

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held June 06, 20 22

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on June 06, 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, Eric & Pat Grieshop, Chuck Kaiser, John Bihn, Alex Schoen, Neal Spencer, Conner Rammel, Jacob Larger and Sara Bruns.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, May Finance.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve May 16, 2022 minutes which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

Jacob Larger: I am from New Bremen, I am running for state representative in this area, I am currently on New Bremen Council, I have a wife and 3 girls. The last couple of years the nation has gone in a direction I am not in agreement with. I want to get involved, and hope to make a big impact. My career is in Workforce Development. These last few I have seen a crisis like no other in the last 50-60 yr. I'm not talking about finding employees on the bench we have to get them out of the bleachers. I am a pro-life representative. My work history is in Job and Family Services, I want to get kids in and out foster care and streamline adoption. Ohio has way too much regulation. I want to reduce the regulatory burden. I am willing to answer questions. Thank You for the invite.

Mayor: We have some people here who would like to speak. Eric Grieshop: There hasn't been much progress; does anyone want to set inside our house? Yesterday we were at our pool and it stunk! I don't know who is responsible. Pat Grieshop: Almost every night it smells in our house and in the basement every morning. Eric: It has been a problem for several years. It has to get better! Diller: We have not had success with any of the products we have tried. Last week we added a product they have had success in other lagoons. We could see improvement but not what we want. We will hit it again tomorrow. Chuck Kaiser: You don't put it in daily? Diller: No. We will put it in tomorrow and Friday. We have added other products, bioaugmentation. We now see on the edges where sludge is popping and have added some Dazzle product also. Nothing seems to be working on the smell.

Eric: Are you dumping it in the pond or at the source? Diller: Both in the pump station and the pond. We are also adding oxygen in the lagoons, a homemade version. We are working to find something to do a trial to increase the oxygen and allow the odor to dissolve. I am working with EPA to see if there is any way we can land apply. There is a big difference in the cost to land apply versus bag and haul. Eric: You are seriously looking at dredging? You didn't act like you thought it would help. Diller: Pretty sure, the loading numbers have gone way down. The numbers are 1/3 of what they were, they made changes and we did too. We can see they are going to help. The best way is to dredge one way or other. It would cost \$3-400,000 to bag and haul. Eric: Have you thought about a mechanical plant? Diller: That is one option we are looking into. Pre-treatment would take out thing's lagoons have trouble with. It would be treated ahead of going into the lagoons. It would still create sludge. I tried to get an answer from Poggemeyer this week. I told them I needed an update on where they are at in the process. We need to look at what we need to plan for down the road, not that we are not trying, we just haven't seen any success. Chuck: Is the egg plant dumping full bore? Diller: The numbers are so much lower. Roughly 40% of what we were getting from them. They have agreed to help with aeration. Eric: Is a mechanical plant the answer? Diller: We would incur an operating cost 10-fold. Someone must pay for monthly operating costs. We could get money to build one but we then need to operate it. Kaup: Who in Mercer has a Mechanical Plant? Diller: No one. Celina does a little. Columbus Grove has a mechanical plant. Eric: I can handle the smell at times, but it has gone on too long. They have to be

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dumping a lot of stuff. Diller: Could be, but we are trying more drastic steps. The original goal was to get rid of odor to give us time to work on it. There are some days nothing, two days later its back. I don't know what is causing so much difference. The primary pond is chocolate brown, our secondary looks great and numbers are good. Dredging might not be the cure-all for everything. If we can land apply on some wheat fields this summer. Kaup: Do we need to dredge both ponds? Diller: No, the second only has about 6" of sludge which is normal. The first has 20-24". We rarely get smell off the second pond it is all coming from the primary. Kaiser: Is the bacteria still good. Diller: We haven't bio-augmented that at all. To be successful it will need to be done on a regular basis but with everything else in the works we need to know for sure what our long-term plan includes. Eric: Some other neighbors are not here; they are still smelling it too. Diller: I check every day, if I can go around after treatment and it is working, we might need to treat it harder.

Kaup: I thought it made a difference at first, not sure why it doesn't continue. Diller: If we could see some difference and know that product is working, we have added an Oxygen machine, we would mix with it before we put in lagoon. I have talked to others that had success with the product. Eric: In your assessment, what is the main cause? Diller: Sludge, time, loading, a combination of everything that caught up with us. Everyone agrees the smart thing is to clean out the pond and start fresh. No doubt we will have to add aeration, with the amount of air pumping in higher. We will keep hammering away. I have had a conversation with EPA about land application. Eric: Hopefully, we don't want to come back in 2 or 3 weeks. Pat: Inside our house is horrible. Kaiser: It was there again today, it's not just us on Wabash Road. I was at the Firehall and at the end of night it smelled there. They blamed it on chickens, I set them straight. Diller: If I come to any options, I will let you know.

Bruns: A question about the smell, is there anything the consultant can tell you about how it measures, of how bad the smell is? Diller: It is actually not sulfur now, it's different. Bruns: Do they have an idea of how it can be measured? Diller: Even before if I stood on the bank, it never traveled, continuously putting off the gas maybe methane? The only way is to test to see if it is there. Keith tested for Hydrosulfates and said there was a small tinge, three weeks later it was a different smell. Bruns: Is there no way to measure to see if it is getting better? I feel like it flows in the stream, where the smell collects. Cool air behaves different than hot, we don't have it that bad at our house, occasionally but not near the concentration. Diller: All lagoons flip twice a year, one or two days, it's normally pretty quick. Kaup: They take a weekly sample which is taken to Pace, we get the results. Diller: They test for different things; we have been increasing our test quite a bit in the last year. John Bihn: Of the chemicals you will be adding the next 3 months, how much are you just pouring down the drain? Diller: It cost \$8-900 a week for chemicals. The Eggplant continually injects at their end to help treatment process. Kaiser: Would it get better?

Wendel: At the eggplant we are treating water, collecting samples two times a week. The results are sent back to the village. The results meet the parameters. Eric: Meet or what they accept? At the pump it has the same smell. Wendel: Wastewater has a smell. What we are pumping is solid, the egg is being pulled out of water before it is discharged. If you go in any wastewater plant the smell is the same smell. We are not sending it straight down the drain. Eric: If the plant wasn't there would we have smell? Wendel: I won't say we do not contribute, but we are just part of a larger problem. We are putting in good counter measure to offset, from my perspective.

Kaiser: If you were in the middle of the country, would you have to put in a special system?

Wendel: Yes, a lagoon, it couldn't be directly discharged. Diller: When it comes to numbers, typical residential is 200-250 mgl, lagoons should be able to handle, maybe ours got too far to make a quick change. We will continue to investigate all options.

Mayor: Tax reports, looks like they were down a smidge.

Alex: The cruiser was fixed; Adam drove it from Buds to the Court House and it started happening again. Buds is talking to the factory.

Staugler: The May Bank Reconciliation was presented. The auditor is complete, just waiting on a Bank Confirmation and then he will forward to his supervisor for approval. He found two small items which will be in the report.

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RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES None

Diller: Lagoons: They still stink, I thought we made some progress. Every place that has used the product has had success. Schmitz: Rockford? Diller: I have not heard anything. Kaup: I was doing some research; one place took black balls and dumped thousands in and covered the lagoon which sealed it off. This cooled the water, the sun couldn't get in. Diller: It was in California. Where there is sun all year around it helps to the cool the water. Kaup: I am disappointed with Poggemeyer. Diller: They needed test results we had never been getting before. We got the tests to them at the end of March. This is when they came back with a midterm report. They said we need more oxygen and we need to dredge. I don't want to spend a lot of money, if the solution is to build a mechanical plant. I thought we could kill the odor. I did make some calls to Poggemeyer. I asked him to provide us with where we were at, what do you have at this point? We need to be able to start planning.

Milligan Street: Choice One should be close. Once we receive the plans, we will finalize and put it out for bid. We want to get it completed this fall after the pool closes or next spring before the pool opens and the parks get busy.

Tap Grant: Pedestrian count is done. The count didn't meet any of the warrants they wanted us to meet.

FEMA Mitigation. It was submitted to the county, after local approval then on to FEMA.

Systemic Funding: No paperwork as far as planning.

PUCO: I spoke to them. She said "Be patient." I told her I can be patient for 3-4 weeks; 3-4 months is beyond patient.

Pending State Legislation: Diller: Not much of anything. Larger: They are more focused on elections and state issues. Diller: Airbnb, water billing (we can't charge the property owner). Police & Fire pension is going up 7%. Wendel: Is the re-districting final? Larger: It is set for 2022, but not long term, two years only. I would represent Mercer, Auglaize and Darke Counties. I say "I am not running against anyone I am running for something." Angela King and Aimee Morrow are also running. August 2nd is the election day. Wendel: What else is on the ballot? Larger: Some local issues. It scares me that only 3% of the population will make the decision because the rest don't know about the election.

Park: The pool is open. Swim team is underway. Maintenance has begun in the parks. They will be hitting it pretty hard in next couple of weeks. They prepped six diamonds one day last week.

Records Commission: We will meet before the next meeting at 7:15PM.

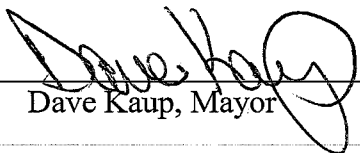
Important Dates: Tractor Pulls were last weekend. June 15th will be the Taste of the Town followed by the Jubilee June 16th-19th.

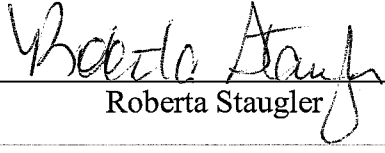
ISO Fire Rating: We were rated a 5 which is the average, not as good as what we had hoped. It is based on 50% Fire Department criteria, 40% water supply and 10% training.

Poll Council: nothing.

Council reviewed invoices #31077 to #31123 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 220068 to 220073. Wendel 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 Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.


Dave Kaup, Mayor


Roberta Staugler