VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

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***CALL TO ORDER***: Mayor Roger Broerman called to order the Regular Council Meeting on February 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Village of Fort Recovery Council Meeting Room to conduct regular business.

**Roll call was conducted with the following Council members present**: Rod Thobe, Cliff Wendel, Al Post, Dave Garman, Dave Kaup and Dave Bretz. **Also *Present***: Randy Diller, Dave Bruns, Roberta Staugler, PG Jellison, Bill Kincaid Neal Spencer and Ray Cooney.

**The Mayor led** with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

R**eports to Council:** Village Administrators report, January Police and Income Tax Report.

**Minutes:** Thobe made a motion to approve the 02-02-15 minutes with a correction on page one line 18 add *recently* and on page two line 11 add *action was taken*. This was seconded by Wendel. Vote All Yes.

**Poll visitors:** no comments

**Mayor:** The Community Service award this year will go to the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club.

Cemetery Board Member Ray Houck retired effective February 1, 2015. Ivan Kaffenberger has agreed to fulfil his term. **Thobe made a motion to appoint Ivan Kaffenberger to the Cemetery Board to replace Ray Houck's term seconded by Post. Vote all yes.**

R Diller explained the two ordinances presented tonight regarding adding a five dollar fee to the vehicle registrations. We have seen a 79% drop since 2012 in our Local Government funds. If we look at the five year average we are down 54% with the highest amount of $66,000 in 2008 and $29,000 in 2014. The State has also eliminated the estate tax. **Kaup:** If we don't add it now can the county get the fee? **Randy**: I have talked to the county; they have no intentions as of now to request it. Ron Gelhaus met with Jim Weichert and Jerry Laffin; they said they won't pass it this year.

**ORDINANCE: 2015-02 LEVYING A TAX PER LICENSED VEHICLE WITHIN THE VILLAGE per ORC 4504.172** Bretz made a motion to pass the ordinance to the second reading seconded by Kaup. Vote all yes.

**ORDINANCE: 2015-03 LEVYING A TAX PER LICENSED VEHICLE WITHIN THE VILLAGE per ORC 4504.06** Bretz made a motion to pass the ordinance to the second reading seconded by Kaup. Vote all yes.

R Staugler presented the January Bank Reconciliation and the January Tax Income Report.

**R Diller reported:** Lagoon activities. We have not received the invoice for Don Kahlig's work on the lagoons. We have obtained preliminary prices for the baffle costs of approximately $100,000. We would be able to install them ourselves. The purchase would be published for bids. We will be attending a Sewer Expo next week in Indianapolis. We plan to get some more company contacts. I will be meeting with Dale Hart, so we can move forward with plans.

**Park Board:** The Board discussed the proposed parking lot. We have pulled the seeding and signage out of the plans which we will take care of. We moved things on the original drawing originally estimated at $150,000. We made it a little smaller hoping the bid will come in less. **Thobe:** Why was the lot made smaller? **Randy**: To allow us to keep a row of trees. **Bretz**: Is it is ready to bid? **Randy:** It will be ready at the end of this month with hopes to award the bid at the first meeting in April. **Bretz**: Could we tie it in with street overlays? **Randy:** We might, will see what the bid comes back at. The Council Research Committee will start looking at the streets as soon as the weather breaks. **Kaup:** Will the trees cause problems? **Randy:** No, they are crab apple trees. **Mayor**: We lost just five parking spots, and the trees will give shade and protection from foul balls. **Thobe made a motion to authorize Randy Diller to authorize biding of the parking lot construction seconded by Bretz. Vote all yes.**

**ODOT Truck Route:** ODOT will schedule a traffic count on a Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in mid to late March. Mitch from Choice One said they will do it at no cost. I met with Dan Jutte, he is ok with pulling the intersection back on his property. Fort Recovery Party Mart not so much because the sign would need

to be relocated. I talked to Andy of Choice One about making an easement for the sidewalk. I will meet with Ottowa Oil CEO on Wednesday. Frontier and DP&L sometime this week. We will get going on the agreements and legal work so we can figure out the curbing etc. ODOT is coming in August or September to overlay State Route 119. We could get our work done then they can pave over the road. The radius on Monument park property is enough. We hope to copy it. Choice One will put the package together and see what we can do.

**Re-route of 49:** I talked to Chris Thomas, they won't say it is totally out of the picture to route a road through Ambassador Park, but it would be tough. I will meet with her tomorrow. She does not think Broadway Street is near as big of deal as it has already been disturbed. If the numbers come back from the traffic count that would warrant a signal, we will plan for it.

**Planning Commission:** A copy of the minutes was supplied to Council. The maps were given as to what Dan Jutte is proposing. There are lots of positives and negatives both ways. They finally made a motion to recommend approval of annexation as presented by Dan Jutte. We have homeowners also willing to annex their right of way. A Public hearing has been scheduled for March 16th for annexation and zoning at 6:30 pm. Council continued to discuss. **Bretz**: What are our options? There aren't any. **Kaup**: There is zero reason to have that kind of store. **Bretz:** Except people in town do want it. **Kaup:** There is nothing you can buy in there that we don't have. If we lose an existing business because of it, it's wrong. All the money leaves the community. My opinion has not changed. I voted yes at the Planning Commission because you have to look at it as if you don't know who is coming. **Garman**: The thing you have to ask; is this progress for our community? **Kaup**: We want to see something grow. **Thobe**: If it was a franchise it would be different. **Kaup:** It is not business' job to support teams but that is where a lot of support comes from. All things have to be considered. **Wendel:** There is one in every community. Can we talk to them to see if their business has been negatively impacted? **Randy:** Is it money that is not necessarily already being spent in town now? **Garman:** We are focused on one thing; we don't know what will happen.

**Grant Administrator:** We will advertise for the position soon.

**Historical Society:** We received notice that they will be doing repair work on the Monument. They will be bidding it out this summer.

**Important Dates**: March 8th Chamber Citizen of the Year Banquet. March 24th Choice One Charity Cup.

**Dave Bruns reported**. The Prosecutor said February 26th is the final date for heirs to file paperwork for the abandoned property on Elm Street. The Sheriff will file paperwork. It will likely go to Sheriff's Auction.

**Poll Council**: Nothing

**Council Reviewed Invoices** #24883 thru #24930 including then and now certificates and memo expenses. Thobe made a motion to approve vouchers as presented with a second by Wendel. Vote All Yes.

Randy said Choice One has done some preliminary work for utilities to the new Commercial Lot.

Kaup made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Wendel. Meeting adjourned.

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Roger Broerman Roberta Staugler