't know the answer to that one. If we can convert ammonia to NH3, to an off gas able form which works against algae. Diller: Can we figure out phosphorus, ammonia and E.coli next? Mel: E.coli will go away; good bacteria will outperform the bad. Ammonia reductions occur under normal warm conditions with increases occurring in colder weather. We will need to monitor what happens over the winter with the higher DO levels. Phosphorus is consumed by algae. To be honest I don't understand but that is why we are doing testing, I am optimistic you won't have turnover in the spring. Diller: Coopers was injecting peroxide, since we have not been feeding peroxide the last three weeks it has had no negative impact. Mel: We don't want bio floc to go without; it will freeze but it won't die. We will keep dosing to maintain viability. We want to hold what we gained.

**Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.**

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler