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VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held July 18, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on July 18, 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, Jared Laux, Jerry Guggenbiller and Neal Spencer

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve June 20, 2022 and June 30, 2022 minutes which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

**Mayor:** We had an Ambulance meeting last week. Things are going pretty good. We approved the 2023 Budget which we needed to have to the county by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Some expenses were down some up especially fuel and drugs. They did purchase a ton of IV's when they became available because of past shortages. The new Ambulance is expected next April or May. They are having success keeping squad house staffed.

ODOT: Randy and I met with Randy Chevalley and Matt Parrill from ODOT last week. They ran a few things past us. We also had on conference call state traffic engineer Lori Ligid. We don't meet all the warrants for a stop light, they recommend a 4-way stop at both intersections. I did not agree to that. They suggested that a 4-way is safer because people don't have to gun thru before the light turns, safer for pedestrians and vehicles. When there are larger vehicles there is no way you can see the signs. Randy sent them an email letting them know we want to keep the existing stop light, and potential light at 49/119 intersection. Randy: They came with the idea that maybe it is something they can approve as part of the funding. The real meeting was that they wanted to sell us on a 4-way stop. They also understood why we didn't want to. The light is part of the fabric of our community, it has been there since 1934. Things change, but fortunately we don't have room for a round-a-bout! If we are going to have to put a flashing signal with the stop signs, we want to keep the stop light. We want them to pursue the light before we will consider a 4-way.

Kaup: I reached out to Celina Mayor Jeff Hazel, they seem they have a light at almost every intersection. There is no way those warrant if this one doesn't. I asked Jeff, did you buy these? He said no ODOT put them in. We are battling for one intersection and we don't warrant one. They are going to remove one at Logan and Market, I want to take one. He also said Celina council over-rode ODOT's decision. Sent this info to Randy who forwarded to Erin but she hasn't had time to look at it yet. It is an interesting thing. Diller: Did they over-ride, taking it down? We might be able to leave the one there during the project, but they won't pay to replace it. Greg: What is their reason? Diller: We don't have enough traffic. Kaup: Jeff said ODOT did make us buy arms to put them up. Pearson: Interested to see what warrants a light at 127 and 219? Kaup: Jackson Center has a peak hour warrant. Diller: ODOT didn't pay for any of that.

Chief Laux: We had Active Shooter and Rescue Task Force Training last week. It was very well advertised and attended. So far, the Charger is working well. A laptop has been installed in the charger so they have access to our files. Alex is going to swear in with Grand Lake Task Force. This helps us out with equipment too. National Night Out was cancelled and will be July 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. Council has the new Chromebooks. We do have an option to set up text alerts to notify council when we have sent you an email if you are interested in that option.

**Staugler: 2023 Budget.** Council reviewed and approved the 2023 budget at the last meeting What I realized when I went to forward it to the Auditor was, I failed to give the 10-day

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newspaper notice of a Public Meeting, I gave just a 2-day notice. The 10-day notice was published for today's meeting. Does anyone have questions about the 2023 Budget of \$3,800,227. approved by council on 6/30/22?

**Pearson made the motion to approve the 2023 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

We received the final 2020-2021 Audit today from the Ohio Auditor of State. I have placed a copy in dropbox. It cannot be made public until July 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussion will be at the next meeting.

**Income Tax:** Staugler: At the end of June, we are at 80% of 2022 estimate. The June bank reconciliation was also presented to council for approval.

**Abels:** We received the One Ohio OPIOID notification. The allocation for all Ohio municipalities was listed. It looks like Fort Recovery might receive funds. It will be paid out in several payments. I will verify if we should expect money. There are only certain things we can spend it on.

**Diller: Lagoons:** Still holding on. There is a lot of algae and the DO is lower. The rain should help, we are still working through the program.

**Wastewater study:** I received a copy of the study. We met with them on Wednesday. I will forward the electronic copy as soon as we have it. They came back and gave us 5 or 6 options. When I cornered them asking, what is your recommendation? They said: The lagoons will not last very long due to the flow and loading projected increase. Thinking we will be looking at some sort of mechanical plant. Pricing on a couple types that he thought made the most sense, none of them are cheap. One thing, no matter what, they think we need to dredge and will need more aeration to continue to use as long as we can. EPA will make us clean them out. We are looking at it now. It is possible to land apply, but they are making it so hard for you to do it anymore. Celina puts it in tubes and hauls it away. The prices seem highly inflated. Every option called for an administration building on site at one million dollars. Kaup: To use during dredging? Diller: No, they want a building, with restrooms. It is a worst-case scenario. We are going thru and crossing off things that just don't make sense. The numbers are not really telling me anything yet. I told them we will build the building ourselves. If it is a mechanical plant, we will have to have something out there. I need to get back with him by Wednesday this week. I will go through our questions and concerns, and try to get more direction and then they will come up with a final report. I asked them to come to one of our August meetings to present the plan so council can ask the questions. They have great ideas and understand what EPA is trying to do. Engineers have to make it a worst-case scenario. It is just not realistic. I will try to finalize a report for council. I will place a report in dropbox. Look it over and don't get to excited about the numbers. Kaup: With a mechanical plant, everything comes in to get separated? Diller: It is treated, aerated and turns into a dry product. The thing that is unknown is how often and how much sludge we will generate. If no metals are in the sewage, we could land apply it. Some could go to a landfill. We could use the pond as a holding area for dry sludge. They said we could go 20-25 years without hauling out. I feel we should pay as we go. The pond water from rain could create same product as what we have now. The advantage to a mechanical plant is there is no discharge permit needed, but we would need a sludge permit. The other advantage is nothing will be harmful to a mechanical plant. The downside to it, is the operating cost and Coopers will have to help pay for it because of the additional sludge compared to household waste. It is a good start; we will start narrowing things down. Maybe we run this by someone else for a second opinion. EPA will keep adding limits. They will begin limiting our Phosphorus totals, which we will have to come up with chemicals or filter. Eventually ammonia and E.coli and a TMDL daily load limit. They want everyone go to mechanical plant sending nothing to waterways.

