

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800.325.8094 FORM NO 10148

Held October 03, 20 22

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Al Post called to order the Regular Council Meeting on October 03, 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, Jared Laux and Neal Spencer.

The president led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve the September 19, 2022 minutes as presented which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

**Chief:** Request executive session to discuss personnel.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

**RES 2022-16: A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND AND STREET CMR FUND.** Pearson made the motion to suspend the readings which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Pearson made the motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

**RES 2022-17: A RESOLUTION AMEND 2022 APPROPRIATIONS.** Pearson made the motion to suspend the readings which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Pearson made the motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

**Erin:** I am working on the Kainos Agreement.

**Diller:** Hydrants: the hydrant parts are not in so repairs have not been completed.

**Lagoons:** Randy had a long discussion with Melvin Stein from Kainos. They amended the proposal. They agreed to do it for under the bid limit at \$49,900 with potential additional contracts. We will not get anything back in the future, we need to be more of a partner. The first dose was put in a week ago Thursday in the lagoon and in the pump station on Friday, so it has been about 10 days. Pearson: How much was the first dose? Diller: Four gallons in the lagoon in the beginning and halfway and since it has been pumped in from the pump station. When they switched over the pump it syphoned the whole tote. It is supposed to add 20 gallon per day and it added nearly 200 gallons on that day. He assured us that would not hurt the lagoons in anyway. What we did do was shut off pond two. We have not discharged to the river until today, so it would have time to treat, from Wednesday thru Monday it stayed in the pond. We did some local sludge testing, it was a little weird, 15 spots were down and 3 were slightly higher. We marked that by looking at something on the bank. It will take some time. It should have an average 3" reduction. We are still cautiously optimistic. The DO is going up, it has been 1-2 and it was 2.5 for most days if we can get it up to 3 or 3.5 that would be huge. Pond two DO is over our limit of five. Things are looking good, will do another sludge judge this coming Thursday. Melvin thinks we will see big results. Ryan did say the tube was hard to push in the first time they tested and this week it slid all the way to the floor. So, the sludge has loosened up which means it is working and probably will not be required to be stirred up. Wendel: When will the sonar be scheduled? Diller: At the end of the month, we will sonar both ponds. We will continue to work with EPA on sludge removal requirements in case it is still needed. Their list is pretty long requiring a large number of soil tests per acre and it would take a couple hundred acres to land apply it. Bill Knapke says he can do the soil testing. We have not got into spending any of the money for testing, waiting to see how this treatment goes.

**NPDES:** Everything has been submitted to EPA and we still have not gotten a draft copy. Not sure why.

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**Water/Sewer Rates:** Randy has been working on a rate update proposal, as you can imagine our costs have become extremely higher. A shipment of caustic which is now \$15,000 last year was running \$4,000. One of the things we will be talking about is to get out of the lime treating of water and move to an ion exchange or similar treatment. We should begin talking to people after the first of the year.

**Milligan Street:** We held the preconstruction meeting last week. We will remove three sections of curb and two section of sidewalk on Milligan. They have the paving company locked in and they will be here in time to make sure they are ready for paving. It should take place between October 3 – 14<sup>th</sup>. An OUPS notice was submitted today to get everything marked.

**TAP Grant Butler Street:** I wish I could tell you we are making progress, still working with District 7 to get the final opinion. I want to hear what they want to do. The mayor knows how he feels. I have a feeling we will be making a trip to Columbus.

**Systemic Funding:** We have submitted the environmental paperwork for funding.

**School Transportation Plan:** We met with the school and need to finalize some committee members. We hope to meet in the next couple of weeks. We did get the parent surveys out; parents should be receiving them.

**Railroad Exemption:** We attended the PUCO public meeting last Wednesday. Randy, Jared, and Larry Brown attended. We gave them our spiel. There was a recorder and a hearing officer there, it was very informal. Randy has read the inspectors report, he has recommended exemption be approved. The hearing officer said he couldn't see why it would not be approved either. It is not safe to run cargo cars on. The inspector said RJ Corman indicated they don't use it and don't plan to. They are not receptive to my calls. As soon as this one is approved, I will apply for the other two street crossings.

**Park:** We are waiting on playground materials; they have not been shipped.

**Finance:** We need to meet prior to the next meeting. It was decided to meet at 6:00pm prior to the October 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**OML:** Randy will be at an OML conference next week.

**Important Dates:** The Cruise in will be October 8<sup>th</sup> on the Brick Street and the One-of-a-Kind Auction will be October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Trick or Treat will be October 30<sup>th</sup> at beginning at 3pm with the parade and judging. Trick or Treat will follow from 4PM – 6PM.

**Poll Council:** Wendel: I will be out of town for the next council meeting.

**President:** Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code 121.22(G)(1). Fiely made a motion to enter executive session seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Pearson made a motion to exit executive session seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes

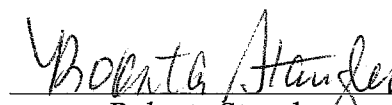
Action taken: The police committee will meet to review/interview police applicants.

Council reviewed invoices #31335 to #31354 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 220128 to 220134.

Knapke made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Fiely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

  
President Al Post

  
Roberta Staugler