VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

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August 17, 15

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Roger Broerman called to order the Regular Council Meeting on August 17, 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, Kathryn Rubright, PG Jellison, Jerry Guggenbiller, Neal Spencer, Lavern & Jane Weitzel, Dillon & Paige Schultze, Jared Laux and Bill Kincaid.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reports to Council: Village Administrators report, July FINX Bank and Expense Report and Police Stats Reports.

Minutes: Post made a motion to approve the August 3, 2015 minutes seconded by Thobe. Vote All Yes.

Poll Visitors: Jared Laux: The Police Committee has decided along with the help of Erin Minor to apply to OCJS for a speed trailer grant. We will partner with St Henry. We can use stats from both communities. The Tractor Pulls went good. Everyone acted very well. I had to talk to a few and they were cooperative.

Dillon Schultze: We are here to listen, we may have questions later.

2015-07 ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR AND CHIEF TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT. Third Reading. Bretz made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes.

2015-17 RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER $76,000 FROM GENERAL FUND TO SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND. Bretz made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Kaup. Vote all yes. Post made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Garman. Vote all yes.

2015-18 RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS. Bretz made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Kaup. Vote all yes. Thobe made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Paulette Huber-Mills from Poggemeyer Design was present to give an overview of the Grant Funding available from Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund. The fund is a way to give some of the money back to communities that was taken away in Local Gov Funds by making them request it for special funding. Paulette is working with Jared Ebbing, St Henry, Coldwater, Burkettsville and Fort Recovery Communities to fund a Regional Water Study. Some communities struggle with having enough water. We propose to look at a Regional area. Looking at water, where it is and where it isn't. We are able to look back at a two year period to see what was invested in water capital improvements. This can be counted towards your financial commitment. The goal is to be approved by September 4th. Mayor: Have we had enough improvements to count toward our commitment. Diller: We have had $36,000 in improvements in the last two years. Paulette: Between all the communities I think we will have enough. We won't know until it is submitted to the state. You can withdraw the application if you don't want to make the investment they ask you to do. Bretz: How often do they refuse an application? Paulette: I have put together thirteen applications and all were funded, one had more questions that needed to be completed. This fund can be used for anything that is used regionally, including things like bike paths. Diller: It is my opinion that no matter what, we will get good information. It will be helpful if we need to look at a well in the future. Mercer County Economic Dev will take care of the paperwork.

2015-16 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MERCER CO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILE APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND PROGRAM. Bretz made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Kaup. Vote all yes. Post made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes.

Bank Reconciliation for July was presented for approval.

Randy Diller: Toms Construction is here working on the Lagoons. They should be into the force main tomorrow. It will take 2-3 days to get the piping work in line. It is subject to EPA PTI. I am getting paperwork together. I will be meeting with CW Egg tomorrow.

Records Commission: Met tonight. No action was necessary.

Street Overlay: Wagner Paving was scheduled for last Friday. I haven't seen them yet, I hope they get here this week.

ODOT: The paving was awarded last Thursday. It has been delayed based on bridge work. I am hopeful it will be done this year. I will be invited to a preconstruction meeting. I will push to get it done this year.

Brick Street: I met with Kevin Pierce of Decorative Paving who installed the bricks. He feels the problem is in the pavers. He is supposed to provide me with a letter and cost estimate. He has seen a problem in the last seven or eight years. He feels it is the color lock and the way they are made. He said he doesn't need a test; all he has to do is look at the street and see it is not working. It appears to be batches that are bad. I will try to get with John Lindsey of Redding Rock. Kevin said the work does not need to be completed before fall except for the 20 bricks that are broken or missing.

Fort Recovery Athletic Booster Club: They have requested that we close off the 100 block of N Wayne Street so they can plan an event and sell alcohol on October 17, 2015. **Thobe made a motion to approve the closing of 101-131 N Wayne Street for the Athletic Booster Club to hold an event and sell alcohol from 1pm on October 17, 2015 to 1am on October 18, 2015 seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.**

ODOT: Truck Route Improvements. Final plans were made last week. I reviewed with Choice One, met with Ottowa Oil and will meet with Dan Jutte tomorrow. The Engineers estimate was $140,000. Choice One wants to advertise this next week with September 3rd as bid opening. We think we can get this done yet this fall. The next conversation will be what will we do with signage. It still doesn't warrant a stop light. ODOT would put in a four way stop at no cost. The caution light will come down no matter what. **Bretz:** Can we get an estimate on the cost of a light? **Randy:** Called Don Harrod he thinks we could do it for $70-80,000. **Bretz:** Can you also check with insurance?

Community Plan: Surveys are coming back. We have received around 200. We are getting some good information. I went through and made a summary. The three reoccurring things are 1) Improve property conditions. 2) Street, sidewalk and curbs especially along 119. 3) The need for additional shopping specifically Dollar type stores. We have not closed the survey yet. There is a meeting scheduled August 26th. We will set down with business and industrial leaders. We sent out 100 invitations. We also invited the Historical Society and the School leaders. The agenda ~~with~~ will be: Business Climate, Opportunities and Growth. I want to put together a report to give a general base of the responses and will share with whoever wants to read it. We will send a link to council which will allow them to read the whole survey. There is a lot of mis-information out there. We need to do a better job of getting information out. Council is invited to come to the Business leaders meeting.

Drainage Issues: We are working on a tile under Cooper Farms parking lot. We have some plans that could work. We will meet with Cooper Farms and Mercer Electric. The thing that needs to be remembered is the property is located in a flood plain.

SR 49 Sanitary Extension: We met two weeks ago and made changes on our sewer lay out. We hope to go out to bid in next couple of weeks.

Annexation: We have an Annexation application that will start. It will include everyone east of SR 49; twelve different property owners. I am willing to sit down with the people that are here. **Dillon Schultze:** How many property owners do you have? **Diller:** Seven. **Dillon S**: You need 51% then you can submit the application to the Commissioners. **Diller:** It won't be filled for a couple of weeks. There is a hearing and then a 60-90 day notification. **Dillon S:** Within 20 days the owner may withdraw from the petition. What Benefits will we get? Police, is no problem. We do have a broken tile. **Diller:** If we create a pocket, then we have a potential of four pockets. The utility infrastructure suffers. The County Engineer does not want to see pockets. Benefits are brush & leaf pickup, ability to sign up for Utility Aggregation for lower rates. Police? Maybe not a big issue. **Dillon S:** The reason why I bought the property is so we can do agriculture stuff like chickens. If we annex we are limited on what we can do. If we put in a pond I would have to put up a 48" fence. In 10 years if we have to put in a sidewalk, the basement wall is caving in. Financially it does not make any sense. **Jane Weitzel:** Our Real Estate tax will increase $570 per year. **Dillon S:** Are you going to annex Flaler Road? **Diller:** We will when property becomes available. **Dillon S:** So you will maintain pockets?

Diller: The Village does not develop land. The Township doesn't want pockets either. The truth of the matter is if you agree or disagree, expansion is going to occur. You must have two acres for a septic. Since 1986 your property has been somewhat surrounded. **Dillon S:** It's already around us. **R Diller:** Again, if we create pockets we are opening ourselves up. **Lavern Weitzel:** When you did the subdivision we came to the council meeting with some concerns. The first subdivision had no roads onto Sharpsburg Road. You said they would have turn arounds for safety concern. Someone on Council said I don't know why you are here, it's like you live on Indiana/Ohio State Line**. Jane:** We were told you have no voice in town**. Diller:** At the time you were in the township. As far as having a voice legally, that hasn't changed. There was never going to be a road onto Sharpsburg Road, I don't recall anything about driveways. **Thobe:** I remember something about it. **Kaup:** I remember it; I thought it would be safer for the driveways to have a turn around. **Thobe:** You are on the outside, but it wasn't appropriate because you had a valid concern. **Mayor:** I think we are planning on pursuing filing the paperwork for the annexation. Council has agreed not to have an island. How long will it take? I don't know. **Jane:** Even if we don't want to? **Lavern:** You might as well go through with it because we won't sign the petition**. Jane:** It is $537 a year more and we will have to put in sidewalks. I don't make $30 an hour. **Mayor:** I know you have valid points. **Lavern:** If you have something for 33 years you want to keep it. **Paige Schultze:** We don't know how we are keeping the town from growing. **Lavern:** We are not trying to be difficult. **Diller:** That is why there is a process. The Commissioners will make the decision. **Mayor:** We appreciate you coming in. We will see what happens from here.

Thobe: It would be ridiculous for us not to discourage islands. There is nothing to gain. **Diller:** This is one incident, if we allow the first one we set ourselves up for at least two or three others. It becomes a logistic nightmare. **Thobe:** We will be stuck with all kinds of possibilities.

Diller: We need to set up a Finance Committee Meeting.

The next Council Meeting is September 7th which is Labor Day; do you want to move it to Tuesday?

Wendel made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday September 8th at 7:30pm due to the holiday seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes.

Council Reviewed Invoices #25367 thru #25403 including then and now certificates, memo expenses and interdepartmental transfers. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented with a second by Garman, vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to authorize Fiscal Officer to submit assessment of unpaid water invoices to the Mercer County Auditor seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Thobe. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

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Roger Broerman Roberta Staugler

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