

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

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

Held October 02, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on October 02, 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, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, and Al Post.

Also Present: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, Bailey Cline and Abby Miller.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, September Income Tax and Police stats.

Minutes: Post made a motion to approve September 18th Regular Meeting & September 25th, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. Fiely seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: We will have a little discussion about the stop light meeting, all went well.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: None

Staugler reported that things are going well with the UAN conversion of finance with an expected learning curve. Payroll is being input this week with the issue of checks this time then plan is to be back to direct deposit.

Erin: nothing to report

Diller: Lagoons – We entered into a contract with Kainos for \$3,900 per month. As of today, they began feeding it thru the pump station again and added more today directly. They will dose hard to get things squared back away. We were feeding the same bio feed. We had a higher number from Coopers and have been dosing directly until it is worked out. They did a lot of sludge judge tests, and will have results in the next week. We will have a baseline moving forward; from samples and sludge judge. Melvin, manually sludge judged the first and we had an average of 18”, Mitch agreed with his measurements. When measured manually like this we might not be on the same exact spot as the previous sludge judge and could hit a mound. Kainos would like to be paid for 8 months of treatment. This has quantified it enough; how did the smell go away otherwise. We have a PO for \$50K which we did from the first contract, I will work with him on that. Do we feel confident that we are in a position to wait for results? Wendel: Should we wait? Diller: The only thing we didn’t know is if we had reduced the sludge, but there were changes. I am ok with the \$50,000 as long as it reduced it that much. He thought we would lose 12-16 inches, and instead converted into bio-floc instead of removing it entirely. They test it for Pfas, drinking and waste water. There was a reduction in wastewater discharge in Pfas. It is going into the river and feeding water plants downstream. Cities along the river draw water for drinking. He said it is a feather in your cap. I don’t think we will get an award, but we are confident we are making a change. I can wait until we see results. Wendel: When did we start. Diller: A year ago at the end of September.

Fiely: I am all for paying him something. Diller: He gave us a contract based on sludge reduction. I will add his letter to Dropbox so you can read. I know it’s worth, not sure what they are asking. Wendel: If there is a way to quantify then ok, if not then why not do the \$4K per month? Diller: It was different they added a lot more product. Post: Wasn’t that an accident? Diller: At first, yes. They have never been willing to put a per gallon price on their product until now, and it is at \$72 per gallon. Kaup: So, a 6-month trial at \$4K per month from November thru April. Diller: I found out last year it was an obvious benefit to put it in all winter. Knapke: Is the Sonar report coming? Diller: He has one on a graph to write up. The bio-floc began to compress. Kaup: How often will we sludge judge? Diller: We will start soon to add air uplift DO in the water. We will set in and slowly move thru the lagoon 5-10’ per day. It will loosen up the sludge and eventually turn it into bio-floc. They are providing it at their cost, if they have more communities come on board our price will come

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down. Knapke how high was the sludge before? Diller: Avg 20", range from 14-26", last week it was at 16-18" in the first cell which is the worst. Diller: Everyone okay with paying them the \$50,000? Council was in agreement to pay Kainos.

Diller: One other thing to mention, we had a Team's meeting with a company out of Minnesota. He basically showed us on paper why we don't need a mechanical plant. What do we do? He said there are other methods where it is cheaper. If you take a piece of one of the existing lagoons and add smaller treatment cells you immediately up your volume by 3-fold or 750,000 gallon per day. What happens to existing sludge in there? We'll probably need to get that out. I didn't tell him about Melvin. I sent numbers, put together in models. We need education about why this would work. He said, don't talk to reps that want mechanical plants because you can't go back from mechanical. We need to do a lot of research; we want to know the potential. Randy will message council the web site for this company.

Wastewater Report: Kleinfelder will be finalizing soon.

Water Plant Study: Marvin & Rob will be at the work session prior to the next meeting to discuss an RO plant and funding sources. The first step is us learning and deciding. It will save us money and make it more effective.

Water Tower: They are there doing soil judging. Ryan hopes to have plans ready by the end of year.

Stop Light: I will say this about the ODOT officials that were here for the meeting, it was handled very well. Dave had Angie King and Dave Buschur here. The bottom line, as long as you put it on record tonight and maintain that ODOT is not involved, we can move forward.

Here is what I think happened. Angie King had staff find a clause that said we may proceed without ODOT approval. The engineer said I have been on your side but it does not meet the warrant. Bud said; If you willing to go on record that you are paying for it and plan to take care of it, you can install. He came prepared to make the offer. Janie said I can't sign off; it does not fit the parameter. There would be no way we could have done it. It wasn't contentious, we agreed and left in good terms. Next time I will invite Bud to come back and keep our relationship on nicer terms. **Post made the motion to proceed with the Elm/Butler stop light installation specifying that the village is paying all costs and will be maintaining it in the future with no involvement from ODOT. Fiely seconded the motion. Vote all yes.** Diller: We will be moving forward as of tomorrow with engineering plans. There is a twelve-month lead time on all the poles. If we are lucky, it will be the end of next year.

Systemic Funding ODOT Trails: Still working thru paperwork.

School Transportation: Continue working on what we are thinking for an application due in March.

OPWC Funds: Request has been submitted.

Annexation: Nothing new 60 days has not expired.

Mercer County Health Department: I have had a few calls, one family in town planning to hook up. Another one is out of town and weighing his options.

Park: Will get paving done, will call him to see where we are at.

Rec Trail: Hope the lights will be fired up soon. Playground equipment did get delivered today; it is all here.

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We will have a work session before the next meeting.

Important Events: Cruise-In 10/7/23 4pm-8pm, One of-a-Kind Charity Auction 10/22/23 5:00pm.

Diller: I would like to request an Executive session for possible Real Estate Purchase and Personnel compensation.

Poll Council: Nothing to report.

Utility Aggregation: Dominion will have a rate increase; their base will go from \$43-\$56. On the gas side we will be on a variable rate with the ability to change to a fixed rate in the spring. If they lock it in now, the rate will be higher now than next year. We will have to ride the winter out; customers can opt out.

Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss employment compensation in accordance with Ohio Rev Code 121.22(G)(1) and also, the possible purchase of real estate in accordance with Ohio Rev Code 122.22(G)(2)

Fiely made the motion to enter into executive session with a second by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

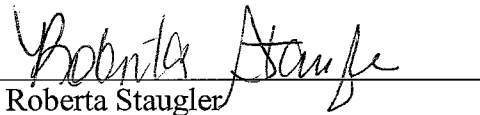
Wendel made a motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Nothing to report from executive session.

Council reviewed invoices for check 32233-32267 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, expense adjustments and memo expense 64,65,66-2023. Schmitz 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 9:09 pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler