

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

January 18,

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on January 18, 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, Amanda Weyerick, Bill Kincaid, Rod Thobe, Greg Schmitz, Erik Fiely, Jerry Guggenbiller and Neal Spencer.

Reports to Council: Village Administrators report, December & Year 2015 Police Reports, FINX and Bank and Fund reports.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the January 4, 2015 minutes seconded by Post. Vote All Yes. **Poll Visitors: Nothing to report**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Erik Fiely to the council seat which became vacant with Rod Thobe's resignation. The tally of votes was Erik Fiely (three votes) Greg Schmitz (two votes). Erik will fulfill Rod Thobe's remaining term from January 1 2016 thru December 31 2017.

Mayor made the recommendation to Council to appoint Erik Fiely to the Research Committee and as the Fire Department Representative. Post made the motion to appoint Erik Fiely to the Research Committee and as the Fire Department Representative, seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Chief Laux: Council reviewed the December and year end Police Dept Stats. Laux stated that two men were arrested at Second National Bank this past week for committing fraud. He reported that SNB employees handled the situation very well.

Roberta Staugler presented financial information for Council to review including 2016 Projected Capital Purchases, Village Loan Balances, Summary of Financial Revenues and Expenses, and 2016 Estimated Revenues and Appropriations.

****2016-02 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ODNR GRANT FUND 436.** 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.

****2016-03 RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2016 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.** Bretz made the motion to suspend the rules seconded by Pearson. Post made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

****2016-01 ORDINANCE AMMENDING SECTION ONE OF ORDINANCE 2015-13 WAGE ORDINANCE** 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.

****2016-02 ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 1993-02 AND AMEND SECTION THREE (A) OF ORDINANCE 1981-04.** Bretz made the motion to suspend the rules seconded by Pearson. Wendel made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

December Bank Reconciliation was also presented for approval.

Erin Minor: There has been no word on the Annexation. The deadline to file an appeal is January 30th. **Grants:** We are waiting on word from ODNR on the Recreational Trail Grant. Erin submitted a grant this week for Southwest Mercer Fire District for some equipment. **Quality of Life Grant – Keith Faber's Office.** Erin talked to Jim Buchy and an Aide from their office; hope to receive news in the next few months about the grant application.

Community Park: We are looking at getting new benches for around the playground and the walking trail. We are asking for people interested in donations for engraved park benches in memory of a loved one to please contact us. We will also be purchasing trash cans for the park.

Council Tablets: Erin stated Council to consider purchasing tablets for Council use. This would reduce printing time and costs. Council could research documents prior to the meeting and would have easier access to research tools. This is the trend other communities are going to. We would utilize a tool like Dropbox and Council would have their own Fort Recovery email address. The tablets would be the property of the Village. Erin will put together pricing for Council to consider.

Diller: Project Updates: Lagoon Improvements: Ryan and Randy met with Choice One. They hope to have a PTI for installation of curtains in the lagoons soon. We hope to start the project this summer. Our employees would install the curtains.

State Route 49 Sanitary Line: Beaverdam has not been back to test the lines.

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Water Plant: Mitch and Ryan are working on installing the electric. Then they will obtain the final inspection and hope to wrap up this project.

FYSO: Randy met with FRYSO. They discussed the construction of a restroom and concession building. We plan to add on and repurpose what is there.

Planning Committee: We have a meeting Thursday at 7pm. We will review an application for map changes. This will be for properties owned by Dan Carr and Lynn Kahlig.

Brick Street: John Pierce from CTL Engineering planned to come last Tuesday but had to cancel due to the weather. He is now to come either this week or next. He will do some testing and we will receive a full report. Randy called John Lyndsey to let him know we were having the bricks tested.

Regional Water Study: Nothing new to report.

Auction of unneeded items: We have two trucks that we have listed on GovDeals. One closed at \$1,054 and the other is set to close

Williams Street Reconstruction: We met with Choice One. They are working on a proposal for engineering. Randy also met with Justin Firks Fort Recovery Superintendent. The fence along Williams Street will need to be moved as the street will be 40' – 41' wide to allow for parking and two lanes of travel. We want it to be passable. Justin will meet with the facilities committee. Storm water is an issue and there are some alleys that we don't have a use for. We will start a procedure to vacate those alleys. We will also be working on an overlay estimate for John, Fairlane and Little Turtle Streets.

Community Plan: Randy has spoken to Paul; he is still working through the plan.

Truck Route: We will be revisiting the truck route issue to talk about ideas and get moving since the 49/119 intersection has been improved.

Sidewalk Policy: Randy and Erin are working on a sidewalk policy. We have waited until the sewer separation is completed. In the past we would deal with sidewalks that were put in and were in bad shape. Do we want to consider getting sidewalks in on streets that can use them? It's a hard sell if you ask someone to fix their sidewalk when around the corner they don't have any sidewalks for people to walk on such as Caldwell, Harrison, George, First, Broadway, Oak Second, Third and Wagoneer. **Minor:** It's a fairness issue. Is it fair to make those that do have sidewalks fix theirs when others have none? We need to develop a system that's fair. **Garman:** Do you have a list laid out for the whole Village? **Diller:** Yes, we have a list of those with none, and the ones that need street reconstruction would be taken off the list. We want to make a Policy that is functional and useful, it needs to work and we want to have it written properly. **Bretz:** We need to concentrate on the main streets first. People are going to be upset. **Diller:** We want to come up with a policy that works. **Bretz:** The west side of 119 is more dangerous. **Diller:** Some have sidewalks and then there are sections with none. Is this a repair, replace or both? Our repair policy doesn't address this. Eventually there will be sidewalks everywhere, and then it will just be upkeep that we need to address. **Mayor:** How can you come up with the right elevations? **Diller:** We can't. You would know you would not be putting in a permanent sidewalk.

Diller: We should be up for some Public Works Funding in the next few years. Erin will be talking to Bluffton Ohio. They have recently come up with a sidewalk policy. We will make a test of what needs sidewalks and what need curbs. **Kaup:** Are those with curbs kept up to standards?

Diller: We would look at everything every four years. That's not to say we won't have headaches.

Poll Council: Fiely: I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve on Council. **Bretz:** I noticed that there were no picnic tables in the shelter house. **Jerry Guggenbiller:** I am working on them in the shop, just took them out today.

Council Reviewed Invoices #25688 thru #25727 including then and now certificates, memo expenses and interdepartmental transfers. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented with a second by Pearson vote all yes.

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

David Kaup

Roberta Staugler