We want to do what is right and the best operating expense. We don't want to spend money and in 8 years they will tell us that it won't work anymore. The next step is to figure out

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how it is going to get paid for. Our NPDES permit has been submitted. They will come back with new limits. We will get a phosphorus limit and they will give us 3 years to do it. Don't think ammonia, will probably get a TMDL limit. Some of these things will help steer what we are going to do here. Rockford and St Henry and other towns are facing it too. It is the nature of things changing over time.

**Milligan Street:** Nothing new to report. Paperwork is being finished up. They will be here late September for 2 weeks. We will have a preconstruction meeting and will mark what needs repaired prior to removing the concrete. If Buellers can't do the asphalt, they will do it themselves.

**Systemic Funding:** The trail on the southeast corner. We had our scope meeting with ODOT, they will pay 90% of the cost so it is not as hateful. I don't like the process but we will do what we have to do. Some paperwork came in today and I will give it to Erin to review.

**Routes to School:** This project is a little different as there is no construction involved, only planning. We will pay for a consultant to work us through the process. By the end of August, we will be ready to move forward. We will form a committee. I have talked to the school we will have parents and whoever makes sense on a committee of approximately 15 people. Over the next 6 months we will meet and identify everything that needs to be worked on. Then we can apply for funding to implement a plan with 100% payment from ODOT.

**Charging Station:** I met with Coldwater Admin. We got the proposal from Skycharge Energy today. AES has set aside funding for electric charging stations. I don't want to decide in 3 years that we need one and they no longer have funds available. AES will pay up to \$10,000 per port. Everything comes with a double port. I have looked at different location options. Somewhere in the middle of town makes sense. They are telling us a place like Fort Recovery will not have people that will drive here to get a charge. People that plan trips will know. There are people that will come here and top off, do their thing while here and go on. It must be placed on public owned property to get funding. The Visitor's Center is not public owned property. The parking lot behind the welcome center is public owned. So, we could place one right behind it. Pearson: Will there be a cost for the consumer to pay? Diller: Yes, it is set up to take a credit card. Pearson: Celina has one, no one is ever using it. Diller: They will let us know how much to charge. Knapke: Is it for the public sector need or private? Diller: AES is doing public; this company designs it; we get funding it would not cost us anything. \$10,000 / port is allowed and the cost is \$19,765. We don't have money in it. We don't have to say yes until we know if we are funded. Kaup: Does the same thing get set up, is it standard? Diller: They come with their own standard portal. The Tesla has a different plug. Knapke: Once funded, they hand it over to the town? If you swipe does the money, go to the village? Diller: Yes, we will get the money. There is a meter on it and we will get billed for the electric; we are not after it to make money. Midwest Electric put some in at Niekamp Farm Market and they are still not charging.

**Park/Pool:** Every weekend we have pool parties scheduled. Men's league is still going on Friday nights. Pearson: Can we get new fence covering on Diamond One? Guggenbiller: We have some from school that we will put on. The tennis and basketball courts will be closed next week for 7-10 days for resurfacing. We will then have two additional pickle ball courts and a shuffleboard court.

**Zoning:** We will have a Conditional Use meeting tomorrow night. Someone wants to change the Doctor Office from a Medical to Business office. It now needs to be approved for conditional use for a business.

**Important Dates:** Cemetery Board will meet next week at the Cemetery. I will have some training for grave marking etc.

**First Thursday in the Fort:** The Fort Recovery Merchants Association has requested approval to close the "Brick Street: for a First Thursday in the Fort Event. They plan to have

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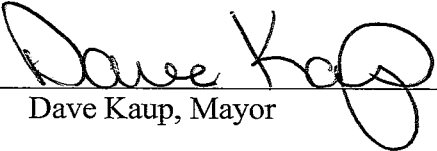
some fun family activities while having sales at their stores and also plan to apply for a F-1 Liquor Permit to sell beer only. The event will be August 4, 2022 and will run from 4:00pm – 9:00pm.

Pearson made a motion to authorize the closing of the 100 block of N. Wayne Street for the purpose of the “Merchant Association First Thursday in the Fort” on Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 4:00pm – 9:00 pm, seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

Poll Council: Knapke: I noticed on SR49 by Thobes Carry Out at the 4-way you can’t see around the tree. Guggenbiller: I just noticed that too, I will take care of it.

Council reviewed invoices #31161 to #31212 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 220084 to 220094. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

  
Dave Kaup, Mayor

  
Roberta Staugler