

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Roger Broerman called to order the Regular Council Meeting on December 21, 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 and Dave Bretz. **Absent:** Dave Kaup. **Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Kathryn Rubright, PG Jellison, Dave Bruns, Erin Minor, Scott Pearson, Jared Laux, Jerry Guggenbiller, Jeff Puthoff, Ryan Lefeld and Jesse Pollack.

Reports to Council: Village Administrators report, November FINX, Bank Balance and Police Report and November Bank Reconciliation.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Thobe made a motion to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes seconded by Post. Vote All Yes.

Mayor announced the Christmas Decoration Contest Winners: 1st) Randy (Otis) Wendel, 2nd) Jeff & Jodi Wendel, 3rd) Brandon & Amanda Weyerick.

Poll Visitors: Nothing to report

****2015-16 ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION ONE OF ORDINANCE 2015-13 PAY SCHEDULE FOR EMPLOYEES.** Bretz made the motion to suspend the rules seconded by Thobe. Post made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

****2015-30 RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS.** Bretz made the motion to suspend the rules seconded by Thobe. Wendel made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

****2015-31 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2016 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.** Bretz made the motion to suspend the rules seconded by Garman. Wendel made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Thobe. Vote all yes.

Randy Diller: Reported that Dave Kaup incoming Mayor has been working on the 2016 Council Appointments. Asked for Council Members to consider being the new Council Rep for the Fort Recovery Fire District replacing Rod Thobe. Incoming Council Member Scott Pearson will be on the Zoning and Planning Committees, most other appointments will remain the same as last year. Final appointments will be made at the first meeting of 2016.

Due to the change in the Income Tax Ordinance the Local Board of Tax Review needs to be appointed for 2016. Amanda Weyerick recommended Pat Wendel and Angie McAbee be the members with Tom Remaklus being appointed as an alternate member each with two year staggering terms. As Chief Administrator Diller recommended Dave Garman be appointed as the member at his discretion with no term limit. Bretz made a motion to approve Weyerick and Diller's recommendations for the Local Board of Tax Review seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Project Updates: 49/119 Intersection is complete. The check has been cut but has not been delivered as we are waiting on a few items from them. Diller continues to get feedback stating what an improvement the intersection is for trucks. **Jared Laux:** I have received several comments from people thinking we are not done with the intersection. **Diller:** I have not had any comments like that. Ask them to see me if they have any input. **Laux:** The truck drivers still say it is difficult to see when looking west on 49. **Diller:** Trucks do back up when school is let in and out. I have concerns that a 30 second stop light would be backed up too.

Lagoon Project: Andy from Choice One, Ryan Thien and Randy discussed things they are working on at the lagoons. Choice One is to finish up engineering specs. Randy talked to Dana at EPA. She thinks these changes will be a great improvement.

State Route 49 Utility Lines: Work is pretty much complete. Beaverdam will come back to test the lines after the 30 days are up. They have put in a pay request for \$117,864.80. There was a change order for the additional paving that was necessary and they had to replace 300' of storm line. Randy recommended we approve the pay request deducting an 8% retainage for a net payment amount of \$108,435.62 until all items are complete. **Thobe made a motion to pay Beaverdam Construction \$108,435.62 seconded by Garman. Vote all yes.**

Water Plant Addition: Mitch and Ryan are in the process of hanging drywall and then will be requesting the inspection.

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Sharpsburg Road: We have completed the PTI application for EPA. We are waiting to see how the annexation proceeds.

Park Board: Nothing new to report on the Recreational Trail and Community Park Restrooms.

Erin Minor: Reported that she has talked to the ODNR representative about the Grant.

Randy reported that he received a call from Keith Faber's office asking if we would have a request to submit for the Quality of Life Grant. We have submitted a preliminary request for the next item on our park plan for new basketball and tennis courts and a parking area which will address issues for handicap accessibility to the shelter area.

Annexation: Minor reported that she was in contact with the County Commissioner Clerk. We should get a decision next week.

Community Plan Update: We have received the draft plan back. We are working with Paul to get the plan finalized.

Records Commission: The semi-annual meeting was held tonight. Nothing new to report.

Regional Water Study: Waiting until first of the year to get moving on the study.

Council Candidate: We have four individuals interested in the open Council seat. January 4th Council will meet at 6:30pm to interview the candidates. They will each have ten minutes to present to Council. Council can appoint that night but do not have to as they have 30 days to appoint a new member.

2016 Capital Projects: Council reviewed the 2016 Capital Investment list. Some items were: Water Department must replace the caustic tank and the rubber roof. The Lagoon and Utility Extension on Sharpsburg Road, the Restrooms and Walking Trail in the Park, Asphalt overlays on Johns, Fairlane and Blue Jacket. A Street Reconstruction Project may be undertaken on a street yet to be determined. Those being considered are Williams, S Main, W Wiggs or Gwendolyn. Diller recommended Williams due to the amount of use for school activities. **Garman:** How much would be invested in the proposed Basketball and Tennis Court grant project? **Diller:** It will be \$230,000. The Foundation is holding \$19,000 for a park project and will possibly be donating more.

Wabash Road: Randy met with a County Engineer. They are looking at a project to widen Wabash Road to St Joe Road. They are working on plans to possibly extend the existing curbing on the south side of Wabash Road to First Street. They have also acquired property to make the curve by Westgerdes property a 45mph curve.

Mayor: Do we want to talk about the possibility of a part time police officer or do you want to wait until Dave Kaup returns? Council decided to table the decision until the first meeting in January when the new mayor would be present.

Jared Laux: Reported that they will be back to install a new sensor in the speed trailer. The mph notification was working but it was not saving the information for review by the police department.

This was the last meeting for Dave Bruns as Village Solicitor of 20 years, Rod Thobe as Councilman of 36 years and Roger Broerman as Council Member for four years and Mayor for 12 years. Randy Diller presented plaques to each of them and thanked them for their years of service to the Village.

Council Reviewed Invoices #25654 thru #25687 including then and now certificates, memo expenses and interdepartmental transfers. Garman made a motion to approve as presented with a second by Thobe vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Post. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.