

Held May 02, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on May 02, 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, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Absent Luke Knapke

**Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, Leslie Gartrel, Bailey Cline and Alex Schoen.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report, April Income Tax.

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve April 18, 2022 minutes which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

**Mayor:** Scott, my apologies for not making it to Sophie’s Girl Scout Award Ceremony. Congratulations to her on her accomplishment. I attended a meeting with Mercer Co Commissioners along with a few representatives from the community last week. We expressed concerns we have heard from the community, I told them I would like to know by the end of May. I asked for three stop lights, two new & one replacement. Diller: I hope the replacement light comes thru in the tap grant. The camera was supposed to go up to monitor traffic. Kaup: A camera so they can see the disaster at the intersection. I also want a 30 sec light for pedestrians to walk across the street. I think the meeting went fine. At least they are aware. I also attended an Ambulance District meeting; things are running smoothly there. We know a little more about our budget, the billing company is giving us troubles, they are on a three-year contract so they will look at something different at that time. The April tax reports look good.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

None

**Staugler:** We currently invest our funds with local banks. The past two years have been a challenge. STAR Ohio is an investment that was set up by the state in 1995 for local government, schools and other public entities to use. I have been watching the rates the past two years and it was running around the same as what we could get in a money market savings with local banks. I checked last week and the rate is now higher at .47% vs .25%. Diller: The Treasurer of State set this account up and it is run by the state of Ohio. Staugler: I need council permission to have the necessary resolution prepared.

**Post made a motion to have a resolution prepared to add STAR Ohio to our list of investment options, this was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.**

**Diller:** SR49 Reroute: If in town today you probably saw ODOT pulling posts and putting up signs. They didn’t do the 4-way stop. We want to put flashing lights on it. I will reach out to Justin tomorrow. They came last week, changed the route for 49, some of the signs were confusing. State Route 49 was routed down Broadway last week. A few signs that still need to be installed they need to put up a stop sign, the hole is there. State Route 49 has officially been rerouted. ODOT will make the Google changes for truck route maps.

**Lagoons:** We continue to work on the regimen Keith laid out for us. We have seen improvement but not elimination. We started utilizing the recirculation pump in lagoon #2 to #1. We hope this will also have an impact. Today a wholesaler out of the Wooster area was here and we added a sample test product in the lagoons. I received the recommendation from Ohio Rural Water, I tend to believe their recommendation a little more than from someone selling their own product. He had a similar problem, last year he hit it with this product in a pump station. It has since been modified to be able to use in lagoons. We put two buckets in the lagoon and one in the pump station came back and there was noticeably less smell. Wednesday we will add three buckets. The change in smell wasn’t that immediate for me, two hours later I could still smell it. I went out tonight before I came to this meeting

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at 7pm and only got one whiff all the way around the ponds. It certainly has improved, it won't solve the DO and the reason for the smell, but if we can cut the odor, it gets rid of the immediate issue we have. We dosed it today at no charge. This product is not as expensive as some of the others we have been using. He told me the smell will go away and a once-a-week dose in the pump station should maintain it. It is the kind of product you use when you need it. We are going to try it; we bought five buckets today. We will make a call this week if it this product will work. We will split a pallet with Rockford with the first order. We are hopeful but not there yet. Fiely: Is there a chance it will work against the other things we have been adding? Diller: It is an all-natural product. We will continue to work on other things.

**Wastewater Report:** I received a verbal from Poggemeyer. Based on what the numbers say; we do not have enough aeration. We need to dredge, either using bio-dredge materials or actual dredging. They did say if we decide to dredge, we cannot land apply it. We will work through this. I am hopeful to have the report from Poggemeyer by the middle of June, we will see what makes the most sense in dollars and cents.

**Milligan Street:** Choice One will start surveying work soon, the estimate is right at \$125,000.

**Tap Grant:** I received an email, phase-one report has been submitted to ODOT, the traffic signal warrant is still missing. We will hit on the right-of-way requirements, and eliminate as many as we can. I did receive the copy of prints. There are 4-5 property owners on the hill that I will meet with. Nothing is set in stone yet.

**FEMA Mitigation.** They did approve a plan submitted by Mercer County. We should have the link so I can review it. I will have a Resolution prepared to pass at the next meeting.

**Water Tower Grant:** We did not receive funding and will continue to look at other options.

**Systemic Funding:** Waiting to get the approval, which will be when the state gets the award letters out.

**School Transportation Grant:** This grant has been pushed back.

**PUCO:** Have not heard anything back

**Pending State Legislation:** No meetings were held in April.

**Park Board:** Games have started. Diamonds are in use every night. It rained Saturday and Fort Site diamond was ready to be played an hour later, we would have had no chance before. We have started on the pool maintenance; hope to paint in a week. Pool: Employees have been hired, except one application we received late that we need to make official. Maintenance: We have hired two 14-year old's and possibly one 16-year-old.

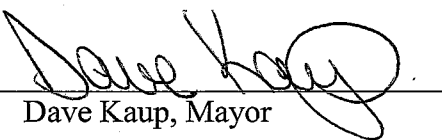
**Important Dates:** May 14<sup>th</sup> is the Village Clean Up day. This is for Village Residential customers. Cruise-In May 6<sup>th</sup> 6PM-10PM. June 4<sup>th</sup> is the first tractor pull.

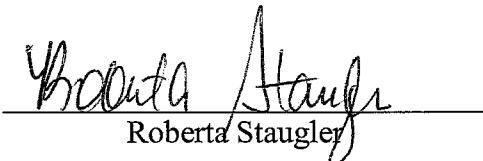
**Quick update on Real Estate Sale:** We need signatures to finalize.

**Poll Council:** Nothing to report

**Council reviewed invoices #31017 to #31050 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 220055 to 220058. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.**

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

  
Dave Kaup, Mayor

  
Roberta Staugley