

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL**

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-9094 FORM NO. 10148

Held March 20, 20 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Dave Bretz called to order the Regular Council Meeting on March 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Village of Fort Recovery Council Meeting Room to conduct regular business. Mayor Dave Kaup was attending the Mercer County Health Department meeting.

**Roll call was conducted** with the following Council members **Present:** Erik Fiely, Cliff Wendel, Al Post, Dave Garman, Scott Pearson and Dave Bretz. **Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Minor, PG Jellison, Jared Laux, Neal Spencer, Ray Cooney and Sydney Albert.

**Reports to Council:** Village Administrators Report, February Police and Finance reports.

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes which was seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

**RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2017-04 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATER SYSTEM.** Third reading: Fiely made a motion to pass the ordinance by emergency, seconded by Garman. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**ORDINANCE 2017-05 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE WASTEWATER AND STORM SEWER SYSTEMS.** Third reading: Pearson made a motion to pass the ordinance by emergency, seconded by Post. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Staugler presented the February bank reconciliation for approval and also shared thank you notes received from George Moore and Kathleen Spielman.

**Minor:** We received a letter from the Dept of Commerce notifying us that all liquor permits in the village will expire on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Council was asked if there were any objections to any of the existing businesses that hold liquor licenses. No one had any issues with renewals of liquor licenses.

**Rec Trail:** The trail signage has been ordered. The design was approved by the donor and the Park Board. This includes an entrance and rules signs. We are working with Choice One to finalize the Community Park map sign noting the key features of the park and trail, and listing the distance of the trail.

**Capital Budget Bill:** We are in the process of completing the final plans and specs for the courts project.

**Nature Works:** This grant is for the playground near shelter house #4. The expression swings were delivered last week. The playground equipment will be installed this spring before we pour the rubber safety surfacing.

**BWC Grant:** The hydroexcavator has been ordered. It should be delivered in the next few weeks.

**Sharpsburg Road:** The annexation was finalized March 8, 2017.

**State Route 49:** The annexation will be finalized April 5, 2017.

**Jutte annexation:** We will present an ordinance to accept the Jutte annexation on April 17, 2017. If passed, the annexation will become effective 30 days thereafter.

We are waiting on the map and legal description from Access Engineering for another annexation that is in the works.

**Poll Visitors: Laux:** Jared showed council one of the new tasers they just purchased. Laux and Wyerick will be trained on the new tasers on Wednesday. The new tasers have the capability of having two tasers ready to fire. They also have the warning arc and are more weather resistant. The new computers are in and are ready to have the information transferred over. The speed

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trailers are up on Sharpsburg Road and will be left up this week then transferred over to SR 49 when we slow the traffic down to 35mph.

**Diller: Lagoon Curtain Project:** Nothing new to report. They will be installed when they are delivered.

**Sharpsburg Road:** The sanitary is in the ground. They will begin water boring on Wednesday or Thursday depending on the rain. It will take a couple of days to install. We are shooting for completion by the end of the month.

**Williams Street:** We will be setting up a meeting some evening with residents and will plan to have a council rep present. The prints should be finalized by the end of the week. It will go out to bid as soon as we can.

**First Street:** The survey work is complete. The utilities will take care of the needs of the Juttes along with the needs for future growth. We hope to send the project out to bid by April.

**Pearson:** How long will it take? **Diller:** The work will take a couple of weeks. We will push to get it through as soon as possible.

**Utility:** We have been working with EPA on water and sanitary issues. We are working on a replacement for our CO<sub>2</sub> tank. The filter media will be replaced soon. In November, we began working on the NPDES permit renewal for the lagoons. Ohio EPA inspected the lagoons early this year. Erin, Ryan and Randy met and went through EPA's inspection report and NOV letter. The majority of our issues concern recordkeeping. In 2011 we applied for a PTI to add six aerators. There was no scientific reasoning behind the plan to install six aerators; we simply had the opportunity to buy (and ultimately did buy) six. Ohio EPA wrote us up because we are not running all six, and this did not fulfill our PTI. Things have changed; we have not had DO issues because of some process changes CW Eggs has made. The curtains will be installed and they should have a positive effect on the lagoons. We will continue monitoring our DO levels and implement changes with regard to our aerators as necessary to ensure we are meeting our permit limits. **Minor:** In our defense OEPA policy is to switch inspectors every few years and each rep has different rules that they choose to emphasize. Some are relaxed on certain issues, while others are sticklers on this issues. This was the first formal inspection we've had with this particular OEPA inspector. This inspection gave us an idea what she is going to focus on. However, we will do whatever necessary to ensure we are in compliance with all the rules, as well our permit.

**Diller:** I don't envision problems.

**Restrooms at Community Park:** Jerry has the restrooms in good shape. We hope to do the painting on the interior block this week. Mitch and Ryan will install the plumbing. The plan is to have them complete by mid-April. I am happy with the way it is turning out.

**Courts Project:** We have been provided with specs with court colors and fencing samples. It is almost ready to go out for bid. We want the courts to be done by October.

**FEMA Mitigation Plan:** The County is working on their plan. We met today with the Mercer County Emergency Management Director and some consultants. We talked about natural disasters, such as flooding, that threaten our community. Participation in the development of the County's plan is important because it opens the door for funding opportunities.

**Tax Incentive Meeting:** We reviewed the three enterprise agreements with J&M Mfg. J&M had a down turn but they are bouncing back. They now have 30 more employees than they did a year ago; they plan to add more. They are optimistic that they are through the worst and continue to look at more projects. Jared Ebbing stated: it is one thing if they are down due to something they did. It was obviously a down turn in the market. The Tax Incentive committee voted to recommend to council that we extend the agreement for another year.

**Fiely made a motion to extend the J&M Enterprise Agreements for another year, seconded by Garman. Vote all yes.**

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**Diller:** We've been asked to close the brick street for the second annual Taste of Fort Recovery on June 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be run by the Sorority, Merchants, and the Friends of the Arts. They will also be moving the beer and wine tasting and a band to the same night. **Pearson made a motion to authorize the closing of the 100 block of N Wayne Street for the purpose of the "Taste of Fort Recovery-Beer & Wine Tasting" event to be held by the Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee from 12:00pm until 11:00pm on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. This motion was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.**

**Diller:** We received our annual invoice for our EMS contract. In the past they requested a new contract each year. However, our existing contract is effective until the next census. The rate we are being charged has not changed. It is still \$2.50, which is a great deal. Fiely made a motion to pay the EMS invoice seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

**Important Dates:** The next Park Board will begin with a park tour at 6:00pm followed with the monthly meeting at 7:00pm. Council members were invited to attend. The Choice One Charity Cup will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Poll Council: Bretz:** Is the brick house rented? **Diller:** Yes. **Bretz:** What are we doing with the brick street? **Diller:** We have been holding off until we complete the annexations. We will look into this soon. **Bretz:** There are more bricks out. **Diller:** We will get some guys with hammer drills to take out the bad ones. Ken said it will happen every year. **Bretz:** We need to push the envelope; they didn't meet their obligations. **Diller:** The specs were in the bid. The standards were met. It is a freeze thaw issue and a salt issue. We will work on this.

**Council reviewed invoices #026770 to #026821 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense #178006, #201712-#201716. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.**

**Diller and Minor discussed the current status of the proposal for centralized collection (i.e., collection by the State) of municipal income tax that is part of the Governor's budget bill.**

**Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.**

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 Mayor Dave Kaup

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 Roberta Staugler

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