

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held April 03, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on April 03, 2023 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, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Absent: Luke Knapke.

**Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, Jared Laux, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel and Alex Thien.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Reports to Council:** VA report.

**Minutes:** Pearson made a motion to approve March 20, 2023 minutes. Post seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

**Mayor:** I was at the Health Dept meeting during the last council meeting. Big news was the Health Dept will not be moving out of Central Services office. They will probably be there for at least another three years because the levy didn't pass. The new ambulance should be delivered soon. Pearson: Do they have to purchase a lot of equipment for it? Mayor: I believe the price included the equip, some will be switched over from the old ambulance.

**Chief:** New firearms are in; they are not qualified. Sale price on the old firearms was determined by the trade in value. They were sold back to the department. Wyerick, and the Mayor as dept head have purchased one and I will wait until my new one is qualified. Next Monday at 6PM is the Wright State Graduation of the OH Law Enforcement Academy, anyone that wants to attend is welcome. Today Jared was at training with the school administration and counseling. It was a good training; it will help with incidents that may come up at schools.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES None**

**Abels:** I completed the One Ohio OPIOD participation agreement. We will see what happens. Laux: We will use the last one to reimburse the Village for training.

**Alex Thien:** I have some Scriptures to read you and want you to know this is the jubilee year which occurs every 50 years and is a reset. He read from prepared script with bible excerpts and other information.

**Diller:** Fire Hydrants - they will continue to work on them as parts are slowly arriving

**Lagoon:** Numbers are still good with double digits for the DO at the effluent and 3.5 in the primary lagoon. I talked to Connie Kaiser; she is very appreciative of whatever we did as they have had no odors. We think we are where temperatures will start to stay warm. When it gets up to 50-60 degrees is when things happen.

**Wastewater Study:** We are doing all the testing per the NPDES permit. We are working through the study and will be ready to finalize the rate and funding study.

**Water Plant Study:** The test results have been really slow. Marvin thought he would have it back in day or two but it has been taking two weeks. Our own tests are taking a week.

**Gwendolyn/Wiggs Reconstruction:** Choice One began the TOPO today, once they get everything together, they will give me preliminary plans. We will present legislation at the next meeting to declare the necessity and be able to assess the curb and sidewalk costs.

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**Trails Grant:** We have received ODOT approval to move forward with engineering. First item is to letters to adjoining homeowners. Those will go out tomorrow or Wednesday then they will do the TOPO and start the design work.

**Railroad:** They do not have the exempt signs up yet.

**Health Insurance:** We had a large increase with Anthem so we will go with Medical Mutual. The switch will not increase the villages monthly cost. At the last meeting Council agreed to increase the HSA annual deposit to \$3,000. What next year will bring, who knows. They don't have any way of knowing. We said that we would review the spousal rules. I stated that I would bring it up every year at renewal. Fiely: I don't see any reason to change now. Wendel: Do you have any idea of what the cost would be? Diller: Yes, based on the probable changes it would be a minimum of \$8,000 and could be up to \$28,000 if all spouses would join our plan. Council all agreed to leave the spousal policy the same.

**Legislative: HB1:** They are trying to make changes to income tax. HB5: Would limit us to a \$25 fee if someone does not file. On the other side, if they file for extension, we can't notify them in any way. As we stated a year ago, we do not get notice that they filed an extension. We could be penalized just for sending a letter. The budget bill is out there, on the positive, with other programs out there this is the one that would benefit us. Included in it is to have the state pay our fees for Marcs radios, which is \$10 per month per radio. They also want to place limitations on what we can do on collecting past due water bills from Landlords. We can allow a person to rent, but the owner is ultimately responsible. They want to change this; we will keep monitoring.

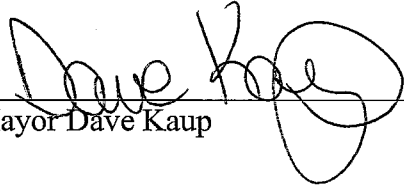
**Pool:** We are getting close on final hiring for the pool. Ball practices officially begin tonight.

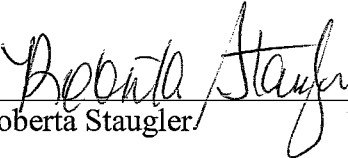
**Dates:** Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> is the Maharg's village clean up date. One change, all mattress and sofas must have a tag. Maharg's gets charged per item when they take them to the landfill so he is passing on the fee. Cruise-In will be on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Poll Council:** Al: The new stop sign, is it running? Diller: We unplugged it and are letting it charge. We will reach out to the company; it should last longer than that. We want to see if it will light back up. Jared: The new Cell Phone Law will begin. You can't be on speaker phone you must have it up to your ear. It will be getting enforced. Diller: It will become part of our employee policy.

**Council reviewed invoices for check #31726 to #31769 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 230041 – 230045. 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 Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.**

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler