

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held December 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on December 19, 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, Neal Spencer and Leslie Gartrel.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report.

Minutes: Fiely made a motion to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes as presented which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Wednesday we will be giving out the Annual Mayors Christmas Decorating awards.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

RES 2022-24 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2022 APPROPRIATIONS. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made a motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

RES 2022-25 A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS. Pearson made the motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Post made a motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

ORD 2022-07 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING WATER SYSTEM RATES. Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

ORD 2022-08: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER RATES. Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

ORD 2022-09: AN ORDINANCE SETTING WAGE RATES AND PERSONNEL POLICY. Schmitz made a motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Fiely: What were the changes since the last reading? Diller: The changes were to increase the Utility Superintendent pay by .25 per hour and a change to the utility weekend pay overtime and adding a Trainee position to the Utility Department as discussed at the last meeting. Since the job has been posted we received two applications. **Post made the motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Knapke. Vote by roll call vote: Fiely-no, Wendel-yes, Knapke-yes, Schmitz-yes, Pearson-yes, Post-yes.**

Staugler: We did receive a One OPIOD payment in the amount of \$85.79 today. Diller: This will most likely be used for drug education by the police department.

Diller: Utility: We have four fire hydrants that still need repaired, the necessary parts are not all here yet.

Lagoon: The Sonar report is back. The bottom line is, we all agree something is going on but it is not reducing the volume of sludge but the consistency has changed. The DO testing was a 13 at the discharge, which is incredible and above 5 in the primary pond. We will meet with Melvin; he plans to stop by one day and go over everything he has. As of now we have no report to quantify the results. We will continue treatment through the winter. We are all excited about what is happening.

NPDES Permit: The changes expected are included in the draft permit which is for five years. They are proposing a 4-year period to meet the new requirements. It was sent to Poggemeyer and they will send a response to EPA on some things they/we want to push back on. The permit included the requirements for the monitoring and control plan.

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Tap Grant: We worked with Choice One and ODOT to get down to a doable number. The Tap grant will go down to an estimated \$150,000. We propose we will be up for a small government grant next year; it would be a \$500,000 grant. We need to figure out how much we can fund. It would be a 2024 project. We want to scale back to see what makes the most sense. We want to do something with the hill not using ODOT monies. The project would start on the West end and come as far as we can then complete the rest with small government monies. Randy has not called ODOT to tell them that yet. They would likely not approve a change to the scope anyway. No reason other than inflation went too high and we see no funds available to fund the larger amount.

Systemic Funding: We are still moving forward with the project.

School Transportation: Choice One will hold a review on January 5th and make any changes necessary, then move forward with that project quickly.

Rail Road: I did email the PUCO representative; she was out of the office until today.

EV Charging: Nothing to report.

Legislation: They passed a slew of bills in the lame duck session, not any we were following. There was no change to Income Tax. They did pass the hands-free law, you will not be permitted to hold your phone and drive, it will become effective 30 days after the governor signs and they will allow 6 months in which they will give warnings. Then you must be hands free. We will include the language in our policies once finalized.

Sawyer O Ninja Park: We are working with the Hull family; they are very receptive to the idea.

Records Commission: We held a meeting tonight. Nothing to report.


Fiely made a motion to cancel the January 2, 2023 council meeting which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes. Next scheduled meeting is January 16, 2023.


Important Dates: Community Club Fish Fry January 21st at the Sportsman Club.

Poll Council: No comment

Council reviewed invoices #31459 to #31503 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 220174 to 228099. Fiely 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 7:59 pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler