

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held November 15, 20 21

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on November 15, 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, Leslie Gartrel, Bailey Cline, PG Jellison, Neal Spencer, George Stammen and Adam Diller.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Minutes:** Fiely made a motion to approve November 01, 2021 minutes. Wendel seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

**Mayor Kaup:** George you are probably here for the re-route part of the meeting? George Stammen: I'm just here to see what is going on. I like what they have done and I think it is a plus for our town. There is a little more traffic, but at my age I can just watch it. Diller: This is part of the process, to have a public meeting. I advertised the meeting and sent a letter inviting adjoining property owners. Other residents asked if they had to come, I told them they don't have to come as it is an informational meeting. The history on this street: the first conversation I had was around 1996 with John Cheeseman, he took me on drive and said this is what we need to do. Yes, it will involve buying property to do it. In November 2014 we had our first meeting with ODOT and other local businesses supporting the change. We worked on things, and it ended up with them telling me there was no money. In 2016 we had a follow-up meeting with businesses and everyone else involved. Different operational people from ODOT. We went through getting preliminary engineering and in 2018 we had a meeting where we kicked off funding with a CDBG Grant and some OPWC money. Construction began in 2020, as you know we left ODOT out of the project. We are now finding out why on our Butler Street project.

If we put it in as a truck route, it doesn't require that all trucks go that way. Some are probably told to stay on the highway. The only work remaining is to spray weeds in the spring. I think grass has come in fairly decent. The process is a journal entry with ODOT to approve the street as the highway. Ours is a reroute, we dedicate it as ODOT right of way, they will abandon existing 49 and give the R-O-W back to the village. This is part of the process; they will provide input on if it will happen or not. We will need to pass legislation at our next meeting, ODOT will enter it in and proceed. If we pass it at the first meeting in December by the end of January or February it should be completed.

ODOT is doing a preliminary study of traffic on the Wayne and Broadway intersection and how it should be signed or signaled. George: As far as my address, will it change? Diller: No, Elm Street residents use Elm as their address, you will still be Broadway. Butler is actually Butler not 119. I would agree from a layout it looks really nice. I think all in all people are pretty happy. Is there any feedback Council would like in the minutes? Kaup: We don't need to talk about the stop sign tonight, do we? Diller: No. Kaup: Then I have nothing. George what do you think about the stop sign at Pak A Sak? Diller: We will add a stop on Wayne, should it be a 4 way or a straight thru? George: I think it should remain a 4-way, I don't know with traffic if they can get away without a 4-way. Traffic right now for the most part is good, there are speeds, some go pretty quick. Would they do away with the stop sign at Wayne? Diller: There are concerns, the first block is business, we want to be a little careful. George: I think there would be a little more speed. Kaup: I think I am more concerned about them coming into town. Diller: Currently they don't have a chance to get going too fast. Knapke: It is not just the semis, it's the cars too! Diller: I appreciate you coming in. We will take your opinion in consideration next week when we read the ordinance, at this point we are in agreement. Wendel: Was 49 going to be repaired? Diller: I think Randy Chivalley said they would put a top coat on it. The worst piece is the

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intersection at the K of C. Wendel: I don't want to give away money. Diller: We have had that conversation, we will wait until you come thru, he said we can make that happen. Schmitz: Will there be an alternate business route? Diller: It is possible and something we will check on; I don't know what is involved with that.

**Mayor Kaup:** There was a guy in town we received some phone calls about. He was parked next to the town hall with a F Biden flag, some people didn't care too much for it. The flag has been taken down. The bottom line is there isn't anything we can do with an ordinance, it is not political but it is profanity, it has been tried and has not been successful due to it being considered freedom of speech. Diller: The only approach we can take is to talk to them, which Jared did.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

**RES 2021-23 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 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 2021-09 AN ORDINANCE FIXING PAY SCHEDULES FOR 2022.**

Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance to the third reading which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**ORD 2021-10 AN ORDINANCE REAPPOINTING ERIN M ABELS AS VILLAGE SOLICITOR.** Pearson Made the motion to pass the ordinance to the third reading which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**Diller:** Grants: We did get a small cemetery grant, to help stone Spring Hill drives. We made the turning radius so people could turn around without turning in the mud.

**ODOT:** Re-route public meeting. I will discuss it with the planning commission, Thursday night we will have our review.

