

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of
Meeting

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

Held
October 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on October 16, 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, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel, Neal Spencer and Jared Laux

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve October 02, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, and a correction to the July 10, 2023 minutes ORD 2023-02 should be ORD 2023-03 and ORD 2023-03 should be 2023-04. Fiely seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Mayor attended a Squad meeting at St Henry, calls are down. They have had 50-60 calls through the year. Still on track to order a new ambulance in 2026 which will be delivered in 2028, this would get them on a 5-year turnover. Appropriations are made for next year, close to budget for next year. They gained three drivers in the last month, one going to Apollo to be an EMT, Brad Demange; who used to be a driver in another town. They are thrilled with where they are at. Celina and Rockford still have issues.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2023-24 A Resolution to Amend Appropriations. Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made the motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

Staugler: We processed the second payroll in UAN today with payments being direct deposited. We plan to have the next pay stubs emailed to employees. The finance side of UAN definitely a learning curve but going well, I believe the reports are easier to read. Diller: the last time before tonight that we held a work session several years ago was to teach council how to read the finance reports. May be time to do again.

Diller: Erin - Next meeting 60 day will have expired and we can wrap up the annexation.

Lagoons – We are still treating with Melvins product, it works backwards in the lagoons from effluent to influent. Cells #1 & #2 are more chocolate colored with other #2 clearer. It is working its way back to the inlet. The smell is now controllable, not getting out like it did. We have some equipment from Melvin which he is paying for and we are working on some other options. We will see which one makes the most sense. Knapke: Is the equipment something he is building into cost? Diller: It is all included, nothing fancy. Ryan did some research, it should help, not a complicated system. If we only need to pump a little air, it is actually a doable number of discs without adding much cost. Rockford has theirs in the middle which makes a lot more movement. We are looking at all the options. We have done some sludge judging, to give a basis since this all started. He had to come back and redo the sonar due to some mistakes. We need to get this up and running so the bio floc returns to where we were at earlier this year.

Water Plant Study: Marvin Gnagy & Rob Shoaf presented their information tonight in a work session prior to our meeting. The next step is to talk about the process more, they would love to be the designer, no question Rob is the industry leader in this. He is the best, not saying we don't want to use them, just want to make sure they are not \$200K more than someone else. What I saw at Minster, they made some mistakes in design but not the process. We want to know where we would get funding, and costs, if we can do this and not raise our water rates. Wendel: Some of the numbers, I have questions. Is it a competing project with improvement on wastewater too?

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Diller: No, we can't spend \$8M on waste water and \$4M on treatment going into village. Looking at what he says before we can go further, he wants to put some numbers together put cots and figure out from there. Wendel: Looking at the \$4M cost, if you are saving \$200K per year \$4M payoff in 20 years is not factoring any interest in at all. Diller: The numbers have to be nailed down, is \$4.3Mil going to be accurate? We have been through this enough times, if its two years before we go out to bid the numbers do not mean anything. Bonding to borrow up to a % of the valuation, we need to understand that before we pull the trigger on this. I would love to see them both be in the process when I walk out the door. We will plan and be working toward the implementation. These will be a game changer for the Village for a long time. RO system is cost effective. Minster said it is not the cheapest. It is not without its costs.

Water Tower: Still moving forward with the engineering and planning.

Elm Butler: Should be out for bid, looking at bid opening on November 9th.

Systemic Funding ODOT Trails: We are working through environmental. There is a required letter for the environmental process which is sure to muddy the waters some. We will clean it up and it will be on our letter head from Randy but we have to use their approved version.

Annexation: Next council meeting we will be able to pass.

Important Items: OP&F is looking at a Village share increase from 19.25% to 24%. Another one, the \$75,000 bid limit increase, if you read thru it Villages were excluded, so our limit is still \$50,000. Randy asked Erin to look at it and during this time OML notified villages that this was overlooked and is being corrected in an existing bill.

Park: Paving will be happening. Lights for the recreation trail should be delivered Wednesday or Thursday. When they are here, we will get them up. Wabash Road we will go a different route with them.

We need Executive session for possible Real Estate purchase and Personnel wages.

Chief: I need to also request Executive session for Personnel.

Important Events: One of-a-Kind Charity Auction 10/22/23 5:00pm.

Poll Council: Pearson: I noticed a hole on Wiggs Street where it is washing away. Diller I will check it 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 Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Pearson made a motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.


No action taken from executive session.

Council reviewed invoices for check 32268-32306 also including then and now certificates, electronic payments, inter-departmental transfers and expense adjustments. Knapke made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.



 Mayor Dave Kaup



 Roberta Staugler