VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

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May 4, 15

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Roger Broerman called to order the Regular Council Meeting on May 4, 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, Al Post, Dave Garman, Dave Kaup and Dave Bretz. Absent: Cliff Wendel. **Also *Present***: Randy Diller, Dave Bruns, Roberta Staugler, Bill Kincaid, Devin Zimmerman, Neal Spencer and PG Jellison.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. R**eports to Council:** Village Administrators report and April Income Tax report**.**

Minutes Thobe made a motion to approve the April 20, 2015 minutes seconded by Post. Vote All Yes.

Poll visitors: No comment

~~**ORDINANCE**~~ *RESOLUTION*: **2015-07 AN** ~~**ORDINANCE**~~ *RESOLUTION (correction 5/18/15 minutes)* **FOR RENEWAL OF A GENERAL EXPENSE LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE 10 MIL. Bretz made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Kaup, vote all yes. Post made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Garman. Vote all yes.**

Randy Diller: Met with Andy of Choice One and Chris of Toms Construction to review the Lagoon. They will have the budgeted numbers back this week. They revamped the baffle package. They changed it from four cell baffles to two cell baffles. This will cut the prices to a total less than $40,000 for the purchase of the baffles. We would plan to install them ourselves. We will tweak the plans and present them at the next council meeting. **CW Egg:** The last conversation I had with CW Eggs their plans are, with nothing being concrete, to not expand this year. We have the plans for a third lagoon as far as we can take them without the need to redo plans. We have the flood plain and other necessary items ready to go if and when the need arises to construct another lagoon.

Community Parking Lot: PAB began work on Friday. They were stoning today. They hit a soft spot and will add #2 stone. There will be a change order for the additional stone. The first draw request has been received which was for the removal of the basketball court. **Thobe made a motion to approve payment of Draw #1 in the amount of $9,108.00 seconded by Garman. Vote All Yes.**

PAB Construction anticipates no problem being done by June 1, 2015.

Research Committee: Members met and reviewed the streets and the Overlay Project. Council reviewed a list compiled by the Committee. It is not going to work out for Freisthler Paving to do any overlays while they are in town to construct the Community Park parking lot.

Grant Administrator: There will be one more interview this week**.**

Annexation: Dan Jutte will be filing the plat tomorrow. This will start the next process with the other homeowners.

Important Dates: May 16th is the Annual Town Clean-up Day. Residents must have items out Friday Night.

Village Plan: Randy met with Lorri Kaup and Paul Sullivan the Community Planner. We were given a new proposal to review. This will be for a total Community Plan as per zoning. They would be considering our commercial, residential, industrial and recreational needs. The plan will have an Economic Analysis including: What should our downtown do to survive? What is the best way to do it? This would also include assistance from Heritage Ohio and the help of a Professional Planner and a Marketing Professional. It will consist of a series of meetings: with Council, Business Owners, Land Owners and also a Public Meeting. They will provide feedback. This Community Plan could be viable for 25 years. Project Recovery (PR) has agreed to cover 50% of the cost with the initial estimate being $17,500 to $20,000. PR will throw in $10,000 if Council will cover the rest of the cost.

Thobe: It worked the last time. **Bretz:** What are they going to look at as far as zoning? What purpose is it to tell us what we already know? **Diller:** We need to look outside the box. There is a lot of planning that should go into zoning. Where should we pick our development? **Bretz:** It is where we bought the land. What would the other option be? **Thobe:** It wasn't our first option. The first was around where Ft Recovery Industries is north of town, we thought it wasn't available then found out later that is was. **Garman:** I am confused; +whose role would be what? Who will be involved? How will it be organized? **Diller:** The key person will be Lorri Kaup who will be spearheading the project. **Garman:** Is that what PR is designed to do? **Diller:** 25 years ago they focused on Downtown only. The goal was to make it more viable and to approve Issue Two. Now the focus needs to be more than the downtown. What is the next area to grow? There will be an advantage of having someone else in the community involved. So it will be similar but bigger. Using the Historic Preservation People and at some time looking at the Economic Growth. Growth of Industry and Residential. We don't have a lot available. Housing which we hope gets taken care of shortly. **Garman:** This group will make recommendations. Can we ensure we are spending money wisely? **Diller:** It will be a process of meetings with a consensus. People will give opinions. We want to know what is believed by everyone. The plan will have their knowledge of what works. **Thobe:** The big thing they will tell you is what might happen. **Garman:** If it will stimulate growth, I'm for it. **Diller:** Will it stimulate smart growth? **Kaup:** Basically the Merchants and PR want it done for the future of the Village. **Mayor:** Who are the officers of PR? **Diller:** Lorri Kaup-President, Tom Kaup-VP, Ted Romer-Secretary, Randy Diller-Treasurer. The annual Auction pays for the upkeep of the Visitors Center. They have also paid for the Christmas Decorations and Plaques on the Historical buildings. They administered the Grant in 1991-1992. They were formed as an arm of the Historical Society to look towards the future but to also tie into our historical past. **Bretz:** I hate to spend $10,000 on something that we obviously already know. **Kaup:** Don't we deserve the right of having it done? **Thobe:** We might need to rethink. It may come back with information we already have. I have no problem doing it. **Neal Spencer**: Where is our Business District going to be? **Bretz:** Why should we spend money on what we already know? **Neal S:** What is it that we already know? So the next place that comes up for sale is where it will be? **Bretz:** Will there be an outline with the steps to help justify the cost? **Diller:** Yes. (Randy shared the letter just received today from Paul Sullivan with an outline.) **Mayor:** When do we need a decision? I think there should be one or two council members involved. **Kaup:** Can we get a reference? **Bretz:** If it keeps someone from putting a business just anywhere it would be worth it. **Post:** Will they give us a direction to go? Businesses to look for? **Diller:** Yes **Mayor:** I would like to be involved along with another Council member so we have an idea what is going on. **Thobe made a motion authorizing the Village to pay for one half up to a maximum of $10,000 of the Paul Sullivan Jr AIA LLC Consultation cost seconded by Garman. Vote all yes.**

Homeland Security: Randy reported that we received our annual invoice for payment of $357 which is .25 per capita. This service was valuable when we were going through our flood.

Important Dates: The Cruise In will be Friday May 8th from 6pm to 10pm.

Poll Solicitor and Council: Post: Has the Moulton Lot sold? Randy said he is not aware of it being sold. Tanks are marked Suburban and there is still a for sale sign.

Council Reviewed Invoices #25136 thru #25152 including then and now certificates, memo expenses and interdepartmental transfers. Garman made a motion to approve as presented with a second by Kaup, vote all yes.

Kaup made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Post. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

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Roger Broerman Roberta Staugler