

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

JUNE 6,

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on June 6, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Village of Fort Recovery Council Meeting Room.

Roll call was conducted with the following Council members **Present:** Erik Fiely, Al Post, Dave Garman, Scott Pearson and Dave Bretz. **Absent:** Cliff Wendel **Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Minor, Brandon Wyerick, PG Jellison, Brenden O'Dell, Nathan Rubuski and Ed Gebert.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes: Fiely made a motion to approve the May 16, 2016, minutes seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

Resolutions: None

Ordinances: None

Poll Visitors: Brandon Wyerick: Police Dept is hosting active shooter training at Ft Recovery High School this week.

Brenden O'Dell, a boy scout, was present as an observer to earn credit toward a communication badge.

Roberta Staugler: presented the 2017 Budget for the first reading. **Pearson made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget as presented and pass onto the public hearing on June 20, 2016 seconded by Post. Vote all yes.**

Minor: Recreation Trail Grant: We are finalizing the plans and specs with Choice One. They should be ready for submittal to ODNR soon.

Nature Works Grant: On May 31st an application for \$16,000 was submitted. The application if approved would be to purchase two expression swings and poured in place rubber matting around the swings, merry go round and fort play house. The awards will be announced in October.

Local Government Grant: We submitted an application for a new Police Cruiser. Ten entities submitted a joint application for the St Henry EMS Building. Southwest Mercer Fire District submitted an application for personal protection equipment. Unfortunately, none of these applications were approved. There were 800 applications submitted and 40 projects were approved. Large community equipment projects were funded. We can apply for this grant again in the fall.

Senate Capital Budget Bill: We were approved for \$125,000 grant which we will use to install tennis and basketball courts at the Community Park. We will be working with ODNR. The environmental requirements have already been met for this grant. **Diller:** We will get with Choice One this week. We will then be able to submit the specs to ODNR and then send it out to bid. We intend to construct the trail this fall. The ground moved for the trail will be used to build the base for the tennis and basketball courts.

Minor ended by requesting an executive session to discuss litigation.

Randy Diller: South Elm Street Reconstruction: Letters to all affected residents have been mailed and delivered. The Pre-construction meeting was held. Tom's Construction has put the job in their schedule to be completed by September 1st, it could be earlier. The construction will take four or five weeks to complete. We have ordered the street lights.

Street Overlays: Buehlers will be here between June 6th and June 13th. The grinders were here Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

SR 119 Overlay: The manholes have been completed. The striping needs to be done yet. We would like to have it completed and the construction signs down before the 225 celebration.

Lagoon: The final measuring is completed. We submitted to Choice One today. We will have more information at our next meeting.

49 Ground work: Beaverdam Construction did come back to complete the seeding.

Utility Improvements: Nothing new to report.

William Street. Randy will be meeting with School Officials and Choice One about Williams Street to tie in the sidewalks with the parking lot. We will be completing an application for Public Works Funding for the street reconstruction.

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Tax Levies: We have a General Fund Levy and a Street Fund Levy which will be expiring on 12/31/2017. Council came to a consensus to have Randy prepare the necessary paperwork to have the levies placed on the ballot this fall for renewal.

Utility Aggregation: We have been notified by AGE about a change AEP wants to make to our Utility Aggregation Contract. AEP has elected to raise the rate in our contract. They want to raise it .029 per kwh. Per AEP they have the ability to pass on costs to maintain the integrity of their contract with us. We questioned this as AEP has new contract offers with rates less than the .0599. We are waiting to receive a response from AEP.

Important Dates: We have a council meeting scheduled for July 4th. **Post made a motion to cancel our July 4, 2016 meeting and reschedule it for June 27, 2016 at 6:00pm, Pearson seconded the motion. Vote all yes.**

Poll Council: Post stated that he heard a lot of comments this past weekend at the baseball tournament about how nice our park is.

Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss litigation involving the Village that is currently pending before the Mercer County Court of Common Pleas, in accordance with Ohio Rev Code § 121.22(G)(3)? **Fiely made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation seconded by Post. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

Fiely made a motion to exit Executive Session seconded by Garman. Vote all yes. Council instructed Minor to respond to Appellant's Settlement Offer.

Council Reviewed Invoices #26093 thru #26119 including then and now certificates, memo expenses and interdepartmental transfers. Fiely made a motion to approve as presented with a second by Post. Vote all yes.

Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Mayor Dave Kaup

Roberta Staugler