

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY SPECIAL & REGULAR COUNCIL

January 04,

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup convened the Special Council Meeting on January 4, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Village of Fort Recovery Council Meeting Room for the purpose of interviewing four individuals interested in the open council seat.

Present: Cliff Wendel, Al Post, Dave Garman, Scott Pearson and Dave Bretz. **Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Minor

The following individuals were sworn in for their new positions with the Village by Staugler.

Dave Kaup as Mayor 2016-2019

Scott Pearson as Councilman 2016-2019

Al Post as Councilman 2016-2019

Erin Minor as Grants Administrator/Solicitor 2016-2017

Randy Diller: We have four gentlemen interested in the open Council Seat. This individual would replace Rod Thobe's remaining term for the years of 2016 and 2017.

They are: Marvin Collins, Greg Schmitz, Jerry Byram and Erik Fiely.

Council members interviewed each applicant separately.

Council remained until 7:30pm for the opening of the Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on January 4, 2016 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:** Cliff Wendel, Al Post, Dave Garman, Scott Pearson and Dave Bretz. **Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Kathyne Rubright, PG Jellison, Erin Minor, Jared Laux, Bill Kincaid, Rod Thobe, and Neal Spencer.

Reports to Council: Village Administrators report, December Income Tax Report.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Bretz made a motion to approve the December 21, 2015 minutes seconded by Wendel. Vote All Yes.

Poll Visitors: Nothing to report

Appointments: Diller: Rod Thobe was appointed by Council as our rep for the Fire District January 20th is their first meeting of the year. Erin Minor stated that she is getting a copy of the bylaws of the Fire District to see if the member must be a Council Member or someone appointed by Council. Members were asked to consider the position and we will appoint someone at the next meeting.

Mayor recommended the following Committee Appointments:

Park Board: Tom Staugler 2016-2020

Zoning Board: Scott Pearson 2016-2019

Planning Commission: Scott Pearson 2016-2019

Design Review Board: Ken Romer, Jill Andrews, Cliff Wendel 2016-2017

Tree Commission: Ron Koppelman 2016-2018

Committees

Finance: Bretz, Garman, Post

Research: Wendel, Pearson

Police: Garman

Zoning Board: Pearson

Planning Commission: Pearson

Design Review: Wendel

Tree Commission: Garman

Post made a motion to accept the Committee Appointments as presented by the Mayor seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to appoint Dave Bretz as Council President seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

Chief Laux: Informed Council that there was a break in and the subject was caught by Sheriff Department Lieutenant Westgerdes while he was patrolling and passed the car wash. He was in town to check on another call to the Sheriff's Department. Council was given a report from First Street to review from the speed trailer recently purchased.

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Laux asked Council if they were going to make a decision tonight regarding hiring a part time police officer. I personally see the benefit of bringing him in. **Mayor:** I think he is a good officer. **Neal Spencer:** Are we trying to eliminate overtime? **Laux:** The Part Time position has been vacant for many years. **Spencer:** Are you looking at 10 hours a week? **Laux:** He could work up to 40 hours per pay period. **Spencer:** Will he have set hours? **Laux:** We will set a schedule and he would fill in. **Pearson:** If Bill decides that it doesn't work for him we wouldn't necessarily replace him, right? It would give current officers some weekends off. **Wendel:** How do we rank officer per capita vs St Henry? **Diller:** They have three full and two part time officers. As in the past it comes down to 1) Do we feel there is a need for additional patrol hours? 2) Is the amount of money worth the benefit, and if you feel strongly that Bill would be a good fit. He understands the community, is trained and could be helpful. At the end of the day it's what does the Community think? If we were looking at 24 hours per pay period it would cost us about \$13-\$14,000 per year. **Wendel:** Would we be more flexible during the week? Residents probably relate more to Jared and Brandon. **Diller:** I think it is important that hours get mixed up. **Garman:** I think it is a good idea to evaluate the hours. They should not be etched in stone and if you have the flexibility to do that with him it would make all the difference. **Laux:** You guys know I wasn't in favor of a part time officer before. Hiring a retired officer works to our benefit. He is looking for up to 40 hours a pay period depending on the hours.

Wendel made a motion to hire Bill Westgerdes as a Part Time Police Officer seconded by Garman. Vote all yes with the exception of Bretz whom opposed the motion.

Erin Minor: Erin presented a memo to explain the Annexation approval by Mercer County Commissioners. They voted 2-1 to grant the Annexation request by the Village. We received the confirmation today. The start date is 12/31/15 for the 30 day period for the possibility of an appeal. If an appeal is filed they would file it with the Commissioners. They would notify us as soon as possible. If there is no appeal the Mercer County Clerk would send us a certified copy of the record and then they would sit on it for 60 days. The next meeting they would pass the annexation which would go into effect 30 days after. If they appeal it could take two-three months or more. The earliest the Annexation can likely become effective is early to mid-May. I will let Council know if an appeal is filed.

Fire Department: Erin is working with Kim Day to file an SCBA Equipment Grant for the Fire Department.

Trails Grant: Erin is waiting on paperwork from ODNR. They asked for an additional environmental review. They are trying to exclude us from needing an extensive environmental evaluation. **Diller:** I have a proposal from Choice One Engineering to do the engineering for the Trails Grant. Environmental reviews are kicked in when using Federal Funds.

****2016-01 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL TANGIBLE PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION.** Bretz made the motion to suspend the rules seconded by Pearson. Wendel made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

Diller: Project updates: Lagoon: We have reviewed areas for a potential solution to the phosphorous and ammonia. There are products that we think will help but cost as much as adding a third lagoon. We might be able to get financial assistance. Curtains we have been looking at that we can install ourselves for a cost of \$100-\$125,000 which is in the budget for this year. We will be looking at this to discuss the engineering and what it will do for our lagoons. We have no limits now. As people are getting their NPDES renewals their limits for Phosphorus and ammonia are changing. In 2017 our permit is up for renewal. There are other treatments available. We will need to add something. We are looking at others in our area and know we will have to get the limits down. Curtains will make the influent take a longer time to get through the lagoons. Since we have eliminated the CSO's we are now down to testing at 11-12. Adding treatment time will help even more though it is not a long term solution. It makes sense to spend the money now then evaluate the next step. With normal growth we have plenty of capacity. If we get more industrial strength waste that would change.

SR 49: Beaverdam will be here this week or next to do the testing. Assuming no problems, we will revisit the pay request and pay all except money reserved for the seeding.

Sharpsburg Road: The PTI has been approved. At this point we are waiting on the annexation approval.

Park Board: A statement made at the last meeting about receiving a Quality of Life Grant from Keith Faber's office was reported by the Standard as we were receiving a Chris and Dana Reeves

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Quality of Life Grant which is a special needs grant. The reporter looked up Quality of Life Grant on the internet. The grant we applied for has nothing to do with special needs. We support special needs but this grant isn't one.

CSO's: All CSO's have been officially located. When we got the 4-6" of rain recently we were not notified of any issues from any residents. We have officially notified EPA.

Community Plan: Nothing new to report.

Brick Street: Nothing new to report.

2016 Budget: Randy needs to know from Council if we want to do a \$100,000 street project on Elm Street or a \$250,000 project on William Street. Council agreed to authorize putting William Street in the budget.

Sidewalk Policy: There are big projects that need done and some little sections. Maybe we will get some sidewalks put in. The number one thing people in Fort Recovery want is sidewalks and curbs. The current sidewalk policy is not written properly. We need to put together a new policy so it is there and when sidewalks are done we just need to give notice of assessment.

EPA: We received an EPA water survey recently. 1) We need a well head protection plan, which we are working on. 2) We are to complete a process evaluation because our filter builds up too fast. The evaluation is not a bad thing. Caustic soda seems to be giving us issues. We are looking at going to soda ash. We need to know what the cost is. We received a proposal that is not to exceed \$15,000 to do the evaluation. We are going to go ahead with the survey.

Truck Route Improvements: We will move forward with discussion with ODOT. Randy has received more feedback. Three truck drivers said it is a huge improvement and they don't want a stop light installed. I think it is working well.

Important Dates: The Community Fish Fry will be January 23rd.

Poll Council: Pearson: Has there been any discussion with people that have property on William Street about sidewalks? Randy will be making contact with residents and the school.

New Council Member: Mayor asked Council if they were ready to decide on the new Council Member tonight. Council decided to table the decision until the next meeting.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

David Kaup

Roberta Staugler