

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held March 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Al Post called to order the Regular Council Meeting on March 20, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Village of Fort Recovery Council Chambers to conduct regular business. Mayor Kaup was attending the County Health Department Meeting.

Roll call was conducted with the following Council members present: Erik Fiely, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Absent: Cliff Wendel.

Also Present: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, Jared Laux, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel, and Neal Spencer.

The president led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA report and February Police Reports.

Minutes: Fiely made a motion to approve March 06, 2023 minutes. Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Chief: The February call records are in drop box. New hire: We are in the hurry up wait mode. He will graduate on April 10th.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES None

Diller: There are possible additional OPIOID funds to apply for. Erin: We need approval to sign the same memo of understanding to participate in the next round of settlements. **Knapke made the motion to authorize Abels to sign the necessary documents to participate in the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart and Walgreens OPIOID Settlement. Schmitz seconded the motion. Vote all yes.**

Diller: Project updates. **Lagoons:** Things are hanging in. No bad smells, the DO is above minimum not as good as they were, ponds are turning. Last year we were inundated at this time. We are still putting product in it; we will start ramping up. Knapke: Any set amount you put in? Diller: We put a pail in each of pump stations last Thursday. We have enough for another 3 or 4 dose which we will do in a week or 10 days. We will try to stay ahead as best we can. It did make a pretty immediate change. Pearson: Are we adding Peroxide? Diller: We have not since last fall. As long as the DO is maintaining, it wasn't our expense, Cooper picked up the cost. Their numbers have been better since September. A surcharge has not been billed of late; it makes a difference in our treatment. We need another warm season to see what it is doing to the sludge. Post: Have we done any measurements? Diller: Ryan will wait until its warm then test in 20-30 spots. We will probably schedule another sonar test in the summer. It is certainly a different consistency. A lot of theories as to what is going on. We have not paid any money because they haven't shown a reduction in sludge. If it was condensed this much and now it's this much. We will begin testing for Kainos Ag as agreed upon. We received sample bottles from Canada to send the tests in. We are also testing different things out of the three main pump stations; loading, CBOD, phosphorus, and ammonia. We also test at the influent of the lagoon. If we need to track back so we know where it is coming from. We now have a flow meter on main line to measure how much flow is going into the lagoons. We will figure out how to charge the egg facility fairly.

Wastewater Study: We are still working with Poggemeyer on the wastewater study and Cooper agreement.

Water Plant Study: Ryan is doing some different water testing for them. We did receive the PTI to switch our chlorine from gas to hypo. It is a safer environment for our guys to work in. Marvin Gnagy did the plans and they turned our application down 3 or 4 times. He finally got it to the boss at OEPA; it was all in how they were interpreting something in the rules.

Asset Management: We have been hitting it hard last two weeks. We had 4 hours per day of meetings over Teams. It is a good system once we get it implemented. It will use our own GIS; we will be able to pull up and circle a hydrant that needs fixed. Get set up and assign

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work orders, they will be able to bring the program up on their phones. We will finish up tomorrow as far as getting training in. It will be operational by this week.

Traffic Signal: Working with ODOT, so far, we are not really seeing any back up of traffic.

Trails Grant: It was submitted and approved by ODOT. Once all is signed, Choice One can start the engineering.

Railroad: ODOT has on their schedule to get the exempt signs up and should happen soon.

Taste of Town: Wednesday June 14th is the annual Taste of the Town event. We are requested to close North Wayne Street from 1:00 pm until midnight. **Pearson made the motion to close the 100 block of N. Wayne Street for the purpose of the "Taste of Fort Recovery/Beer & Wine Tasting" event to be held by the Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee from 1:00PM until 12:00AM on Wednesday June 14th 2023. This motion was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.**

Legislative: HB1 is mostly about state income tax, they want to go to a flat tax. The other Property Tax changes reduce the amount assessed from 35% to 30% of auditor's value. That will in the end have an effect on what we collect. Budget Bills continue to have hearings. One item is to create a dedicated revenue source to set aside for Law Enforcement training. Laux: It will probably do away with how much we report. HB 93 would also like to place limitations on municipalities collecting against property owners on rental properties.

Street: We talked about this at our last meeting. I would like to tackle a street project. Wigg/Gwendolyn Street total cost would be \$488,767. Main St is \$322,985. The engineering is \$54,000 for both. I think we can take on one project we have the \$150,000 in ARPA money. We would have to fund around \$300,000. Do we feel like we can afford to do it? It would be the middle of summer to early construction season next year. I wouldn't necessarily count on that. If they have more time to complete, we would receive more and better bids. I talked to Mayor Kaup, he is in favor of taking on one project and would like Wiggs Street because there is more traffic. Thoughts? Post: I would say go ahead. **Fiely made the motion to proceed with the Wigg/Gwendolyn Street project, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.**

Health Ins Renewal: We did get an eye opener 28% increase in our health insurance renewal with the current Anthem policy. We went to the market, our broker found a very similar policy cost wise, basically with no increase. The average rate increase was 15-18%, ours went up 28%. There are a few differences, currently our deductible is \$2,500/5,000, the new deductible is \$3,000/6000. Out of pocket 100% co-insurance is the only thing that would raise is if you go to specialist, copays or drugs; from \$5,500 to \$6,900 & 13,800 out of pocket max. Everything else is pretty much the same. We currently have a non-embedded plan; this would change to embedded. With embedded you have separate deductibles. The annual increase for the renewal would be \$30,000 with Anthem and if we switch to Medical Mutual the cost is almost identical to our current policy. We still have questions about network and local doctors. The other question; with the deductible going from \$2,500 to \$3000 do we want to consider raising the deductible to stay competitive with other communities? Pearson: Next year will we see a big jump? Diller: I don't know. We can't get information on why other communities premiums has not increased as much. Question, do we want to up the HSA to the \$3,000 annually?

Fiely made the motion to increase the village HSA annual contribution by \$500 to \$3,000 to begin with this next quarter payment. This was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Park Board: We need to finish up some hiring. We are still a little short especially with managers.

Research: Will get with the committee: Pearson: Center Street and the stop sign by the Funeral Home. Diller: We also have a couple of spots on highway. Pearson: Are we thinking

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about the walking path and parking lot? Diller: Parking lot is not terrible. Pearson: With the planned Ninja Park will we be taking care of water retention? Diller: We talked about different solutions. Pearson: It would be nice to get some curbs. Down in the corner by Hulls, where it was wet is a lot nicer. Diller: We can do something like that. We are looking at resurfacing at Fort Site Park, to help solve some water issues. We have someone that wants to contribute to redo the basketball court at Fort Site.


Dates: March 31st will be the Baseball/Softball dedication.

Poll Council: Nothing to report.

Council reviewed invoices for check #31686 to #31725 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 230035 – 230040. Pearson made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

Fiely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.


President Al Post


Roberta Staugler