RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on May 3, 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: Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Absent Erik Fiely.

Also Present: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, PG Jellison, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel and Alex Schoen.

The Mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the April 19, 2021 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Tomorrow is voting for the Ambulance District Levy. It will not affect everyone's tax too much because the Mercer County Home Levy will be coming off. The Mercer County Home will be torn down. The tax report from Angie was in drop box. The Chief did tell me he has two applicants so far; the position will be advertised until May 7th. The lagoons are getting better. Wendel: I drove out there tonight and could not smell anything.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

RES: 2021-03 A Resolution to Establish A New Fund 206 for the American Rescue Plan State & Local Fiscal Recovery. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules for three readings which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.

ORD: 2021-03 An Ordinance to amend the Income Tax Ordinance. 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 received the annual notice from the Dept of Commerce Liquor Control asking if the Village has any objections to the renewal of the Liquor License for Fort Recovery businesses. Council and the police department had no objections at this time. No reply to Dept of Liquor Control is necessary if we have no objections for the renewals.

Fiely arrived at 7:47PM.

Abels: nothing to report.

Diller: Projects: Broadway Street-Elm St. The curbing is pretty much completed, they completed the third corner of the intersection today with only one remaining. One section of sidewalk is complete with three more to do. If they have a good week, they could be done soon; things are going well. Randy was supposed to meet with Buehler Construction but did not due to the weather. We want to see how we can work out the truck traffic. We will mess the truck drivers up for a little while. When we have time, we are going to look at SR119, we want to go thru to see what is the best way to handle. We will see if they can grind and replace with a 2" layer of new asphalt.

We have the second pay request which has been signed off by Ryan of Choice One. I did not go back over it with Jenn yet to see how much of the request is ours to pay. The second pay request is for \$110,397.33. Pearson made the motion to approve the second request for payment which seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

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Water Department: Lime: Nothing new to report. Randy talked to EPA, they have not issued the general permit, if we need, we can get a land application permit. The Lime feed equip has not been delivered yet.

Meters: We received the pricing on the meters, we have questions on how they priced them. We need to update the software and some of the meter heads. The software needs to be updated, which should make the system work better, it will pick up a wider range. Right now, it takes 20-30 minutes to read. It does notify them if it misses a meter. We had the option to purchase the remote read software which would work from here but the amount of money it would cost far outweighed the 20 minutes per month.

Lagoons: We feel we are making good progress. We are adding new ideas every day. We can't get the DO where we want it yet. We have not eliminated the odor but it is less intolerable. We will continue to take tests, some of which is the sulfites / sulfates and try to understand the cause. Generally, if you as council members get those types of calls, we are not trying to shortchange you guys, please call Randy or Ryan so they can share what we know. Things are just changing too often to keep everyone in the loop. EPA was here last Friday, don't know why, if it was due to our DO of if someone called them. They don't meet with you yet due to COVID, it has been 10 days since they were here, we have not heard anything back yet. Everyone involved has been working on this problem.

Sidewalk: We have an updated draft to which we need to tweak a couple things. We agreed to allow saw cutting if eligible. We can make that call each year when we go around. Some people might not like the look of the saw cut. If we get it up and let people know we could have it available next year. It worked on sidewalks in town. Schmitz: What if there is a tree between the sidewalk and the street? Diller: In the past we would take them down, the latest is if you put a tree in there you are responsible. The older ones, in some cases, the homeowners are responsible if you don't want the tree. Some people don't want to lose the tree, there are not a lot of trees in the curb lawns in town. If were doing Wayne St again I would not have allowed it. It is not practical. Pearson: What are your thoughts on this company? Diller: What they do works. Kaup: Did you walk down and look? Pearson: Yes. Diller: It is not a trip hazard unless it moves again. Kaup: If you grind it down can they regrind the same piece, or should have you replaced it the first time? Diller: We could put it in the program that we allow saw cut once. I am satisfied with what they did for the Village. Some people won't like the look. I will get Erin working on it and we will start advertising to get feed back

Zoning: Hope to have draft copy for Planning

TAP Grant: We were notified that we were approved. We will have a scope meeting with ODOT in the next couple of weeks; \$1,026,000 is a great start. Jenn and I have already talked, we will make sure we get Public Works and Grant applications submitted to fit this time line. Kaup: What is the time limit? Diller: It is for the 2024 budget year which is 7/1/23-7/1/24. They want the project sold by the end of the time frame. They are not concerned when the work gets done. We will find out the dates and coordinate. Some of the things we will include are to shave the hill by Jake Klingshirns to make the site line better. Dedicated cross walks by Van Trees Park and new stop lights, it will be a nice project when done.

GIS System: This will be finalized soon.

ODOT: They did put the signs up last week. It is 35 MPH up to Schmitt Fur Farm. We have a flashing light to bring it to drivers' attention.

Rail Road Crossing: We are waiting to hear from RJ Corman.

Culy Construction: They are scheduled to come this week based on weather.

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Diller: We received a request for permission to close a public street for a Block Party. That is something we have never done. I talked to Ted to make sure we would not be liable. He does not think so but will talk to PEP about it. I asked the residents to put in a formal request, everyone that lives on that street must sign the petition. It is a cul-de-sac street. My concern is it will set a precedent. We need to give it some thought ahead of time.

Park and Pool: The Pool work should be done soon as long as the weather cooperates. The guys that did the work feel the work completed in the pits will solve what was causing our water leak problem. We had them also seal around the bottom of the stainless-steel gutters.

Important Dates: Cruise-In is May 7th, Spring Clean Up day is May 15th.

Poll Council: nothing to report

Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss purchase of property in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code 122.22(G)(2). Fiely made the motion to enter into executive session seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Fiely made the motion to exit executive session, which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes. Diller: We will have a resolution and contract for council to review and approve at the next meeting.

Council reviewed invoices #30220 to #30240 including then and now certificates, interdepartmental transfers and memo expense 210031-210035. Fiely made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Mayor Dave Kaup

Roberta Staugler