**Utility Dept:** Lime Feed project is complete. We do need some tweaks with the new equipment to dial it in and feeding rates. The PH is off, it tested out fine but has a little funny taste. They are working on it. Pearson: Where does the piping go when it leaves the water plant. Diller: It runs northeast and then down Caldwell and on out through Ambassador Park. Each line and street are fed and it goes until it pushes the water up the tower for storage. The homes over the years that first have issues were Sheridan's house, they could always tell first if we have any problems. We haven't had issues for a long time. Kaup: Is he asking where the water runs? Diller: It feeds every line as it goes which is why there is a larger sized main creating an outside ring which feeds all the smaller street lines. When the plant is running, there is pressure pushing from the pumps running, when not running then pressure comes from the other way from the tower.

We removed lime out of the pond to give it a hole to handle over the winter, then next summer when there are some wheat fields, they will clean it completely. They are making changes in the lime sludge. We will have it re-plumbed with no direct line into the pond. We won't need the pond to be as big as is, making it more mowable around the pond. They want to put in a dewatering system, the water won't over flow as we will pump it out on a continuous as needed basis. Maybe every three or four years we will have Mike's Sanitation come in. They have had some caustic problems, when they get caught up then they will finish the hydrant repairs.

**Lagoons:** We had a company with sonar come in and sonar the sludge to see how deep it is. We received results today but I had no chance to review. I don't think there is much change, but I need them to explain. We want to know if we are getting much change with the extra bacteria we are adding in.

**Planning:** We hope to have the final review of the zoning ordinance. The planning commission will also hear about the reroute. We also will review the need to dedicate

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properties as a right-of-way so when ODOT takes over it is the right-of-way and not our property. We have it ready just need to get it through the system.

**TAP Grant:** We are starting the preliminary design on Butler Street. We will share with ODOT to see what questions they have

**GIS:** A representative is coming this Wednesday. It should be their final trip with final editing and we hope he can provide us with our map to review. We are targeting December 1<sup>st</sup> to have it up and running.

**Water Tower Grant:** In Round-1 there were no local projects approved. Round-2 Rockford received a grant to replace their water tower as they were the top priority project in Mercer County. There is still a little over \$100 million to disperse. They are to announce the third round in a couple of weeks.

**Fort Recovery Town Levies:** All levies passed with great support. Four councilmen were re-elected. Casey's Sunday sales also passed by approximately 10 votes.

**Fireworks:** If you read the fireworks law, fireworks will be allowed to be shot off on certain days. The chief and I are looking at the law as it will allow local communities to set certain guidelines for when they can be set off. The law goes into effect on July 1, 2022.

**Farm Ground Lease:** We had accepted bids for our farm ground, which we did not accept at the last meeting. We were looking at the CRP Program. We have since found out we are not eligible for the CRP program. Through discussions, we are now recommending we accept his bid and he will work with us to find farm ground to use for lime pond clean out. At the next meeting we will have legislation to authorize the bid. After next summer we shouldn't need that much ground.

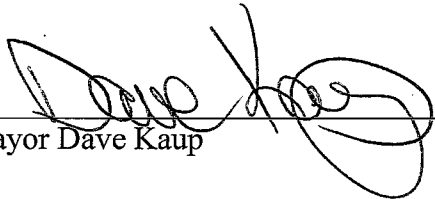
**Cemetery:** We are waiting until December for our meeting so Chuck can attend.

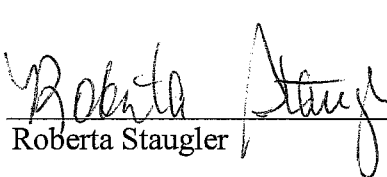
**Important Dates:** none

**Poll Council:** Schmitz: Are we doing the crack seal this year? Diller: He said they will still do it. Schmitz: I had someone ask about lights on the speed sign going out of town on SR 119 east, similar to the one coming into town. Diller: I will look at it. Knapke: We need to figure something out about manlifts parked at intersections. It sticks out just wide enough someone could hit it. Diller: We will look at the rules. Fiely: I had a complaint about people parking going the wrong way in front of the vape shop too. Officer Diller will relay to Chief Laux.

**Council reviewed invoices #30632 to #30656 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 210106 to 210114. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

**Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.**

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler