

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-6094 FORM NO 10148

Held

November 16, 20 20

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on November 16, 2020 at 7:30 pm via Zoom VTC due to COVID-19 restrictions 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, PG Jellison, Neal Spencer, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel and Jared Laux.

The Mayor dispensed the Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, October Income Tax, FINX and Police reports.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the November 02, 2020 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: I will attend the District Ambulance meeting on Wednesday. Potentially things are going well with getting the township CARES money, if things continue, we may be able to purchase another ambulance. Will know more after Wednesday's meeting.

Chief: Stats are in Dropbox. I just completed the provisional certification for Safe Policing Safe Communities. Trump signed it into effect to not allow choke holds or lethal force. There are several other policies I am working on, trying to stay on top of things coming up. Waiting for official certification,

Grants: Diller: We submitted a pay request for OPWC Broadway St, which is the first draw from them. This was to finish up paving Broadway St for this year. We are looking at other things that are possible but nothing in the works.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2020-24 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SAFETY PERSONNEL AS SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED EMPLOYEES. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Fiely made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Diller: This legislation is required as it gives guidance and will allow us to use police salaries as an eligible expense in regard to the CARES Act classifying our police as substantially dedicated unless special circumstances rebut the presumption. We will use the leftover funds on equipment and supplies.

ORD 2020-07 2021 WAGE ORDINANCE FOR HOURLY AND SALARIED EMPLOYEES. Pearson made a motion to pass the ordinance on to the second reading, this was seconded by Post. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

The October Bank Reconciliation was presented for approval.

Staugler: In 2017 we passed an ordinance to gradually increase the water rates with the final scheduled increase to take place January 1, 2021. The minimum usage bill will go from \$41.50 to \$44.00 for usage of 2,000 gallons or less. Out of corporation services will increase an additional \$5. A notice will be enclosed with the December invoice which will be mailed November 24th. 80% of our users are under 5,000 gallons per month with 38% of them being minimum users.

Erin Abels: nothing to report.

Diller: Looking at the October Income tax report you can see it is up a couple thousand from October of last year to this year, with withholding down about \$30,000. Good news with

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withholding it was up slightly this month from last year and maybe we will see that trend go back the other way.

Broadway Street: This project is pretty much wrapped up for this year. Street lights are being worked on as the guys have some time to do that. Jenn is working on the OPWC draw request. We have feedback on the stop signs. Feedback is that everyone thinks they are unnecessary. Laux: I think it is better since the sign was moved and white line was painted. Diller: The only other thing, we might need to put paint or a temporary parking sign for the vehicles that want to still park diagonally. They stick out pretty far in the road if they park there now. Other than that, things look good for the winter. We are running right where we thought we would be with some money left in contingency.

Lime Press: Everything is pretty much installed. We have a couple fire hydrants we are going to replace.

Monument Lighting: We are moving forward. Right now, we are waiting for the underground boring. The village has no expense in this, other than labor as we are going to have our guys put in the light bases. When done we will save about \$800 a year in electricity costs.

Zoning: Will wait until week after thanksgiving. Lorri Kaup has not seen it yet, she will be stopping in soon to review.

COVID19: We had 14 applications which made it through the preliminary round. Eleven have been disbursed and two are ready with another one closer to finalizing their application. I have told them they have until the end of this week to complete the application. I hope to schedule a committee meeting next Monday to finalize. We took care of the resolution tonight and will have one more dealing with the COVID. It will be a resolution of council approving the expenditures which is a breakdown of payroll, supplies, and equipment.

GIS: Nothing new to report, they are working on maps.

Budgetary: Randy placed the budgetary documents in dropbox for council to review. Looking at what we have and what we would like to get purchased for next year. We will do some items but not all. Council was asked to give feedback. Jared has requested the third police vehicle, which is subject to council approving. Pearson: Can you let us know what you are looking at? Jared: Possibly a Durango, Alex would prefer a SUV. Pearson: Have you gotten any prices? Laux: I was using the estimates from last time which includes AED and other equipment items. When the cruiser is down, we have to share one. Having three would keep the mileage down. Schmitz: How many miles do you have on them? Laux: I believe the truck has 24,000 and the charger I have not looked lately. Kaup: So, the average is about 25,000? Laux: That is probably pretty close. Kaup: It is certainly something to think about we can talk about when we get back together. Laux: I will look at prices. Pearson: Have we looked at GOV deals? Laux: I haven't, you don't know what you are getting. Pearson: I think it is something we can look at 3 year or less. Laux: I can check it out. Kaup, any other budgetary questions?

Diller: Looking at the sheet, the dump truck, is the large truck. We don't want it to go out in the middle of winter, we use it to plow 70% of our snow. The back hoe is also coming up, they are both about the same cost. The rest is fairly normal things we may need to do. Water filter maintenance, is not an actual capital item. The Lime Feed equip is EPA required. The gear drives are making noise and we will need to be replaced. GIS expenses are ongoing. Aeration, we planned to put it in the second pond, which we see we do need to do. We can run them off of the same blowers. The cost is an estimate they gave us. The Police Cruiser, you guys need to make a decision on whether we should add a third vehicle. Copier and software are items we will need to replace. The copier we have stretched out until we will have to pay too much for maintenance. We would like to get back on the crack seal program.

We would like to take on a storm project, with an overlay potential also, we will see how the money goes. There is the potential of money for overlays. We will figure out how to fund at

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that point. Personnel: Paul has 35 years of service coming up in March. I will try to sit down with him to see what his plans are. Wendel: So, you have \$759,000 in capital projects for 2021? Diller: We all know we will not be able to put them all in. Wendel: How much are our loan payments? Staugler: \$211,000. Diller: Some of those funds come from the sewer debt fund. Staugler: That amount is \$93,000. Wendel: Does the \$500,000 include the entire Elm St project? Diller: No, just the village share. Are there other projects we should be looking at that I am not? Pearson: Did we replace the backhoe in 2002? Diller: Yes, it has been a good machine. Kaup: When do you plan to get prices on a back hoe? Diller: Next year or the year after. It does not have many hours and is still in good shape. Pearson: Have we purchased a large truck since Wenning's went out of business? Diller: No, at this point, we can't buy one in town, we will have to go with best bids. Laux: Buds matched the state pricing for the cruiser. Diller: For the most part it falls under the bid requirements. Schmitz: Will we keep the dump truck, or sell it? Diller: We will sell it. We try to keep vehicles at 26,000lb or less so it will not require a CDL to operate. Pearson: Do you trade in or sell vehicles? Diller: We sell them on GovDeal. The last dump truck we purchased from a dealer in Cleveland. I have everyone looking for a newer truck for us. Give it some thought, if you want to add or cross something out on the list please let me know.

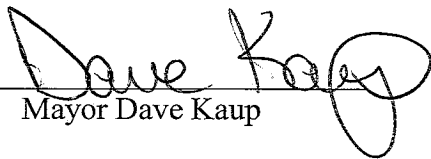
Diller: Based on the way things are going now, we will cancel our Christmas party. Kaup: I don't think it is going to work this year. Diller: It will probably be worse in December. Kaup: There are 19 COVID patients at Mercer Health hospital right now.

Important Dates: none

Poll Council: Fiely: There will be a FRYSO meeting tomorrow night at 7pm.

Council reviewed invoices #29820 to #29845 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 200089 to 200094. Knapke made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Fiely Vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.



Mayor Dave Kaup



Roberta Staugler