

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held September 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on September 18, 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: Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, and Al Post. Absent: Erik Fiely and Cliff Wendel

Also Present: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels & Bailey Cline.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, August Income Tax, Finance

Minutes: Post made a motion to approve August 21, 2023 minutes. Pearson seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: I would like to appoint Kevin Wehrkamp to the Tree Commission with his term to expire December 1, 2025. Post made the motion to approve Kevin Wehrkamp's appointment to the Tree Commission which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.
The August tax report looks good.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: unable to pass due to inadequate quorum

Diller: Traffic Signal. Our answer from ODOT regarding stop light installation at 49/119 intersection was a hard no. It does not meet their requirements and they cannot approve it within the engineering standards. They said it does not come close. They were so upset that they are thinking of submitting ethics violations on Choice One, as an ODOT approved engineer they say they know what they are not supposed to do. We feel there are extenuating circumstances. Bottom line, they say it can't happen. I told her all the reasons why we need it; she does not live here and does not see what we see. She said everything can be fixed in another way; like make the site no parking. Delivery trucks have no choice. This is a push back about our Butler St experience with them. These are not the same ODOT people we were dealing with. We have a meeting with Bud O'Brien and Janie Hollingsworth next week. Jenn is putting together good information for us to use. Post: Can they come to a public meeting? Diller: We deserve for them to come to council to tell us why we can't do this. I don't think she knew the story. We were informed by the previous director that we could install the light if we come up with the money. She said it is above her pay grade. Schmitz: What if we just do it? Post: We rerouted 49 at our cost to make it better. Diller: She says there is no engineering reasoning, statistics will show there will be more crashes than before. Diller: She thinks the prime situation is what we have now. Knapke: Their ODOT jobs were a political appointment. Diller: They never worked in the fields. Schmitz: Can we just do it? Diller: Celina could and we can't. Knapke: Does the county have anything? Diller: We were told if we get the money we can do it, now we will have to give it back to them. We will see how Friday's meeting goes. Kaup: I reached out to Susan Manchester; she will let me know. I told her I want you to come. She said; Well, I personally know Bud. I said, I have called you 5 times in 8 years and you have not one time came. She always called with something else that she had to do. I talked to Angie King; said she would come but will be unavailable that day. They are stepping sideways, don't want to stir up scuttle. Susan said can you call me when the meeting starts and I can listen in? Diller: I went thru all the reasons; engineering will not allow it. They have different rules for existing signals, they originally turned us down and would not let us use grant money, made some engineering changes, and eventually approved the existing light being warranted. Diller: My plan is to tell them this is where we are going to go next if we don't get some kind of resolution. Post: We have Manchester and King and can't get them at the meeting. Diller: We will go as far as we can. I asked her, can we jut put this in? She said that no none has ever done this that she is aware of and the Director can make us remove it. Kaup: When Randy Chevalley gave us approval, we should have just done it. The cost was \$280,000 now its \$340,000, can we ask them to pay the difference? Diller: I have never talked to Bud, he will rely on his people and will look to her, if she says no, we can't do it. Post: Who

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appoints him? Diller: I would guess the director of ODOT. He was a Miami County commissioner and recorder.

Erin: The annexation is filed and approved. We will file legislation in the future to accept it.
Diller: We need to wait the required 60 days.

Diller: Lagoons We have seen changes, in process of finalizing with Kanos, started feeding again over the weekend. Kaup: We stopped? Diller: Yes for 5-6 weeks, it is obvious that we now need it. There is a lot of algae and it is a different color. We are going to have a new contract moving forward and will look at being able to pay them for the past eight months work. They did do a bunch of sludge tests. No sludge sample testing, all that Ryan and Mitch did was a sludge judge by inserting a tube. They said it is noticeably getting thicker in those five weeks. Water test numbers are border line. Knapke: Has production at CW dropped or stayed level? Diller: Pretty much stayed the same. They are running 75,000 gallon per day avg. This avg is within our agreement. Went through the tests and they are well below at 105 and 120 loading not even as high as domestic strength. Knapke: Recently? Diller: Yes, right at the end of August. Waiting to see how the next weeks looks and why we were seeing high numbers for these two. We will keep working with them.

Wastewater: No report from Kleinfelder, the office was hit with COVID. We need to come up with an agreement with Cooper Liquid Egg, and also decide what we should we do with the rates if we move forward with mechanical plant. We will also discuss funding as we move forward. Right now, there are some unique opportunities with funding.

Water Plant Study: Met with Rob Shoaf and Marvin Gnagy. *Bailey Cline arrived.*
We are pretty much of the same kind of understanding; I asked them to come to a meeting. They can come to Council Meeting on the 16th of October. I would like to meet in a work session at 6:30 pm. Then go into the regular meeting. It will take ½ hour, thus allowing time to ask questions. They will bring a power point that they will put on the screen. They will tell their thoughts and give options; tell why they think RO makes most sense for Fort Recovery. They will go over the process going forward, and talk about how and where we can get the money. It is much cheaper to operate. Ion Exchange works off of salt, we would spend \$80-90K per year just on salt, then have to deal with brine water. We are leery about that. The real expense in RO is replacing cartridges every 8-15 years at around \$40K, which is built into the projection. They say we should still save enough money in operating to pay any loan hopefully without raising any rates. He has done 25 of the 30 other RO plants in Ohio but he did not do Minster which is the one we looked at. He said the water quality coming in is what you have to deal with and directs the system requirements.

Water Tower: We did get preliminary Topo report done. The area by highway on the Cooper property is only 4' lower, we can build the base up and basically be at same elevation and won't have to drive through the Cooper property to get to the water tower. They will give us an easement and would like their logo on the tank. It would be 80' to 100' to the south of the fuel station, which is near to our water line, access it simple. It is a better location; we will have the soil testing in the next week. Will move forward full speed ahead.

Gwendolyn/Wiggs Reconstruction: Nothing to report.

Systemic Funding ODOT Trails: Nothing to report.

School Transportation: application due in March.

OPWC Funds: I would like to have the legislation passed tonight if possible. Then we can finish up the application. I talked to Choice One and asked if we will run into any grief, he said he did not think so.

Annexation: Has been approved.

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Mercer County Health Dept: They are sending out required letters to all the septic systems that are not part of a public system. It will include a number of properties that have capabilities, if an annexation point exists, to hook in to our system. The HD won't require them to hook up if we require annexation, which doesn't make sense. Asked council to review. The Ohio EPA requirement is for them to do inspections every 3-5 year on any that don't have a system on record. We will have residents around our town receive letters. Current village policy requires annexation for new services that have an annexation point, at which point we provide the service to their property line. If no annexation point exists, we require a signed agreement that requires annexation once a point is present. The property owner then has to pay all costs in getting the line to their property along with paying the out-of-town fees on their monthly bill.

Park: Pavers will be here yet this year. We poured bases for lights on Wabash Road and in the park. We don't have the rec trail lights yet.

Finance: Al and Luke the finance committee needs to meet at 6:45 before the next meeting.

Important Events: Sportsman Club-Trader Days 9/28 thru 10/01, Cruise-In 10/7 4pm-8pm, One of-a-Kind Charity Auction 10/22/23 5:00pm.

The Visitor's Center is going through some upgrades, the roof is on and they should be there to paint soon. They are remodeling the bathrooms and should be open by October 7th for the Cruise- In. We were having some freezing problems, they cut the wall open and could see outside through the foundation, this has been fixed.

Poll Council: Nothing to report.

Knapke made the motion to hold a special council meeting on September 25th at 5:30pm to approve legislation, this was seconded by Pearson.

Council reviewed invoices for check #32088-#32097 and 32201-32232 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense CMI 230112 -230119 and UAN 22,26,44-53,56-62-2023. Knapke made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler