

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY SPECIAL COUNCIL

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Roger Broerman called to order the Regular Council Meeting on November 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, Al Post, Dave Garman, Dave Kaup and Dave Bretz. **Absent:** Cliff Wendel **Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Kathryn Rubright, Neal Spencer, Dillon Schultz, PG Jellison, Dave Bruns, Erik Fiely, Erin Minor, Scott Pearson, John Wolf, Christine Thomson, Lisa Hensell and Amanda Weyerick.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports to Council: Village Administrators report, October Police Report

Minutes: Thobe made a motion to approve the November 2, 2015 minutes seconded by Post. Vote All Yes.

Poll Visitors: **John Wolf** was here to publicly thank Rod Thobe for 35 years of service and Roger Broerman for 16 years of service.

Chris Thompson was present with Lisa Hensell: They have applied for and received a grant for Signage Design and Interpretation from the Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program. The proposed signs will be interpretative signs made of polycarbonate. The signs will include maps and timelines and will be a way to tell the battlefield story when the museum is closed. Chris asked Council for any preference as to where the signs should be placed. They will be placed on Village property, the Historical Society property and Ambassador Park. They will have until 2017 to complete the project.

Dillon Schultz: You need to retract this annexation. You are stealing our rights and money and we are not getting anything in return. You guys won't even look at me. **Bretz:** That's because we have heard from you for the last six weeks. You have nothing new to say. **Schultze:** Why are you still going through with it? **Diller:** You say you will gain no benefits what is going to change your mind? Police coverage is not a benefit? **Erin Minor:** At this point nothing beneficial is going to come from this dialogue. It would be best to come to the December 3rd hearing. **Schultze:** This is wrong. **Minor:** Council has told you at our last several meetings why the petition was filed. You feel different about the benefits. **Diller:** Nothing we can say will change your mind. We presented our reasons. **Schultze:** You guys already know how this is going to go. Mr. Kaup told me we are going to annex you. **Kaup:** No I said; what I know is that this is the first time an island has been created. Now we are looking into it. The State, County and Village don't want islands. I think you will get included at this time. We will discuss islands at our meeting. We need to find out how it is going to work. **Schultze:** You said we were going to be annexed. **Kaup:** No, I said it's in the works. **Schultze:** It is a big deal; it will impact our quality of life. **Kaup:** You are taking this personal. **Schultze:** It affects your job. I am a thorn in your side. Only the town gains money. **Kaup:** It doesn't make sense to be this close to town. **Schultz:** It's restrictive. **Diller:** Or protective. **Minor:** In five years if this property sells and someone else buys it and puts in a 2,000 head hog house. **Schultze:** That's why we have asked for a grandfather clause. **Diller:** How does it make sense to have an island? That's our point it can be used for everything, hog, chicken, who knows what. The bottom line is we are still doing it because it will affect the village as a whole. **Erik Fiely:** I'm not saying I agree or disagree. We need more housing. People are not going to buy a lot if they know there is a remote possibility that a hog barn could go up next door. **Garman:** Look at what is south, north, east and west of your house. You are surrounded by the Village. You are in town. **Schultze:** Not yet. **Garman:** You are surrounded, so you are located in town. **Diller:** The venue to talk about this is set for a December 3rd hearing where you can present your case. We will present ours. **Mayor:** We are going to close this conversation.

Amanda Weyerick was present for the third and final reading of the Income Tax Ordinance. Council was presented with the final draft of the Ordinance which had a few minor changes from the second reading. **Kaup:** How strict will you be with the penalty? **Wyerick:** We cannot change the ability to abate taxes. If you are brand new am I going to hit you with a 50% penalty? Probably not. **Diller:** If we aren't consistent we open ourselves up for legal issues. **Wyerick:** If we are in conflict with the law the state can take away our ability to levy taxes. **Kaup:** Could we draw in new businesses? **Minor:** There are things we do already like give credit for taxes paid and the county taxes in Indiana. **Wyerick:** There are tax credits for businesses to foster jobs in Ohio. **Minor:** The ordinance includes it, all municipalities can do this.

****2015-27 RESOLUTION AMEND APPROPRIATIONS.** Bretz made the motion to suspend the rules seconded by Kaup. Post made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes.

****2015-11 ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY WITHIN THE VILLAGE.** Bretz made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

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****2015-12 ORDINANCE AMENDING INCOME TAX ORDINANCE.** Thobe made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Garman. Vote all yes.

****2015-13 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PAY SCHEDULE FOR EMPLOYEES.** Bretz made a motion to pass the ordinance to the third reading seconded by Kaup. Vote all yes.

****2015-14 ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.** Bretz made a motion to pass the ordinance to the third reading seconded by Kaup. Vote all yes.

Randy Diller: Project Updates: We are waiting on ODOT to install signage. We have a few change orders on the concrete. The feedback we have received from truck drivers is good. We are hopeful that this will improve the flow of traffic. They will present the final draw next week.

Lagoon: Choice One has everything pretty well put together.

49 Sanitary Line: Beaverdam will begin the project in the spring. They should be done by April which will meet the timeline.

Utility EPA PTI: We should have the PTI back in a couple of weeks. It could go out to bid in late winter.

Park Board: The bath house floors are pretty close to being completed.

Tree Commission: Mayor: Stephanie Miller was here last week for the young tree trimming training. We learned how to trim properly, it was very educational. Jutte's have planted twenty trees; we have seven more trees to plant. **Diller:** The tree removal for fall has been completed.

Annexation: Diller: I encourage everyone to attend the hearing. It would be great to have a show of support. It will be at the Central Service building at 7:00pm. **Minor:** I met with the Mercer County Prosecutor. Their job is to advise, they won't argue for or against. We have not heard from the Township. We will have the right with respect to present our case. We will be sworn under oath and will be allowed to speak our peace. The Village has the right to cross examine.

House Demolition: The house is pretty well down. The garage, floor and concrete is yet to be removed.

2016 & Five year plan: Diller: I am ready to meet with the research committee to compare the list of improvements and see what we can afford. Looking at Sharpsburg Road, the Lagoons and would like to take on some more street projects with curbs and sidewalks.

Sale Items: I am working with Randy Evers to see if some small items we have can be auctioned off.

FEMA: Erin and Randy attended a FEMA Mapping meeting. I asked them to research the railroad bridge and how it might affect flooding.

Community Plan: Randy will be meeting with Paul and Lorri this Friday. We have had ongoing conversations discussing different things about the plan.

CSO: We are down to two properties that need to have storm lines hooked up. Frank Sutter should be in town this week and will be done with the separation.

Trails Grant: Nothing new to report.

Brick Street: I have had two conversations with John Lindsey. I can't get them to commit.

Business Enterprise Center: We have received a request for a donation. We have donated \$250 the last seven years to the Business Enterprise Center. It is a good program for small businesses. Thobe made a motion to donate \$250 to the Business Enterprise Center seconded by Garman. Vote all yes.

ODOT: Randy talked to ODOT; they do have a sign that can be put up to make pulling up beside a truck an enforceable violation.

Poll Council: Nothing

Important Dates December 3rd 7:00pm Annexation Hearing, December 20th Mayors Christmas tree judging will be held.

Diller: I have three individuals interested in the open Council seat. Council needs to determine when you want to handle this appointment. You have 30 days after 12/31/15 to fill the vacant seat.

Council Reviewed Invoices #25561 thru #25579 including then and now certificates, memo expenses and interdepartmental transfers. Thobe made a motion to approve as presented with a second by Garman, vote all yes.

Council discussed the possibility of hiring a part time police officer. No decision was made.

Kaup made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Bretz. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.