

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held August 5, 20 19

CALL TO ORDER: President Al Post called to order the Regular Council Meeting on August 5, 2019 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, Luke Knapke, Scott Pearson and Al Post. Absent: Greg Schmitz, Mayor Kaup.

Also Present: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, PG Jellison, Neal Spencer and Leslie Gartrell.

Reports to Council: VA Report, July Tax Reports.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes, which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Staugler: We need to make a correction to page three of 7/1/19 Minutes Pearson made a motion to correct the July 1, 2019 minutes to the following.... Fiely made a motion to award the Street Overlay Bid of \$134,528 to Wagner Paving and authorize Randy Diller to sign said contract, motion seconded by Post. Vote all yes. This motion to correct minutes was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Staugler presented the July Bank Reconciliation for approval and also stated the July YTD Income Tax report is exceeding last year's YTD receipts.

Poll Visitors: Nothing

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTION 2019-14: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES. Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes. Wendel made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

RESOLUTION 2019-15: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS. Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes. Fiely made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

Erin: Randy sent me some delinquent debt collection information that Amanda obtained from the Ohio Attorney General to review. If the village would opt into the Attorney General's Collection Program, they would assume the collection for us. Currently we process delinquent filings through the court to try to collect. The agreement would allow the village to certify the debt to the Attorney General. If they exhaust their options then they will seek out third party vendors to collect the debt. The collection process would add 10% to what is owed by the tax payer.

Post: Does this lengthen the process? Diller: Currently if they are put in jail for nonpayment, we pay jail costs. Post: What happens after the third party can't collect? Erin: The agreement will also allow them to use special council. Diller: They have tools in their tool box that we don't; such as they can withhold from other tax refunds. Post: Sounds like we have a better chance of collecting. Diller: Other towns are doing it. The downside is that it takes away the small-town way of collecting. The ones that concern me are the failure to file accounts where we could have gotten them in here. We will have to be careful. Erin: We can choose whether to send them on to the state or not. Diller: Amanda is allowed to estimate what they could have paid, that is the amount we turn over to the Attorney General, they can then prove the amount owed. If they receive a letter from Amanda that they owe us taxes, that's one thing, a letter from the Attorney General they will probably respond to quicker. We don't have that many, we have about 30 per year. We will have to pass a resolution to sign up.

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Post: I think it sounds like a good idea. Wendel: Move forward. Diller: I keep thinking there has got to be a catch. Erin: If you decide you don't like the process you can give a 45-day notice to terminate. Diller: We will have the resolution prepared.

Diller: Parks: We have the shade structures almost complete. Jerry has a couple sheets to put on the shade canopies then we might be done. Knapke: It looked like we had just 1/2 of a dugout left to do. Diller: The lights are ready to go up. The original company we gave the installation job to has not replied. I reached out to Buschur Electric who can set poles. They said they will get back to us and could have installed by the middle of September. Eric Jutte is to finish up by the end of this week the seeding at the pavilion and diamond 2 & 3. For the most part this will clean up our park grants. The pavilion has a few odds and ends left to complete. We will be adding a security system. We will get Wabash into the pavilion for free if we use it for security. At this point the internet is for security only. Post: How are the rentals going? Diller: We had a busy July. The weekday rental has been pretty busy too. Coopers will be in there the second time this week. The library had their end of summer party. We have 8 or 9 more rentals on the book this year. It has worked out well. The Community Foundation Pavilion fund has a little over \$50,000 remaining in it. That committee will get together to decide how they will handle the remaining funds. We would like to keep some available for the pavilion, the other option would be to look to our next project. We are very pleased with how this project has turned out, having funds remaining doesn't happen very often.

Broadway: We will be walking the project tomorrow before they prepare final plans for bid. This project will happen if we receive CDBG funding. We have a legal description on a sliver of land from Joe Westgerdes. He will be selling it to us; I offered to do it as an easement but he prefers to sell it. It needs to be done before he officially sells it to his son. We do not know exactly what the purchase price will be, somewhere between \$1,000 and \$4,000. At the end of the day it is not enough to stop the project. Choice One is finishing up the bid packet. We will advertise for two weeks.

Water Dept: Jerry has material to start the caustic soda building.

Tree Commission: We will be purchasing about 50 trees around town. Pearson: Are we cutting down some trees too? Diller: Yes, there are three trees that will be replaced. The tree commission has ideas of where they will be placed but has not staked them out yet. We are really close to catching up from the sewer separation and ash borer tree replacement, as per our rules every tree that comes down will be replaced somewhere. If the Broadway Street project goes through there are three or four trees that will need to be replaced.

Cooper Farms Project: Will walk through tomorrow, we need to get special permits to go under the gas line. Also, we will need to get EPA permits, it all should take no more than 60 days. This project should take off later this year.

