

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800.325.8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held March 07, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on March 7, 2022 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, Bailey Cline, Neal Spencer, Jared Laux and Dave Buschur.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve February 21, 2022 minutes. Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

**Mayor Kaup:** Mr. Buschur you have something to share? I am from Maria Stein, I own Buschur Trucking and employee 53 people. A couple of them are Ft Recovery people. I started 16 years ago with a truck; and I still prefer to drive. I now have two dispatchers. We have great personnel. Since I hired a Safety Director in November, I don't do much office work anymore. I take care of Honda billing, we haul 50 loads a day for Honda, we haul Pratt Paper cardboard for recycling. We haul to the landfill and we haul manure. We are a diverse company, when ag is down auto is up so we can shift our workforce. I would say I don't have a political bone in my body. The last 5 years I have become more interested. I feel like my experience in business would help me a little more. We all have been putting up with hyperinflation. My last load of gas was \$3.07 and the next will be \$4.54. When you have a 750-gallon tank that is a huge price increase. If I were in office, I would try not to spend so much money right now. If Russia keeps attacking Ukraine and China goes after Taiwan, stuff is going on which is out of our control. The Commissioners plan to spend a lot of money which I don't approve of right now.

Wendel: You are running against one person, what would you say is your biggest difference? He is a doctor and I am a business owner. I think I get it better than the other three. When I make a business decision, it affects 50 families. I have done projects that I funded; I would be more frugal with taxpayers' dollars. I was in Coldwater last Monday and talked with Randy, and some other administrators. I am from Maria Stein, we use MCDO to rope our projects together. Jared Ebbing has been a huge help to us. We recently purchased 80 acres with 20 guys who are getting paid back with a bond. We are growing because no one is in our way. The larger the government is, the slower it makes things. Kaup: You are up against Greg Homan. Randy: Is there a democrat running? Buschur: There is a democrat running too. I hope to use my past as a business owner as an asset. If anyone has a question, please get in touch with me.

**Mayor:** We may need to go into executive session later.

**Chief:** I did swear in Brandon Wyerick so we have a potential part time police officer. I am slowly getting quotes for part time officer equipment. I placed a Press Release in drop box about what went on last night. We are having some mechanical issues with the charger. I did check with Bud on a new vehicle. We are putting twice the mileage on the charger. Right now, they cannot get vehicles, he will let me know if it changes. Kaup: Should the Village be looking at installing a charging station? I don't know what it entails. Pearson: They have one in Celina near Kerns.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

**RES 2022-03 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2022 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 Wendel. Vote all yes.

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**Staugler:** The annual report has been completed and submitted to the state, a copy is in drop box for review. We are due for the 2020-2021 audits. I talked to the auditor, she said they are still working on school audits so submit your report and we will be in touch. The February bank reconciliation is ready for review.

**Diller: St Rt 49 Reroute:** ODOT is completing a traffic count with a camera. When they have results back, they will make final recommendations on how to handle both. The intersection at Broadway / Elm was designed how ODOT requires so I don't see a change there. Kaup: I received an email with info on who can potentially help us with traffic signals from Randy Chevalley. Diller: Can you send me a copy? Wendel: Do we have to go with their plan? Diller: He keeps talking about his traffic plan, I assume we can make our own recommendation. He thinks the 4-way stop will work. Fiely: Now in the morning I see people taking the old route. If it's 4-way vehicles can't buzz in front of you. Wendel: If you stop by Pak-Sak you can look down to see if you will hit a green light. Diller: He did give me his traffic signage plan. Wants to know if the truck route signs will to stay up? We will make sure no-truck signs are where they need to be, once its established there will be no need for the signs.

**Lagoons:** The temporary aeration was installed last week. We will monitor. We are dealing with DO and pond odor issues and are working with Cooper Liquid Egg to keep it under control.

**Poggemeyer:** I reached out to them; we have not received a report.

**Tap Grant:** Choice One did set up a meeting on March 22nd to review and thought by then we will have final answers on the traffic light warrants.

**Systemic Funding Trail Grant:** Nothing new to report.

**Rail Road:** Nothing from PUCO yet, typically it is a 6-month process.

**House Bills:** We are getting bombarded with House Bills going through committees.

**HB519:** Deals with Municipal tax. There are two changes they want to make. 1<sup>st</sup> - We will not be allowed to send a notice to someone who filed an extension. So, you can't send a notice if they filed an extension, which we don't know about. If we do, they can put a claim in to cover their cost for responding to the letter. 2<sup>nd</sup> - They want to limit fees on non-filers and more so on ones that do not owe. We can't charge a penalty but we don't know unless they file what they owe. The fee will be limited to 50% of tax owed. Basically, they won't file if they know we can't charge them. It affects anyone that charges an income tax. They don't think of all problems when they come up with these bills.

**HB363:** Short-term rentals: With this bill we can't regulate short term rentals and more than we do long-term rentals. The way ours is set up; they have to get a conditional use permit. We request a plan where they will do parking which will not negatively impact the neighborhood. Wendel: Would that law trump our rules? Diller: Yes, if passed. We can't require them to have parking plan, but we can provide feedback in the conditional use meeting. Evidently, legislative people in Columbus are so much smarter that they are going to make our rules too.

**HB 442:** Water Bill: Basically, this deals with renters that don't pay their water bills, they want to limit what and from whom we can collect. We set up accounts in renters name, if we don't collect it goes back to owner. We don't have a lot, but it is a way for us to collect our money. If we do, and they file an appeal we pay the costs. Again, they need to make sure the state is running great and then come back to us.

**Randy:** I fired off some emails to our representative Susan Manchester. I said I understand you are probably not going to be our rep, but you are now. She has not responded to anything.

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**Park Board:** We need applications for pool and park employees.

**FRYSO:** Baseball and softball teams are formed.

**Research Committee:** Greg, Cliff and Scott. When can we meet? It was decided to meet at 6:30 pm prior to the next council meeting.

**Annual Tax Incentive Review – J&M:** The meeting is next Thursday (3/17) at 2:00pm. This will be the final review on one of the three agreements.

**Important Dates:** The Annual Chamber Banquet will be held March 20<sup>th</sup>. Choice One Charity Cup will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in going.

**Poll Council:** Nothing to report.

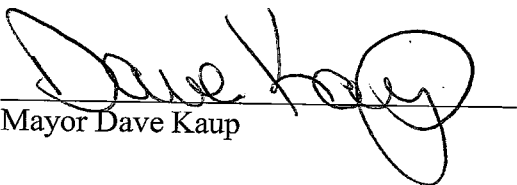
Council reviewed invoices #30872 to #30916 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 220028 to 220037. Fiely made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.


**Mayor:** Can I have a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the compensation of employees in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §121.22(G)(1)? Wendel made the motion to enter into executive session which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Wendel made the motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

No action was taken in executive session.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler