

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held _____ December 21, 20____ 20____

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on December 21, 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: Erik Fiely, Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post.

Also Present via Zoom: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, PG Jellison, Neal Spencer, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel, Jared Laux and Jenn Schoonover. **Also in attendance via Zoom was Fort Recovery Troop 99:** Joe Hawk (advisor), Evan Keller, Tobe Zehringer, Gage Zehringer, Carson Grube, Jamison Heitkamp, Ben Reinhard and Eli Hawk.

Mayor: I attended the Ambulance meeting last week. They are looking at placing a .75 mil levy on the May primary. At this point we hope there is something else to go on the ballot that will share the cost of election. We have a pretty high expense from the election board if we do it ourselves. The final decision has not been made, we may wait until the General Election in November, but our goal is May. The funds will not be received until the following year. We have until the 4th of March to get it to the election board. The new ambulance has been ordered and we should receive it sometime in 2021. The new invoice for the Southern Mercer County Joint Ambulance district has been cut for the village to pay; mayor will give to Bert tonight.

Christmas lights were very good. The mayor judged on December 20th; Chris Hart was first place, Cliff & Megan Wendel were 2nd place and 3rd place went to Brad and Michelle Evers. There were a lot of good lights this year. Troop 99 is in attendance tonight under the leadership of Joe Hawk. Hawk: They are working on their purple badge for citizenship. They will be looking at the issues, difference of opinions and will be asked to explain if they agree or have a difference of opinion. They will be watching from the school via zoom to see what a regular meeting is like. Mayor: It is different with COVID but they can still see a viable session as we work thru this stuff. If the scouts have some questions, we will take those when we get to the end.

The Mayor dispensed Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the December 7, 2020 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Chief: Since the last meeting we have had more certificates we are working on. We did the DARE graduation today. Brandon went to school tonight to get interviewed by the Boy Scouts. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Schoonover: nothing to report.

Staugler: The first resolution tonight is to finalize the 2020 appropriations by adjusting them to what was spent for the year. The 2021 Appropriations are based on the capital purchases council has reviewed at prior meetings along with the 2021 wages and the other probable expenses for 2021. Diller: I received feedback from half of council regarding the police cruiser. Those that I heard from said is it ok to put it in the appropriations but hold off with the purchase until final council approval for purchase is received after monitoring the revenues for the first part of the year. Post, Fiely and Kaup were also in agreement. Fiely: Were you able to get numbers based on what you want? Laux: I looked on GovDeal but found nothing in the parameters we are looking for. After the first of the year, I will do some research.

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RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2020-31 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. Post made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

RES 2020-32 A RESOLUTION FOR 2021 APPROPRIATIONS. 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 Fiely. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Diller: There is one change on the Wage Ordinance since the second reading. The change is to allow the tax administrator to accrue comp time during the tax season. Angie has talked to other communities with part time tax administrators and they use comp time during the busy season, she can use it during the slow times of the year.

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

Staugler: We received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. Ottawa Oil Co is requesting their liquor license be transferred to Jay Petroleum. Council was asked if there are any objections to this transfer. Laux: I received the same letter; the police department does not have a problem with it. Council had no objections. Staugler will return the notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control with no objections.

Erin: nothing to report

Diller: Broadway Street: We know where we are, waiting until spring and also waiting on DP&L. The other lights are still up. We are waiting to do it. Nothing to report on Elm St.

Utility Projects: They are pressing out lime sludge. We are after something dry enough to get water out so we can dispose. It will take some time. Once we clean out the pond, we will be able to keep up after that.

Monument Lighting: We did get all the underground work done. A new line was run for water service. We are waiting on light poles and fixtures to come in. Mercer Electric will be installing them. Then we will take the time to get old lights torn down.

COVID: We have received \$135,843.23. It has all been appropriated and expensed. One of small business relief grant recipients sent a thank you to the village which is in drop box.

GIS: We did get our tablets in and will be training in late January. Hope to wrap up this project in spring to late summer.

ODOT Speed Study: The final packet was submitted to ODOT. According to everything we were told there should be no reason to deny our request to lower the speed limit to 35MPH.

Opera House: A local group of people is taking the project on. They have established a non-profit group. The new Fort Recovery Arts Council group met with Jared Ebbing, to discuss potential funds. They would like to wait until council has an in-person meeting to make a presentation to council.

Income Tax: Angie updated Randy with where we are at so far. We received a little over \$100,000 more than this time last year. When we have the final, we will break it down further based on where we see things going.

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On the back of your council packet, you will see the budgetary for 2021 along with 2020 which we have been working off of. The water department will be reaching out making contacts to get prices for the gear drive. We have been having some issues, as weather allows, we would like to get it inserted, we will do a lot of work ourself.

Park Board: Snow removal equipment is being installed on the Kubota as we speak. I believe John Kaffenberger cleaned off the trail after the last snow, he did a nice job. We do have heaters on in the restrooms at Community Park for walkers to use.

Planning Commission: We will be meeting after the holidays.

Records Commission: We held the meeting tonight, nothing to report. We should be in good shape with retention law requirements.

Next meeting: January 4th the Mayor will set up committees, council will elect a President and also decide if you want to keep the meeting the same time and day.

Village Holidays: We will be closed Thursday and Friday this week and Friday next week. Kaup: Can we do the first meeting in January thru Zoom? Diller: I think by Zoom but that is your call.

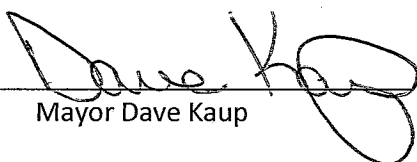
Poll Council: Pearson: Randy at the corner of Center and Gwendolyn Streets, there is a water valve cap flipped up. Diller: We had the street sweeper out and that is what sucks it up. I will have them look at it.

Kaup: Would the scouts like to ask any questions? Hawk: Yes, you did a survey on State Route 119 for speeding? Diller: We have been looking at the east side of town, if you are coming into town the speed limit is 50MPH until you get to John Street, which is excessive. ODOT told us we had to conduct a speed study. It came back with the average speed of vehicles at 36mph, that tells them that is what the speed limit should be. We are pretty confident we should be able to drop the speed from the corporation line until John St. This is what we submitted to them, as approved by the police department and council. If approved ODOT will change the signage.

Hawk: Broadway will be a truck route? Diller: By June. Hawk: Two other things, GIS mapping and Monument Park. Diller: We are in the process of mapping out our utilities and have a computer-based copy so we can keep track of all utility locates and all utility lines. Monument park lighting is not a village project. We pay for the lighting and proposed that if they change to LED bulbs which would save us about \$800 per year. This morphed to a project to light up the monument similar to church steeples in the county. The village has no money in the project, just our time. Hawk: Who pays for power for that? Diller: It will be on the village, we will monitor it, if excessive we will discuss. The lights we are putting in will cost about \$16 per month, now they are about \$80 per month. My guess is the other ones might cost \$40 per month to light up the monument.

Council reviewed invoices #29910 to #29940 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 200105 to 200112. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.


 Mayor Dave Kaup


 Roberta Staigler