

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

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

Held December 04, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on December 04, 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, Leslie Klosterman, Brian Miller and Neal Spencer.

The mayor led with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, November Income Tax Report

Mayor: Nothing to report. Diller: Talked to Angie she thinks December 2023 income tax will match last December which would make this our highest earning year.

Brian Miller was here to introduce himself as candidate for Mercer County Commissioner with Jerry Laflin retiring. Previously served as southwest ODNr district manager and a Franklin Township Trustee. He is retired and started small engine repair shop. He feels he is at a good time in his life to dedicate time to the Mercer Commissioner position. Diller asked what he sees as challenges? Miller: Getting Rockford and Coldwater a good squad. It is yet to be determined how to fix it. I feel we are a pretty solid county and want to focus on keeping industry here. I have traveled to other counties and am always glad to come back home. Diller: Is there any planning on shuffling county offices? Miller: They are conducting a feasibility study of buildings right now. Diller: I want to thank him for supporting our One-of-a-Kind auction.

Minutes: Knapke made a motion to approve the November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes with a *correction to the Resolution 2023-29 approval: Fiely voted no on the motion to suspend rules and the motion to pass the resolution.* Fiely seconded this the motion. Vote all yes

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2023-27 A Resolution Authorizing publication of succinct summaries of each municipal ordinance or resolution and all items to be published by law, to be published on the village website and social media account repealing inconsistent legislation. Pearson made a motion to pass to the resolution to the third reading which was seconded Schmitz. Vote all yes by.

RES 2023-30 A Resolution to correct RES 2023-28 to Amend 2023 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 Knapke. Vote all yes.

RES 2023-31 A Resolution to Amend 2023 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 Knapke. Vote all yes.

ORD 2023-10 An Ordinance fixing the pay schedules of all salaried and hourly employees. Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance on to the third reading which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

ORD 2023-11 An Ordinance Reappointing Erin M Abels as Village Solicitor for a term of two years. Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance on to the third reading which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

ORD 2023-12 An Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis Dispensaries within the Village of Fort Recovery. Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules which was seconded by

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Schmitz. Pearson made the motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Diller: Streets: Wabash Road Street lights were lit up at the end of last week. They look good. This should finish up the lighting projects.

Utility Dept: Lagoons have minimal smell which we are creating by mixing at the influent. The numbers have been good and the DO is high. Maybe if we get some days up in the 50's Mitch and Aidan will check the sludge to see if it is turning back to be a fluffier bio floc.

Wastewater Plant Study: It's getting close, I found something to correct today. Another company is giving us a quote, it's an idea to keep away from a mechanical plant but same capabilities. They would take the second pond and split it into separate cells to treat phosphorus, ammonia and E.coli while increasing the capacity and loading capabilities. We need to see before we go too far in the process of a mechanical plant. If we go that route, it would be a good idea to get sludge removed, maybe not necessary but it would be better and last longer. There is some potential money available, if someone can pay for majority of the cost to get it cleaned out, it will buy us some time.

Water Plant: There is a chance for funding monies. We could be going after a pretty good chunk of money for the water plant upgrade project. Wendel: How do you determine which you prioritize and how much for each project? Diller: It's the same program we got the water tower funded with; we will go after both in separate applications. They started accepting applications last week. We are waiting on wastewater study and we will get that submitted too.

Water Tower: Ryan is close to finishing up the engineering. I hope we can get it out to bid first of the year. It has the potential for a 2024 construction. It will be the same size and shape of the current tower.

Elm/Butler Traffic Signal: The contracts arrived today, we will get it signed and returned and hope to see construction next summer. State of Ohio has provided the necessary easement documents for the corner of Monument Park for our review and approval.

Gwendlyn/Wiggs Reconstruction: Randy will reach out to Roger at PAB construction to make sure we are on target for February.

Systemic Funding ODOT Trails: Nothing new to report.

Safe Routes to School Projects: Nothing new to report.

OPWC: We updated the application for the Butler St application for Small Government approval. It is up for consideration now and we hope to get it funded. We have had a Teams meeting with an ODOT representative. He wants to revisit the Butler St project. He is hopeful there is additional funding available. I told him where we were at. He is going to check and talk to some people. I told him it was too much money for us to come up with.

Recreational Marijuana: We took care of with legislation tonight. I have heard rumblings that legislation is being discussed that would allow towns to restrict it completely.

Utility Superintendent: No applications have been received. We did receive two with no license. I am going to meet with Aidan and Mitch to get their ideas. It is working out now, but it is not a long-term solution. They are switching back and forth with water and sewer responsibilities each week. Aidan understands running the plant. He said he should have his water operator's license sometime early February.

RE Purchase: We did not buy the ground. The buyer has shown interest in working with us. The Mayor and I will meet with him tomorrow. There is a chance we may be buying

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some ground or act as a conduit with people that want to buy it. We will find out his thoughts tomorrow.

Park Board: The pavilion acoustic improvements were completed this weekend. Randy did the clap test; it does sound different. Hope it makes a nice difference for the Christmas Gala.

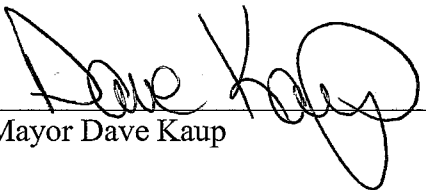
Records Commission: Meeting will be December 18th at 7:15pm.

Important Items: FR Radio Gala will be December 20th at the Pavilion.

Poll Council: Knapke: What do we do to keep equipment parking off of the street? Diller: I will talk to him.

Council reviewed invoices for check 32361-32381 also including then and now certificates, electronic payments 203-2023 thru 241-2023, inter-departmental transfers and adjustments. Fiely made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Schmitz. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler