

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held April 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on April 19, 2021 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, PG Jellison, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel and Jared Laux.

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor: I attended a meeting Wednesday with the Ambulance District committee. They have put together a brochure with information about the expense levy. It is coming along pretty well.

Chief: I will reach out to the sheriff in regard to coverage for the WOW Event. Fort Recovery Prom is this Friday. We will do a PVT test for 65 students that signed up here and then go to Romer's. I have added to Drop Box some different stats for you to look at as far as considering a vacant officer position.

Mayor: I have a couple people that are considering being an officer for us. I want to get councils direction. I am still in favor of another officer. Post: You have my approval to look. Mayor: Gentlemen we need to decide if this is a part-time or full-time position? We can go into executive session at the end of meeting to discuss possible applicants. Post: I can see there are open uncovered times. Wendel: I am interested if we have a good applicant. Fiely: I have no problem, it's a good idea we need weekends covered.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the April 5, 2021 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

RES: None

Diller: This Ordinance was due to Angie McAbee's probationary period being up; we could not take action at the last meeting due to not having two-thirds majority present.

ORD: 2021-02 An ordinance amending section I(F) of Ordinance 2021-01, is amended to adjust the classification and pay schedules for the Tax Administration Department. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules for three readings 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.

Staugler: We discussed the option at a prior meeting of refinancing our Rural Development Loan which was taken out to finance our sewer separation. Our loan balance is \$1,341,887.93 at 3.0%. Ohio Water Development Authority has a new loan available for refinancing. We could possibly finance for 25 years at 1.88% which would save us six years and approximately \$387,000. We will proceed with the application unless anyone objects. There is a loan application fee of \$1,500. Council approved proceeding with applying with OWDA to refinance our loan.

Abels: Randy provided me with information to prepare a purchase contract for the high school ball diamond property. I need to find an old deed to the property. I will prepare a Resolution for council to pass. Diller: We are not in a hurry but would like to get it on paper so nothing changes between now and when the project is ready to go on the new diamond. Diller: We had provided them one before but no one can find it and they never signed it. Larry Brown said let's get it on paper. We would not close until the diamond is ready at

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approximately the end of 2022 or agree in writing to a 6-month extension. Kaup: It sounds like they might be breaking ground in July.

Diller: I have also asked Erin to work on the current tax ordinance. There is an item that can be interpreted in a different way. It simply has to do with people that live here and work in Indiana.

Projects: Broadway Street: Things are moving along. Actually, they have the underground work pretty well done. We had them dig out different areas to go deeper. The intersection needs to be cleaned up. Curbs are being formed up and ready to pour. We would like to have it opened up as soon as possible. Once trucks are off the intersection of First & Broadway, we will consider pouring a radius out to First Street. We will go ahead and repour the curb radius back in along Shell Station so they can't drive straight into the intersection. We need to discuss when this opens up, at least as the truck route, what will we do with the Broadway/Wayne Street intersection? Right now, traffic does not have to stop going north on Wayne St, how are we going to handle it? Do we let the truck traffic go through without stopping? Wayne Street traffic going north will have to stop. I would like for council to mull over and take a look at it. What is going to slow them down before they get to Elm? We know the way Pak-A-Sak customers are, there are times people back out of the parking lot onto the street. I will reach out to Choice One to see what they think ODOT will want done. Pearson: If they do, do they have the right to say? Diller: I believe they make the final decision, we make the request, to see what will meet ODOT rules. At the end of the day, I want what is the safest. If we think we need a 4-way stop to control traffic, I'm ok with that. Pearson: Did we build it up to withhold the traffic? Diller: Yes, not sure of the street in front of Pak-a-Sak. Pearson: We are not allowing parking as they turn the corner? Diller: They can park on the east side of the north block, Glentzer's area will not have parking, will probably leave it off the whole east side. Pearson: The south section will not change. Diller: There is currently no parking along the east side of the street in the south block.

Water Department: **Lime:** Nothing new to report.

Meters: Randy went over the estimate with Ryan, we need to clarify it and should finalize soon. We have the need to update our software which is no longer supported, and update the transmitters on our meters.

Lagoons: Regarding the smell, I hope people are noticing a change. We have done a lot of checking and research with CW Egg's and other businesses. We have added treatment which has helped. We have done some testing and added some aeration to our lift stations. We will continue to work through that. CW has been great and we will continue working through it. We did find out the treatment, is an oxidizer, it is something we will keep on hand for the spring and fall to keep that smell down at those times too. The sludge is not the problem but we will find out the cause and treat it.

Water Tower: There is a company coming to St Henry to clean their water tower. Since they are here, they will come in for \$3,000 and will clean ours too with proper PPE and touch up any spots that need paint.

Monument Park Lighting: The lighting ceremony is scheduled May 28th, the same time, as the annual Memorial Day Parade, it won't be dark but close. The old lights have been removed. We will go in later this summer and remove the bases.

Sidewalk Policy: Nothing new to report.

Zoning: Nothing new to report.

Tap Grant: We should hear by the middle of April which is tomorrow.

GIS Mapping: Nothing new to report.

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ODOT: Nothing has happened.

RR Crossing: Waiting to hear from RJ Corman, before we decide to proceed.

Buck ditch tile: Culy Construction will do all repair work from the inside and it should hold up for a number of years.

Street Overlay: We went through Buechler's Asphalt, the quote came back to fix areas at \$53,000. They gave us the price per square foot. When they show up, if we need to go further, we can and will know what the cost will be. The only thing I requested was we do not want to disrupt traffic on 119 until we open Elm Street.

Diller: We will need to grind some areas until 2024 or 25 proposed 119 paving. Kaup: How many square feet? Diller: It consists of a large area but is such that we could grind the street 200' stop then pick up and then set back down 50' later. Jerry & I will go out and take a can of paint, one area at a time to ensure we are getting the worst of it. Kaup: There is a bad spot by stop light, can we cut it out and put concrete in? Diller: Maybe, anything other than black top will close the road down longer. Kaup: They now make a highway mix you can drive on the next day. Diller: We will look at all the options when his crew chief gets back from Florida. We want the most cost-effective option because it is temporary. We put \$75,000 in the budget for overlay's, First St repairs will fall under the project.

Park Board: We began working on the pool this week. Wellman Brothers are coming in to touch up areas and fix the pits in the bottom of the deep area.

Important Dates: Cruise-In is May 7th, Spring Clean Up day is May 15th. Diller: Mahargs has a contract extension built in. If he needs to increase the cost, we would need to rebid the trash contract out. Kaup: I talked to Mike; he said the bags have doubled. Diller: He never said anything to me about that on the phone. He will be in here soon to see me. An extension to the current contract won't take any Council action, only if the cost increases.

Poll Council: nothing to report.

Council reviewed invoices #30187 to #30219 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 210031. Pearson made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

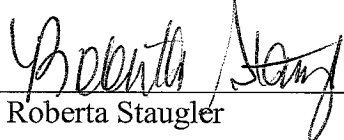
Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code 121.22(G)(1). Wendel made the motion to enter into executive session seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Fiely Motion to exit executive session seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Does council wish to proceed with advertising for a police officer? All council replied yes. Randy: Jared and I will get together and decide on the time frame and advertise for the position.

Fiely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler