

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held September 20, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on September 20, 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, Leslie Gartrel, PG Jellison, Neal Spencer and Adam Diller.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report,

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve the September 4, 2021 minutes. Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

**Mayor:** We did have an ambulance district meeting last Tuesday. We passed a couple things that needed to be completed for the ballot. We should get an ambulance soon although there is no final date on when it will arrive. Appropriations for 2022 were also approved.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

**RES 2021-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF 100% OF REVENUES RECEIVED FROM SEWER INDUSTRIAL USAGE SURCHARGE.** Pearson made the motion to suspend the readings which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Wendel made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

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**RES 2021-14 A RESOLUTION AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS.** Pearson made the motion to suspend the readings which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

**ORD 2021-08 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN UPDATED VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY.** Third reading, Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**Abels:** We are working on Zoning, when it has been completed, I will have the Ordinance for that. Randy is looking at new language for the Cemetery deeds. I have added some language and sent it back to Randy to review. Randy: We looked at it and would like to add it as a separate document that can be signed when they are here as we normally just mail the deeds. Abels: It is probably better that way.

**Diller: Projects:** Paperwork has been finalized on Broadway/Elm Street. We need to submit it to OPWC. I did talk to Dan Post; he is waiting for it to cool down before he does any more work. Knapke: Will there be time to wait the 21 days after weed kill is put on? Diller: He will not put on weed kill until spring. He wants to slice seed and fertilize, the frost will kill the weeds, then he will apply weed kill next spring. You can't wait 21 days. Knapke: Right, we will be into next year. I had some neighbors say they will start advertising in their yard. Diller: It is grass and weeds; it will be fine. Pearson: It took 3 years when they did our street. Diller: Like most you probably did it yourself, like I did. Kaup: What is his ETA? Diller: We are hoping today or tomorrow, he wanted to be here last week but the 90° weather didn't allow him to do it. That is their business, he said "Tell them I will take care of it". The weeds have nothing to do with PAB, Niekamp's Farm spoke with PAB, they will apply weed feed over the next year. Kaup: Will he maintain or try to get it up? Diller: No

\* correction 1-17-22 minutes

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matter what happens, if no water there will be weeds, obviously it had to have been in the dirt, we will deal with it. He will not forget us; he is a Fort Recovery guy.

**Utility:** Still no ok from EPA on ground application permit

**Lime Sludge:** We have the equipment ready, they had to take it apart to get it up the stairs.

**Fire Hydrant:** They are half done and are waiting on some parts. They have one on SR 49, and one that was knocked over during the project in monument park. It was a 1960's hydrant so we will replace it. Pearson: What kind of maintenance is there? Diller: We have some from the 60s yet and others from 70 and 80's. They are cast so the only thing that can go wrong is the internal equipment. We will have a maintenance program; it is part of the flushing and flow testing they do every year. From there they make a list. With the new GIS system, it will be put in the program for easy access. They began using GIS when they did the flushing. If we need a report on a certain hydrant, they will be able to do that. It is part of the purpose for GIS, to log all maintenance. This is what EPA wants to see in Asset Management.

**Water Tower:** Maintenance should be this or next week at the latest. He figures ours will take a couple of days to complete

**Sidewalk Policy:** This will take effect in 2022. We will begin the process soon.

**Zoning:** Randy sent Erin a copy which is pretty close. Angie and Jenn are working on it to get it how we want it. We will have a final Planning Commission meeting, they will have to recommended it for approval, then forward it to Council. There is no emergency, we just need to get it completed.

**Tap Grant:** This is on Butler Street; we are still working with ODOT on items we have discussed.

**GIS:** We are close, they are coming back the first week of October. We are double checking things; we find things every week that are not on the map. We will get it as accurate as we can.

**Meeting:** This Wednesday the Mitigation Plan meeting with Mike Robbins from EMA will be at 12:00 pm.

**Farm Ground Lease:** We advertised in the paper. Bids are due on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Bid Opening will be here at 11:00am. Randy will work with Erin on the contract.

**Water tower Application:** We found out Friday there is \$250 Million in funds and so far, they received 991 applications for \$1.3 Billion and the grant is open until spring of 2022. We are still in; we have not been told we are out. Each county was allowed to prioritize 10 projects, so many more than the priority projects were submitted. Another grant is open until next year that we will apply for if this one is not approved.

**Park:** The pool is closed; we continue to work on a few odds and ends.

**Zoning:** We have two variance meetings scheduled, one next Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> and one the following Monday. We can't do them at the same meeting because we have to give a 10-day notice prior to the public meeting.

**Planning:** We will have a meeting coming up to finalize the revised Zoning Code.

**Cemetery:** I am waiting on Chuck to be able to attend, we might have a meeting without him.

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**Finance:** We will meet in October; can we meet prior to the first meeting? Finance committee decided to meet at 6:45pm prior to the next meeting.

**Important Dates:** Veterans Banners are all up. We the Village need to give kudos to Sophie Pearson for taking on this project. What is being discussed is some sort of ceremony. If no public ceremony, then we will have her come to a council meeting. Pearson: As a family we want to officially turn it over to the town.

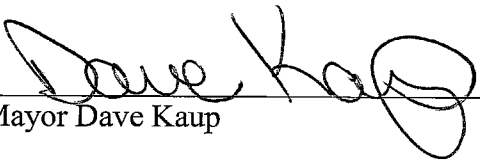
**Electric Aggregation:** You gave me authority to sign new utility aggregation contracts as they expire. The new electric aggregation is for three years beginning this December with Energy Harbor. The electric rate was \$0.0488 and will change to \$0.0499 per kWh. If you look at it on line, our rate only went up 2%, you will see 10-15% increases on line. The gas contract went down, we are locked in at \$3.03. He says this will go up this winter, for those questioning if they should get in. If you are currently in the aggregation, you will get a letter from Energy Harbor, allowing you to opt out if you choose to do so. To stay in the aggregation program no action is necessary.

**Mayor:** Scott, I do want to compliment your daughter on the Veterans banners.

**Poll Council:** No Comments

**Council reviewed invoices #30525 to #30554 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 210089 to 210092. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

**Fiely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.**

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler