

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held March 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Al Post called to order the Regular Council Meeting on March 21, 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, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Absent: Cliff Wendel.

Also Present: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, Leslie Gartrel, Bailey Cline, Neal Spencer, Adam Diller and Jerry Guggenbiller.

The president led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report.

Minutes: Schmitz made a motion to approve March 7, 2022 minutes which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Diller: The Mayor is at the annual health dept meeting. Jenn is working on all pending grant applications. The Community Foundation request will be mailed later this week.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

None

Staugler: The Department of Commerce has requested input regarding renewal of Class C and D Liquor licenses. No objections from council for the renewal of village merchant liquor licenses.

Diller: We did have the chamber banquet last night with the Community Service Award going to the Christmas Gala Committee. I also wanted to make sure we recognize the other winners; Home improvement awards went to Ted & Alison Homan, Tyler & Kendra Thobe with Pat Wendel receiving the beautification award for planting flowers along the football field. Business of the Year award went to Wendel Poultry who has always been a good supporter of the community. Hall of Fame awards went to the late Chuck Hein and Tess Kaup. Janice Fiely received the Citizen of the year award. Hopefully she can continue her work with the Community Foundation for a while.

St Rt 49 Reroute: ODOT got the videos back. They were sent to a company to analyze and get data back. We should have the results back by the middle of the week. My hope is to review with Choice One and have it laid out at the next meeting based on their recommendations. Post: Do they make the call on it? Diller: We have already passed everything, it is what we eventually agree, they will take care of signage. Knapke: Can they put up a sign Boundary/Elm that you no longer need to stop?

TAP Grant: We have a meeting tomorrow with Choice One to go over everything they have to date.

Systemic Funding: Nothing new, Randy talked to lady at PUCO it is still in the process.

Trail Grant: Hope to hear something this week.

Tax Incentive: J&M has three tax incentives, with the first one being on the 10th and final year. After 2022 the exemption is done on the 2011 exemption. The other two are getting close to the end. Their employment went from 135 to 158 last year. Eric Grieshop stated in the meeting: "We hired 60 kept 25. Things are going well right now." From the impact it has on the village, the more payroll the more tax money we collect. It hasn't greatly increased the total number of employees but they pay more. The committee recommended extending the tax incentives another year. **Fiely made the motion to approve the extension of the three separate J&M Enterprise Zone Agreements dated March 2011, May 2013 & March 2014 for an additional year. This was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

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Diller: Legislative update. I did have a conversation with Susan Manchester who is currently our representative. There is a lot of traction with HB 519. They made the change to a maximum \$25 penalty if you don't file and didn't owe. The Municipal league was pushing for \$50. There is still a max at \$150 which is what was due before. We don't know how we are supposed to not send a notice to people that applied for extension that we have not been informed of. We may have to change our tax rule to require for them to provide a copy of the extension they filed with the IRS.

Airbnb: Susan agrees with me on this one and feels it should be handled locally. Why would they get into zoning? There are a lot of things people can do with their homes. It doesn't affect us much, but I don't understand why they need to get involved.

Street Dept Truck: I have located a dump truck that fits our bill to a tee. It is a 2017 F650 with 13,000 miles on it. It will need upfitting with equipment that we will need for snow. It is not a CDL truck. Now the confusion comes in over bid amount. It is a used vehicle being purchased from a private dealer. We always buy new, there is no State Bid for used vehicles. Should we pursue this truck? I plan to go to Findlay to look at it, if we want it, I will have them put a hold on it. I want to get it locked in if I can. Erin and I will see what paperwork is required. Pearson: What will we do with the other truck? Diller: Sell it. Post: Can we give you permission to buy it? Diller: I want you to give me permission to place it on hold if it works out. We may call a special meeting to pass legislation if necessary. I don't want to go up there and have council be blind about it. The low mileage is because the current owner has not been able to find anyone to drive it the last two years. Kalida truck upfitted the truck when he purchased it. The only down side, there are no air brakes, and we need to do something with the hydraulics. Pearson: Will you put a stainless-steel bed on it? Diller: We will leave the current bed on until it goes bad. It was the consensus of council to go for it.

Park Board: We are still hiring. We have received no applications for summer park maintenance. Still trying to find high school workers.

Pools Maintenance: We had obtained prices on paint which we priced through the Hardware and Miami Products. Matt said it is not available they might have another brand available. We thought by starting early we would have no problem obtaining it.

Street Review: We had our review meeting tonight before the meeting. We did patch Butler and First Streets last year. The stop light will show back up again this year. We appropriated \$75,000 for overlays. The two main needs are Gwendolyn / Wiggs St which is worse by far. You hate to spend money on overlay if you plan to redo in a few years. We took a drive around today. The streets that are more overlay related: W Milligan from Harrison to the pool parking lot is in bad shape. Concrete is busting out in chunks which could be dangerous. First Street from the railroad to Wabash Road which became our street when we annexed the Jutte property. Black Eagle has been on the list for a few years. Main Street is closing in on 25 years. North Wayne Street from Broadway St to the railroad is approaching needed work if you go by amount of crack seal applied. E Center block from Main to the highway is pretty much all crack seal also, but not breaking up. St Clair at the bottom of the list is not terrible. It appears that based on April 1st, all the ARPA money can be used for anything that is normal governmental expenditures. Streets will fall under that classification. It is not in effect yet; we will have \$225,000 for projects. Do we want to try to take on Wiggs and Gwendolyn or overlay and push reconstruction back a few years? We will have some issues with properties on the east end at corner of Wiggs/Wayne. The Wendel and Thobe properties will be hugging the street, we may need to have the sidewalk against the curb. Pearson: We haven't had the construction plans completed yet? Diller: Just preliminary engineer estimates, not design. The two blocks were \$325,000. Jerry: The one by Elmer is worse than Main St. Diller: We agree with that. How much wear can we get out of a concrete road? Guggenbiller: We are patching now with cold patch. Diller: Could we tear out and replace? Yes, and we would just keep following the bad spots down the road. Guggenbiller: It was laid on dirt, no stone. Pearson: I would say we should get a decent engineering estimate.

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Diller: Choice One will be in town tomorrow. Pearson: If it comes back at \$350,000, we need to look at something else. Diller: I will try to have numbers back for the next meeting.

Lagoons: We are experiencing an odor, the numbers are in the tank, we have had a little uptick. We took a lap around the lagoons while out looking at the streets it was not as bad tonight. There was an odor between the lagoons. It was hit with a lot of things. Coopers are paying for a lot of material, working on a lot of things we need to work thru, it could be a chemical they are using. We are hoping we are working through that soon. It is part of what we are going to have to look thru. The wastewater, we have to know what we are taking in. It was the intention to have the initial wastewater report to us by end of month. It will give us options and help us learn how to treat it properly. We will be in constant contact with Coopers. Looking at a change on the agreement with them and what is their responsibility. Fiely: Have they been easy to work with? Diller: I don't anticipate problems; we need to come to an understanding on how this is going to work. We need something back from Poggemeyer to substantiate the reason, we are doing everything we can do. We installed three new aerators in the second lagoon. If we are chasing a chemical problem, it is killing good bugs. We are looking at a full analysis, so we know what may be harmful. Hope to get together quickly. We don't want people to have to deal with the odor. Post: Has it been as bad as last year? Diller: Yes, we really noticed it last Wednesday night, Thursday night same thing. We treated it hard Thursday, it came back Thursday night. We hit it hard on Friday too. Knapke: It was bad from Winners all the way from the fur farm on 119 one day. Diller: We are doing everything we can. I have set down and talked to two of the neighbors, explained that this is why we started the process of the wastewater study. We did have things on that we had to treat right away. It is not hateful at all tonight. Those things are not fixing the problem.

I do need an executive session to discuss possible sale of real estate and employee compensation.

Post: Can I get a motion to enter executive session to discuss the sale of property in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code 122.22(G)(2) and to discuss compensation of employees in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code 122.22(G)(1)? Fiely made a motion to enter executive session seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Pearson made a motion to Exit Executive Session seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.


Action taken from executive session: Have Erin prepare documents for the village to sell real estate.


Important Dates: Choice One Charity Cup will be held on March 30th for anyone interested in going.

Poll Council: Pearson: I had a resident complain about the number of semis going down the brick street. A lot are from PA and Arizona going to Wenning's. People coming from the west. Adam: I am back out on the road again. Post: The pile of dirt from the ball diamond construction, will it go away? Diller: I think they want to feather it in when they are done. Post: There is a lot of water sitting there which could make a mosquito mess. Diller: I will ask Ryan.

Council reviewed invoices #30917 to #30946 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 220038 to 220043. Fiely 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 9:15pm.


President Al Post


Roberta Staugler