Street Overlays: The project is complete, striped and looking nice. Wendel: What is the large deduction? Diller: We did not need to do as much grinding. Wendel: What causes the bad spots that we had to fix? Will it happen again? Diller: Oh yes, it will - the only thing you can do is cut out. I am hoping we gained enough time until ODOT comes back again. The spot they repaired on 119 was repaired a little deeper and they got a base in there, some was 5"- 6" some 2"- 3". We think at the stop light there was only 2" of asphalt and they ground out 4" of concrete and replaced it with 6" of asphalt. We never had a true reconstruction; we weren't sure what we would find. Hopefully having 6" of asphalt will help it hold up. The reason Choice One over estimated quantities on paving is because there is no way to know unless you shoot elevations. The option is to put in quantities to allow them to do that.

We had a nice finished project. I have billings to go out to MSB for their drive thru paving and the Library as we do not have an easement on their parking lot. It ended up being \$2,600 which is cheaper than what they could have had it done. It was almost \$5,000 in total billings. The question is do we want to send a bill to the Library? They will pay, I am just

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asking. Fiely: There are different people on the board now. Post: Are they willing to sign an easement? I would say no, don't charge. Fiely: I don't think so. Diller: The library got their funds cut worse than we did. Knapke: Does the Village move their snow? Diller: I don't think so. In the big snows I am sure we do. As a rule, no. Knapke: That could be a reason for the easement. Diller: The rest we do up and down the alleys. Fiely: What do we need to do? Diller: I am just asking for a consensus on if we should charge them even if we don't have a public parking easement. They have been after the Village to get the paving done. It was the consensus of council to not send the Library the bill for parking paving costs.

Fiely made a motion to authorize payment to Wagner Paving in the amount of \$102,724.25. This was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Diller Project updates: Community Park: We have an estimate to redo the Community Park parking lot to keep it at the front of my mind. The cost is about \$11,000 to do all of it. What do you think? Should we take the savings and get it done? It will be to crack seal and then coat it. Post: Do we also need to repair marks on Main Street where they moved equipment? Diller: I will look at it. Post: I would say do it. Diller: I want to wait until we get the seeding done and then redo. I think the parking would last us another 10 years.

Monument Park Lighting: My discussion with them has always been about the street lights. There are four lights that have always been on the street lighting contract. Since we went all LED on our other lighting these have been about \$80 a month. To get LED it would only be about \$13 per month. It has always bothered me to have the wires in all the pictures. Those poles are also costing us \$4.50 per month. Post: Will they look like our street lights? Diller: Similar, not exact but in same style. The State will make the decision on the style. Post: Will they be taller? Diller: A little, the street lights are 14' these will be 18'. We have people that have approached us and are willing to donate money as they hate how it looks now with all the wires. I would like to offer that the village employees install them. There will be some boring costs; I hope to get the lights donated. The Ohio History Connection must approve the project because they own the property. I sent the first letter to them on 7/20/18. Finally, on 7/23/19 I received a call from their engineer. Randy met with some of their people in April. The local historical society discussion has been on lighting the monument, from the village perspective it has been to replace the lights to save us some money. We can break the project apart; we were supposed to hear from their engineer last week. Then we will be able to finalize the cost and get the donors. Randy will be spearheading the project. Knapke: Can you push for double lights? With the sidewalk condition it's hard to see sometimes. Diller: That is another issue, they broke up the sidewalks with the other projects. They are trying to put something together. We hope to replace everything on the West side, replacing the sidewalk to the monument at the same time. Anytime you dig on their property you have to have archeological studies done. Randy will keep council up to date.

Insurance Renewal: We received an employee health insurance renewal packet this week. It had a 13% increase this year. As we talked a year ago, I went through the process to put together a consortium. The only option is to start up our own, I have not pursued this. Pearson: It would be nice if the State would offer something. Diller: I did put a bug in their ear, they do for other things. They have not been receptive to this idea. It is a tough thing because there are so many unknowns.

HB 163: There is still a bill being discussed in the House; we would not be able to charge out of town people any more than in town people for our utilities unless we can justify the costs. Why should people out of corporation get the benefits of those in town that pay taxes? I received a response back from Susan Manchester's office and she is reviewing.

Important Dates: WOW event is August 23rd & 24th. Mayor and Randy will attend a meeting for the village.

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Poll council: Pearson: Behind Hastings Auto there is a 4" pipe sticking up. I also have a question about the garden at the park, we don't have any benches that face it, could we have benches placed there? I can see people sitting there to watch butterflies. Diller: We have signs to put up to identify trees. The pollinator garden does have a lot of color. Pearson: There is a lot of wildlife. Knapke: Can you put a bug into the police dept. about semis going down side streets? I saw one go down George Street. Pearson: Yes, I saw that. Post: Kevin Wehrkamp is complaining about pot holes in his alley. Also, I have noticed people hanging out on diamond three about this time of night. Fiely: There may be cars in Ambassador Park that they should check out too.

Council reviewed invoices #28797 to #28831 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 190046 -190052. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Knapke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.



President Al Post

Roberta Staugler