

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

December 06, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on December 06, 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 and Neal Spencer.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve November 15, 2021 minutes. Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

**Mayor Kaup:** The annual Christmas Light Decorating Contest will be December 19<sup>th</sup>; previous winners cannot win. Jose Faller has agreed to be a member of the Park Board. Diller: We need to approve his appointment to fill Bob Staugler's position which expires 12/31/2024.

**Post made the motion to approve the appointment of Jose Faller to the Park Board which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.**

**Mayor:** We didn't have a Christmas party last year, what do you think about this year? We talked about possibility of doing it after the next meeting at the pavilion. Diller: We could go to BA after the meeting. Kaup: Let's do that.

Chief Laux is at training tonight.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

**RES 2021-24 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF REROUTING OF STATE ROUTE 49.** 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 Pearson. Vote all yes.

**ORD 2021-09 AN ORDINANCE FIXING PAY SCHEDULES FOR 2022.** Pearson made the motion to suspend the 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 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 suspend the 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 Fiely. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**ORD 2021-11 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ELM STREET RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION PLAT.** Pearson made the motion to suspend the readings which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote All Yes by roll call vote. Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance to which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**ORD 2021-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT ON THE FARM GROUND WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER.** Pearson made the motion to suspend the 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 Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**Abels:** I will have the Zoning ordinance at the next meeting.

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**Diller:** We took care of the Broadway and Elm Street reroute which was the next step in the process, we will keep moving forward

**Utility:** We received the second sludge judge report completed on the primary lagoon. It indicates we have had a slight reduction in sludge at the bottom of the lagoon, it is not building up. We will meet with them to review.

We have a lot of things going on, we want to complete the Waste Water System Study which will look at the entire wastewater system including pump stations, lagoons, and testing results. We will take into consideration Cooper Liquid Egg to see how it is impacting our lagoons. We want to look at what we need to be looking at or worried about. What should we be doing? We need direction on where and what we should be spending our money on, we need to know where we are heading. Kaup: Is this something we just did? Diller: It has been 25 years since we did any kind of study. Pogemeyer is a company that has people on staff that were previously employed by EPA. Our NPDES permit will need the study, we want to be prepared for that. We want someone that has seen and will look at everything, it won't be done until early next year. We want to get a good feel about where we are. I will be calling on Cliff and Cooper Liquid Egg.

**Zoning Amendment:** The Planning Commission provided their final recommendation; you can access the zoning ordinance update in Dropbox or from the file sent to you via email. We will have a public meeting at our next meeting, to get public input. Unless something drastic comes up, we will probably pass it and make it effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you read thru and have any questions, please send me a message or call so we can address it ahead of time. It was a long process but a good one.

**Tap Grant:** Choice One is continuing to do some work, preliminary TOPO, design and are starting to work on some numbers. CTL will be in to do soil boring work. I sent letters to adjoining property owners, to tell them where we are at in the process, I am getting some questions.

**GIS:** I want to say it is complete, it is up on line and we can view it. It is a lot easier to look at on a sheet of paper which they have mailed. This project is done, up and working.

**FEMA:** Once the County gets their plan complete it will be presented for approval by council.

**Water Tower:** Still over \$100M remaining to be approved and dispersed. We are going to start looking at other grant applications.

**Farm Ground:** We will enter into a 5-year lease with Mitch Hemmelgarn based on the legislation you approved tonight.

**Mercer Co Health:** You saw the information in Dropbox about a potential levy for funding. The County is telling the Health Department that at the end of 2022 they must vacate the premises. They also need funding for other reasons. A .5 Mil for 5 years which would eliminate contributions we make now. What the Village pays, approximately \$4,000, would go away. The new levy is calculated out to \$17.50 per \$100,000 home value. The other option would be to leave the per capita fee and only go for a .25 Mil levy. They are looking for input from the towns. Mayor: My gut feeling is they want the village to continue. We would rather see it go away, but from the County standpoint, I don't know. Diller: I guess if people are asking, the 1Mil for the county home is now off so it won't be like your taxes will go up. I just want to give him some feedback. What do you think? Pearson: As far as the village goes it would cost us all individually. It would spread it out wider. Council did not have a preference.

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**FEMA Mitigation Plan:** The mayor got a letter from FEMA. There will be a meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am on information gathered on the update. Randy sent an RSVP saying he would represent the mayor. I don't know if it will affect us.

**Budgetary:** There is a lot of things we want to get done. We need to catch up on some equipment we couldn't find this year. If we can't find a used dump truck, we may pull the bed off, clean up the chassis, paint it and continue on with what we have. I did not build in a small block street project. With the land acquisition we will be buying from school this year, we are also looking at adding a different area of the park. What we have on budgetary plan, would leave us with approximately a \$1.7M general fund balance which is not far from where we would like to keep it. Do you have any feedback? Knapke: We need more aeration? Diller: It is likely for the second lagoon, possibly some in both. We have been having DO issues the past month, we always wanted 4-5 units in the 2<sup>nd</sup> pond. There are other types of projects that would create the same results. When you talk to a supplier, you know they will say you need their product.

The water meter heads; we need at least 100 but have no price yet. We are starting to see a hand full go bad every month. We are buying more so we are ready to replace them. Kaup: We can't even get them? Diller: We have had some ordered all year, along with software. The reader head has a battery which is built-in, we don't need a meter, we need the reader. Trying to get him to understand why we don't need a meter. Told him I am giving him one more chance. There has to be an answer. Kaup: It's a 2-piece system? Diller: It runs on a battery which will go dead. The battery is infused, it can't be replaced.

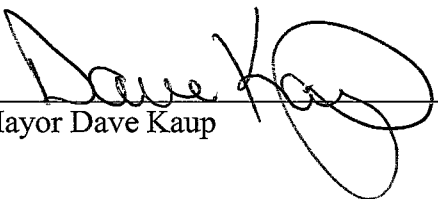
We received a notice that we received an OCJS police grant. Kaup: Are we going to look at a walking path grant? Diller: We are. Pearson: Does the \$1.7M General balance include the water tower? Diller: No that is not included. Pearson: What is the deal with the truck? A chip? Diller: We were looking at one that was used. It would cost \$25,000 to replace the bed and snow equip. Kaup: Is it a single axle. Diller: We don't want a bigger truck, we want to keep a single axle, so you don't need a CDL. We may just end up building our own too. Pearson: Is what we have now stainless? Diller: No, we have repaired ours twice. We will have appropriations at the next meeting. I have spent a lot of time with the water dept asking them to have items on the list that we need to do. Kaup: Have you heard anything from the railroad? Diller: No one answers the phone. I have gotten a number from Economic Development, that man doesn't answer. I will give them another try. Kaup: If you can't get anything out of them, I would just go for it. Diller: It has been 10 1/5 months since I first tried.


**Important Dates:** Cemetery Board will meet next Monday night. Records Commission will meet prior to the next meeting at 7:15 pm: along with the Public Zoning at the beginning of the council meeting. The Christmas Gala will be next Wednesday night December 15<sup>th</sup> at Ambassador Park with Fort Recovery Radio.

**Poll Council:** Nothing

**Council reviewed invoices #30658 to #30704 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 210115 to 210127 . 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 Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.**

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler