

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held November 20, 20 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on November 20, 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, Julie Valentine, Jared Laux, Greg Schmitz and Neal Spencer.

The Mayor led with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Wendel made the motion to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report, October Police Report.

**Mayor:** I would like to welcome newly-elected council member Greg Schmitz. Greg's term will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We are going to have a Christmas home decorating contest again this year. Judging will take place on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will be giving away prizes to the top three places.

**Poll Visitors:** Jared Laux asked if council had any questions about the October stats; none were raised. Jared stated that he has placed the Marcs Radios on the budget which he will be doing every year until they need to be replaced so there is no surprise. A cruiser has been placed on the budget for 2018 but it has not been determined if it will be replaced next year.

#### RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES

**RESOLUTION 2017-31 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Garman. Vote all yes. Post made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

**ORDINANCE 2017-17 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 1.061 ACRES IN RECOVERY TOWNSHIP.** Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Garman. Vote all yes by roll call. Fiely made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 2017-18 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE PAY SCHEDULES OF ALL VILLAGE EMPLOYEES.** Pearson made a motion to pass the ordinance to the second reading. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

**Erin Minor: NatureWorks Grant:** The Community Park Playground has been completed. All bills have been paid. I am in the process of submitting the reimbursement request to ODNR. The final project cost was around \$36,000, which was less than the original estimate. We received \$15,883 from ODNR and a donation of \$20,000 from the Cooper Family Foundation. So in the end, the project cost the Village almost nothing.

Our 2017 NatureWorks grant application was approved. We will be receiving \$15,883 to replace the fencing around the pool. We will probably replace it in conjunction with the construction of the Pavilion. Last Friday, I requested \$20,000 from the Cooper Family Foundation to help bridge the funding gap for the fence project. We should find out before the end of the year whether our request will be funded.

**Scotts Field Refurbishment Grant:** Erin worked with FRYSO to apply for a grant from Scotts. They are awarding five \$50,000 grants nationwide. If obtained, we would redo the dirt on our diamonds. We will find out in February if we are a recipient of the grant.

**Capital Budget Funds:** The General Assembly is once again seeking applications for funding for park and other community projects. Applications will be accepted until December 20, 2017. We would like to apply again. Some potential projects include: 1) pool improvements; 2) lights on Diamond #3; 3) lighting project at Monument Park with walks; and 4) general diamond improvements, including the addition of lights. The 2016 Capital Budget Bill grant awards for

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2) lights on Diamond #3; 3) lighting project at Monument Park with walks; and 4) general diamond improvements, including the addition of lights. The 2016 Capital Budget Bill grant awards for Mercer County were as follows: Ft. Recovery \$125,000 (playground); Celina: \$406,000 (splash pad), \$350,000 (ball diamond improvements), and \$1.2 million (amphitheater); Rockford \$80,000 (playground); St. Henry \$600,000 (pool); and Coldwater \$200,000 (rec space & amphitheater). Overall \$2.6 billion was awarded statewide. We are looking for input for what we should apply for. **Diller:** It cannot be for infrastructure such as roads or water towers. Public Works covers those things. We can't ask for money for walking trails. Most funds are awarded for pools, parks, and amphitheaters. Last year, \$200,000 was awarded to Fort Recovery; the Village got \$125,000 for the courts project and the Historical Society got \$75,000 for historical signage and a new park area by the museum. We could improve diamonds and lights on diamond #3. **Wendel:** What is the cost of lighting? **Diller:** \$100 to \$125,000. We would redo about everything on diamond #3. They have specific equipment for diamond maintenance that the Village could purchase. We do know we need to make improvements at the pool. We need to do more research about what we need and want. **Bretz:** How long will the pool last? **Diller:** We hope another 10-15 years. **Mayor:** Would the improvements hinder the fence project? **Diller:** No. **Minor:** The size of a new pool likely would be no bigger than the existing pool as it is locked in with other park improvements. **Diller:** Our pool functions, we can live with it. My problem is if we spend money on it and it leaks we have no gain. I think the next step is to redo the diamonds and lights and make them easier to care for. It would make them more useful for tournaments. **Wendel:** Could we improve Ambassador Park? **Minor:** We do not own Ambassador Park. **Diller:** The Ambassadors could try to submit a grant application. **Minor:** I will take a look to see if anything disqualifies the Ambassadors from applying.

**Pavilion:** The committee will be selling raffle tickets for a new golf cart at the boys and girls home basketball games. They will be selling only 750 tickets at \$20 each for a chance to win a new street legal golf cart. A winner will be chosen when all tickets have been sold or Sunday at the Jubilee, whichever comes first. Pictures have been posted on Facebook. Also, it is not too late to purchase pavers or to make a donation to the project. Construction is planned for next summer. We plan to begin renting the Pavilion in Spring 2019. **Diller:** We have gotten the construction pricing back. We have raised approximately \$185,000 so far. The price of the project is around \$180,000 with another \$20-\$30,000 for equipment and landscaping. We are looking at a June start. Dan Jutte will be doing the ground work. **Wendel:** Did you receive a large donation for naming rights? **Diller:** We did not. We will probably name it the Community Park Pavilion.

**Minor: Annexation: Leuthold:** The ordinance was passed tonight and will take effect in 30 days.

**Income Tax:** A group of over 137 municipalities has decided to challenge the centralized collection provisions that were in the most recent state budget bill which, if passed, will be required to be implemented by January 1, 2018. The complaint was filed last week. Locally, Minster and Celina have taken part in the legislation. I will keep you up to speed with what is going on. **Diller:** If the challenge does not work out we will need to pass legislation by January 31. We could lose the ability to tax if we do not do so. Council was in agreement to wait as long as we can before enacting legislation.

**Randy Diller: Project updates: William Street:** Construction will be getting started soon.

**Courts Project:** This project is set to begin next year. DP&L is getting a new transformer set for the project.

**NPDES Permit:** The new permit will be in effect for five years. We now have post construction monitoring and testing of overflows, which is a standard requirement when you abandon CSOs (combined sewer overflows) which we will have to follow for three years.

**EPA NOV:** We are just left with replacement of the caustic tank, which doesn't have to be done until 2020. We are working with EPA on a notice of action taken and will resolve the

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issue of the existing lime sludge pond which we will be doing away with. We will not have discharge from the pond any more. We are working on a response to let them know how we will be handling it.

**Tree Commission:** Post Landscaping was supposed to begin planting 50 trees today. They will be planting around the park, walking trail and the pollinator habitat. There will be native Ohio trees planted around the pollinator habitat which is part of the educational experience. The Tree City Application for 2017 has been submitted.

**2018 Appropriations:** Randy is working with department heads to determine expenditures. A preliminary list was provided to council.

**Sanitary Dept:** We are working with Wendel Poultry to determine their sanitary flow and also Fort Recovery Industries on their discharge if the plating is moved to the Industrial Park.

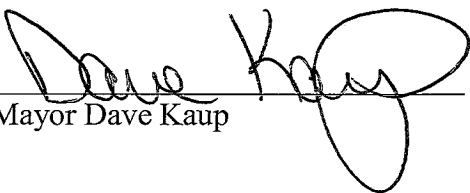
**SR 49 Reroute:** We are working with property owners that would be affected by the project. Randy has also talked to an ODOT Representative, who said they are willing to help us with funding.

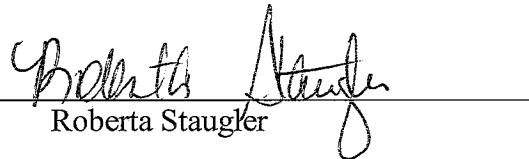
**Important dates:** There will be no Park Board meeting on December 11th so we can have the Village Christmas Party. Trusty Woods' doors will open at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm. RSVP to Erin. The next Council meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Poll Council: Post:** There was standing water at the corner of Flaler and Fort Recovery Minster road this weekend. **Diller:** That is a mixed jurisdiction. It is really Gibson Township's responsibility. We can only place a warning sign there. **Bretz:** Do we need to go to one of their meetings? **Diller:** Something needs to be done; they can't continue to allow the water to run across the road. I will talk to them.

Council reviewed invoices #027373 to #027391 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense #201773 to #201778. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler