

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

August 21, 20 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on August 21, 2017 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:** Erik Fiely, Cliff Wendel, Al Post, Dave Garman, Scott Pearson and Dave Bretz. **Also Present:** Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Minor, PG Jellison, Sydney Albert, Rose Skelly, Ryan and Bo Thien.

The Mayor led with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Wendel made the motion to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes. Wendel made a motion to approve a correction to the July 17, 2017 minutes *Resolution 2017-20 Amend Appropriations to Resolution 2017-21* seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

Reports to Council: VA Report, July Income Tax, FINX Fund & Expense and Police report.

Poll Visitors: Bo Thien was present to fulfill his boy scout communication merit badge.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2017-15 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-18.

Minor: This amendment will accomplish two things: 1) Change pay for police that provide security at Fort Recovery school athletic events. We have put together a contract the school approved last Tuesday. The village will pay the officers overtime and in turn bill the school a flat \$40 per hour. This will ensure that the officers are covered under the Village's workers compensation insurance when providing security services at such events. 2) We implemented a call-in time policy for police, utility, and street employees for emergency situations. If they spend less than 15 minutes performing actual work when called in, they will be paid the amount of time actually worked. If they spend more than 15 minutes but less than 1 hour working, they will be paid for 1 hour of work. If they work more than 1 hour when they are called in, they will be paid for actual time worked.

Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Garman. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Post made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Minor Capital Budget Bill: Bruns Building bid was accepted. They plan to start in late fall and work until November; then come back to finish in the spring.

Nature Works Grant: Jerry began work on the new playground last week. They poured the concrete today. The rubber surfacing will be installed in a few weeks. **Wendel:** When they pour the new rubber surfacing, will they fix the cracks in the surfacing around the existing playground area. **Diller:** Yes. The same company that installed the surfacing around the existing playground area will be pouring the surfacing around the new playground and will fix what needs fixing. **Minor:** With regard to our 2017 NatureWorks application, we applied for funds for new fencing around the pool. We should hear by the end of October if we were awarded the funding.

Pavilion: We have the final prints from Garmann Miller. We will take the prints to local contractors and sub-contractors for quotes. The committee is close to \$15,000 in paver sales and has another \$150,000 in donations. The committee is planning to build the pavilion next year.

Farmers Market: The Market will be held this Saturday in the parking lot next to Sunshine Boutique from 9am – 12pm.

Annexation: SR 49 Annexation: The State was out today. New speed limit signs should be installed by the end of this week or early next. **Leuthold:** We are waiting on the Commissioners for final approval.

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William Street: We are in the process of finalizing the storm sewer easements with the school. We have contacted our insurance agent about a few changes to the easement language proposed by the school. We hope to have this wrapped up soon.

Local Gov Funds: The state budget bill changed the amount of funding available under the Local Government Fund. A portion of the funds are being diverted to help stem the opioid crisis. Smaller villages (i.e., those with 1,000 people or less) and townships will be receiving LGF funds. Consequently, we will be receiving less funds. For 2018, our funding will decrease by \$1,800. For 2019, our funding will decrease by \$3,005. **Diller:** When I started working for the Village, our portion of the Local Gov Funds was \$75,000 and it has steadily decreased since that time. **Minor:** I understand diverting funds for the opiate problem but question taking funds away for townships and smaller villages. **Diller:** The state is redirecting funds from communities able to raise money. A bill was recently introduced that would prohibit us from taxing folks who work here but don't live here. There are a lot of flaws in that idea. What incentive will we have to pursue economic development to add more jobs if the tax money will be going elsewhere? Why have the hassles if funds are directed to bedroom communities? We will continue to monitor the bill.

Diller: Project Updates: **Lagoons:** The final payment was issued; the check is being held until final paperwork has been received from Dan Jutte. We are waiting on prevailing wage paperwork.

William Street: Tom's Construction has not determined when they will start. We removed the trees and DP&L has moved the poles. We are finalizing the storm sewer easements.

Utility: EPA: We still have not received an NPDES permit for the lagoons. Our application is pending. I have a recording of our EPA rep stating that we do not need to do anything with respect to the permit. The ball is in EPA's court. The CO₂ tank will be installed this Wednesday. The filter media product is on site. Ryan and his crew will begin to work on this.

Park Board: The concrete was poured today and the swing is set. Jerry will finish the dirt work which has been roughed in. It is coming together quickly.

Courts Project: The contractor will install a silt fence around the whole project in the next 10 days.

Pavilion: The plans are complete and a set of prints is available for council to review. **Minor:** The cost to build is estimated to be from \$200,000 - \$250,000. We will have a better idea of the cost once we get quotes back from the contractors. We have received \$80,000 from the 225 Committee, \$45,250 from the FR Foundation, \$10,000 from the Cooper Family Foundation, \$10,000 from the Community Club, \$5,000 from the Sorority, and \$5,000 from the Jubilee. We've sold around \$15,000 in pavers. We will have a table set up at a few of the football games to accept orders for pavers and donations. **Diller:** We have a couple of companies that are still planning to donate. **Bretz:** Is there a deadline? **Minor:** We hope to have fundraising complete by late fall.

Diller: I have nothing to report on FEMA or the Solid Waste Plan.

Annexation: Leuthold: The sanitary was installed Friday and today. They will bore in the water line in the next week or two.

Street lights: We are down to the last 13 lights that need the LED bulbs installed and then this project will be complete. **Equipment:** We purchased an auger to use with the skid steer, and we used it the first day it arrived. We have also ordered a pick up broom attachment and are looking at a breaker attachment.

DP&L: Randy had a meeting with JR Mfg and Ft Recovery Industries with DP&L. They have had on going power issues that were addressed. They have had six interruptions this year; five

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of which had nothing to do with weather. We met to see what the options are. JR Mfg calculated that it costs them \$5,200 every time the power flickers; they even submitted a claim to DP&L.

Public Works: We can apply for \$500,000 in OPWC "Small Government" funding in 2018 or 2019. This grant is only available to us every five or six years. The last one was used for the sewer separation. Council was given the Planning Commission review of village streets. There are three or four at the top of the list which are Caldwell, First, Butler and State Route 49 reroute. If considering the SR 49 reroute, we would need to get started. The application for Caldwell 20 years ago did not get funded; it would be nice to get it done. **Wendel:** That would be a lot of sidewalk. **Diller:** The two that I think should be at the top of the list would be the State Route 49 re-route and Caldwell Street. **Bretz:** I don't think State Route 49 should be before Caldwell. **Diller:** I have not received any feedback from Caldwell Street homeowners. I have been hearing from businesses wondering about the status of the re-route project. I have had conversations with property owners along the proposed new route. Broadway is currently the widest street in town at 80' wide. **Fiely:** Has there been talk about the baseball diamond? **Diller:** There is a group that wants to raise money to move it. I went to the school board meeting. We are interested in purchasing the diamond but not at the amount of \$180,000, which was the value placed on it by the school's appraiser. I don't think there is a better use for the area; I believe it should be kept as a diamond. If we owned the diamond, it would alleviate some scheduling issues we've experienced for games. The school board has not made a decision on the proposed project to move the diamond. **Wendel:** Which project would require the most out of our pocket? **Diller:** Overall, the State Route 49 re-route would be a more expensive project than redoing Caldwell Street. However, whether we would spend more out of pocket on the re-route than on Caldwell depends on how much funding we get from ODOT. **Garman:** I am interested in pursuing the re-route over Caldwell because we started that process a while ago and it will not get cheaper. **Diller:** If council decides on the re-route we will first revisit with ODOT to see if what funding is available, if any. **Wendel:** It will revolve around ODOT funding, but if the funding is not there, then we should look at Caldwell. **Mayor:** How many properties would we need to buy? **Diller:** Three or four. The down side is losing three houses. When I talked to the homeowners, we did not discuss money; but no one said that they absolutely would not sell. I need to talk to them again; it makes sense to have those conversations before we get too far along in the process. The last thing we want is to have to initiate eminent domain proceedings. **Mayor:** I think we should have an appraisal done, and if the homeowner doesn't agree with the value that the appraiser comes up with, the homeowner can pay to have his own appraisal done. Does council want to table this discussion or pursue the re-route? **Wendel:** I think we take some initial steps. Talk to the homeowners whose properties need to be purchased; talk to ODOT about funding. **Diller:** A couple of years ago the cost estimate was \$800,000; there is potential for some ODOT funding. **Mayor:** This would change the downtown. Very seldom have I seen trucks that need to back up to make a turn. **Diller:** I have seen trucks by IGA that had to back up. That is our biggest accident spot. We will start with some preliminary work.

Poll Council: nothing to report

Council reviewed invoices #027165 to #027209 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expenses #201749 to #201753. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, which was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.


 Mayor Dave Kaup


 Roberta Staigler