

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

## VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held \_\_\_\_\_ December 07, 20 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup** called to order the Regular Council Meeting on December 07, 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom VTC due to COVID-19 restrictions to conduct regular business.

**Roll call** was conducted with the following council members present: Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Absent Erik Fiely and Greg Schmitz.

**Also Present via Zoom:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, PG Jellison, Neal Spencer, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel and Jenn Schoonover.

The Mayor dispensed Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report, November Income Tax and FINX reports.

**Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.**

**Kaup:** We will do the Christmas light judging the third week in December, there are a lot of nice lights around town. The Ambulance Squad District will meet with Andy Hinders; they will complete the necessary steps to get our levy on the ballot in March.

**Diller:** The YTD Tax from net profit revenue from 2020–2019 is up \$90,000, while withholding is down \$16,000 from last year although November saw an increase of nearly \$11,000 from last year's November total. Things have not been impacted tax wise too much in Ft Recovery. You will find Jared's Safe Communities information in drop box. Jared just wanted to let council know that it has been completed. They switched reporting packages for the police department also.

**Schoonover:** ODOT sent the village an invitation to apply for the ODOT grant. We are hoping to get a little over a million from them and possibly a \$500,000 OPWC grant with the village share of \$2,000,000, we are also hoping to apply for an 80/20 grant from OCEA.

**Diller:** We are looking to submit the full application for the tap grant which is due at the end of January. There is not a maximum application amount but it will only pay for certain things. The whole project is too large so we are looking at doing one-half in two phases. The first phase will go from the highway intersection west to the corporation limits and would cost around \$3,000,000, which is the engineers estimate. If we go through with the tap grant, we would need to follow ODOT regulations which will add various costs to the project. Choice One won't charge anything to get certified estimates. We see no reason not to apply, it doesn't say we have to take the funds if approved. As stated previously, if we would get it, it would be at earliest a 2025 project. We will go ahead and apply and based on our recent meeting with ODOT, there is not a whole lot of wiggle room but there are potential ways to cut down costs. I struggle when they say we would have to apply for a temporary right away from residents, not sure why it is such a big deal. I think we should move forward, there will be very little money involved, just time. Greg Schmitz entered the Zoom meeting at 7:40 pm.

### RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

**RES 2020-25 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$4,774 FROM THE SEWER USER FEE TO THE RESERVE FUND** Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Post made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**RES 2020-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES AND OTHER COVID EXPENSES.** Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

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**RES 2020-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND FOR COVERING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES PAYROLL EXPENSES. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Wendel made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Knapke Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

**RES 2020-28 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO MODIFY THE SPEED LIMITS ON STATE ROUTE 119. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Wendel made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

**Diller:** We will send a letter to ODOT requesting they begin the process of changing the signage. I saw a pick-up going around the corner at about 60MPH just the other day.

**RES 2020-29 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2020 APPROPRIATIONS. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Pearson made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

**RES 2020-30 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$184,816.68 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE VILLAGE SHARE BROADWAY STREET FUND #439. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Wendel made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

**ORD 2020-07 An ORDINANCE FIXING THE PAY SCHEDULES OF ALL SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES. Schmitz made a motion to pass the ordinance on to the third reading seconded by Post. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

**Erin:** I put together a resolution on speed study beginning on Boundary Street to E Side of town.

The November Bank Reconciliation was presented for approval.

**Diller: Broadway Street:** The project is as far as we can take it this year. We are waiting on DPL to come before we can complete the lights. We did get a fourth pay request from PAB for everything completed this year which was submitted to OPWC. They anticipate coming back after the first of the year. They will start cutting down Elm Street and begin getting it filled in. It will all depend on the weather.

**Utility Projects:** The lime press project is close to being completed. Fire hydrants are being completed, they have replaced one by Coopers, two others just got the parts in. There will be one more to replace in the spring on First St.

**Monument Lighting:** The underground boring is scheduled for Wednesday of this week. When they are here, we will also bore in a new water service for the sprinkling system at Monument Park. At the same time Stachler Concrete will also replace the sidewalk on the south side from the monument to SR 119. The village contribution to the project this week is for our time. Any expenses will come out of funds raised by the historical society. Our perspective park lights will save us around \$800 a year in electric costs.

**Zoning Ordinance Amendments:** We will wait until after the holidays, as I want to meet in person and would like to wait until after the surge in COVID-19 is over.

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**COVID-19:** We received the additional \$24,444.32 in CARES funds. All the funds have been spent and the expense adjustments will be made for items purchased throughout the year. We were able to help 14 different businesses by disbursing \$70,000 of those funds to them. They are very appreciative. At this point unless we get more money, we are done with this project.

**Ambulance:** I think the Ambulance district has ordered the ambulance. Kaup: It will be ordered by December 31 2020 and will probably not be received until June. Randy delivered a letter to the Commissioners to break the contract which per our agreement was to be submitted 30 days prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. I don't know if it was necessary, but there will be no question hanging out there, it was a continuing contract. We will now get a funds request letter from the district this year for the per capita payment.

**Diller:** We took care of the speed study requirements with the resolution tonight. ODOT will submit it to the state office. Knapke: What was the average speed? Diller: 36 MPH, which is why it justified the 35 MPH change. You always see the ones going fast, but the study showed it was the average speed. I also included the budgetary planning things we put in there, we are still trying to be conservatively cautious. We did not have a lot of loss of revenue this year. Pearson: Is your plan to work on the list to buy things? Diller: We will replace the Dump truck. We will add some other equipment, you guys need to work on the addition of a police cruiser and let me know if this is what you want, give me feedback.

**Park:** We are going to post that the restroom winterization is completed. They will remain open this winter for people walking on the trail. We have ordered a blade and cab kit for the Kubota to use to keep the trail cleaned off. We received money from FR Community Foundation to fund these expenses. A reminder to the Mayor, Bert, Erin and Neal: The Records Commission will have their meeting at 7:15 pm prior to the next council meeting. We also need a short executive session tonight to discuss personnel.

**Poll Council:** Wendel: Just wondering if we need to vote on council members being able to win the Christmas decorating contest? Diller: It is the Mayors Christmas contest; it is his decision.

**Knapke made a Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §121.22 which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

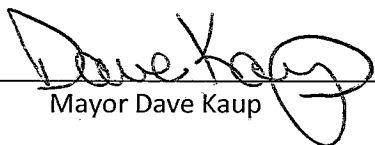
**Diller:** I will put everyone attending this meeting via zoom in the waiting room until we are done. I don't anticipate any action, but I will put you in waiting room until we are finished.

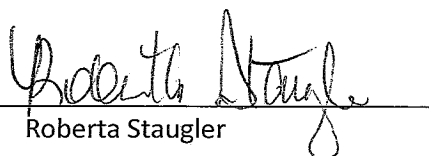
**Pearson made a motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.**

**Kaup:** There will be no action taken in regard to executive session.

**Council reviewed invoices #29846 to #29909 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 200095 to 200104. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

**Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.**

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler