

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL**

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

August 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on August 19, 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, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post.

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

Reports to Council: VA Report, July Police Stats and FINX Reports

Minutes: Pearson made a motion to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes, Fiely seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Jill Vaughn asked me if it would be ok to get 12 families to decorate the flower pots for the holidays. Diller: That would be fine, please let her know that things in the past have come up missing. Mayor: I think she wants Christmas with nothing electric. Diller: We cannot have any cords running across sidewalks; also tell her she did a great job this year with the flower pots.

Poll Visitors: Nothing to report.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION 2019-16: A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO AG FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION. Pearson made a motion to pass the resolution to the second reading, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.

Diller: The following resolution is like several we have had to authorize in the past ten years. Banks are requiring surveys that show properties on right of ways. A lot of older garages are over property lines, as long as they do not remove or change the existing building, we can authorize an easement.

RESOLUTION 2019-17: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN AN ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT. Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

RESOLUTION 2019-18: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Diller: Kate is wrapping up the grants. She will be attending a conference in Findlay this week put on by USDA to learn more about grants.

Erin: Randy gave me the encroachment information to review. I am working on the legal work for the property at 207 E. Boundary. The title search shows no open mortgage. The deed had a bad notary and the marital status was not clear. The new deed is done, just need to clear up the title.

Randy: Projects: Parks: We are wrapping up both NatureWorks Grants. The Capital Budget Grant will be complete once the lights are put up, which should be in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Pavilion: This project is done. There is \$50,000 remaining in the fund. We have been having discussions of potential things to add to the pavilion. The subject of air conditioning has come up a couple times already. We will have the committee look at it. Pearson: Is there

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room? Diller: We have the attic and the mechanical room. Wabash Communications pulled in the fiber for internet for the security system. They are donating the monthly service as long as it is not made public. The building will have cable for service which could allow us to turn on games for renters. They would need to pay an extra fee. We appreciate Wabash's complimentary service.

Broadway St.: We have received no word on CDBG Funding. We have a final set of plans for Broadway and Elm Street. We hope to get funding finalized in the next week or so. Ryan has it ready for bid.

Aeration: Bid specs have been put together. Bid opening will be in late September. The Caustic building is framed up and will be closed in as soon as it is not 90° outside.

Pool: The last day we will be open to the public is tomorrow. We do have a pool party which we have every year for our school reading incentive on Friday. The guards will be back on Saturday to tear down and winterize.

Monument: Randy is still working with Ohio History Connection on the lighting.

Street Lighting: Randy has been talking with Miami Valley Lighting as our current contract expires 12/31/19. We have street lights we don't own on contract with them. This contract is on the lights and a few poles; they do the maintenance on both. We have found out over the years that we can do it much more efficiently. We have 84 lights with MVL and the village owns 185. They won't sell us the lights. The big push now is LED lighting; we have 57 old technology lights and 27 high pressure sodium lights. They are discontinuing any more mercury vapor and have been replacing with sodium. Now they want to go to all LED. They won't charge to replace the mercury vapor as they are obsolete technology and have been depreciated out. The kicker is that the monthly cost goes up quite a bit. Schmitz: We are paying to replace them? Diller: Exactly, the monthly cost will go from \$12.88 to \$15.89 per light. We have 27 HPS lights; we would only change a portion of those as some will be removed in the next year. It would cost the village \$1,245 to replace all 27 and our monthly price would still go up. They want the Village to help replace their assets so they can charge more for the service. We have replaced all our lights with LED and the electric bill went down 80%. She said they will recoup investment to which I said, Ok, what happens when you do? She said, you will get better lighting. We have gone down from 150 on the list to 84. In just 2020 we will take 14 more off the contract on the Broadway Street project, and we don't want them to replace them. In the proposed contract they want us to commit to keep LED for the extent of the contract (5 years). Schmitz: What happens if we don't sign the contract? Diller: We just keep paying and they will put high pressure sodium on as the lights go out. I offered to buy the old lights as they say they have no value. They will not sell them. We are in negotiation. I will let council know when I get more information. Post: Is there a reason they won't sell? Diller: She said they are not in business to sell assets. There will come a place in time when we will give them a 90-day notice to remove their lights and we will have to come up with a replacement strategy. All new street lights will have to be metered. Jared Laux arrived.

Cooper Farms: Randy met with the legion last week to go over the project. They have a Trustee meeting tomorrow to give permission to cut through the corner of the project. They will have information for the PTI and archeological and environmental studies from Jared Ebbing's office.

Health Insurance: We are reviewing the plans they gave us to look at. We have a meeting set up with the representative. The premium went up 13%. At this point we have nothing to talk about. The renewal is November 1st.

The Next Meeting is Labor Day. **Wendel made a motion to change the meeting from September 2nd to Tuesday September 3rd at 6:00 pm. This motion was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.**

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Important Dates: WOW event August 23rd & 24th.

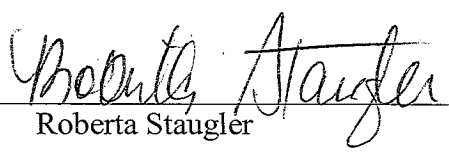
Poll council: Schmitz: I saw they did tile work near the walkway in the park. Who is responsible for the weeds between the curbs and the street? **Diller:** We have over 13 miles of roads; it would make sense for the residents to take care of it. **Pearson:** It looks really bad this year. **Mayor:** What if no one will do it on their own? I see St. Henry employees out driving around spraying all the time; a worker on a gator with wand spraying weeds. **Diller:** It has not been a high priority. I wouldn't trust it to high school boy, I could for Ivo or Tom. **Mayor:** We have a sprayer with a wand. Can we put it on the Kubota? **Pearson:** I have a question about the french tile recently put in; are they putting sod back in? **Diller:** I will monitor this winter. A french drain won't take long to sod over on its own. **Wendel:** You got kudos for fixing the alley we discussed at the last meeting. **Knapke:** I know it is a pain, but at this time every year a yard gets long; can we send a notice? **Diller:** The rule says 12", which is something we could change. **Laux:** I know one village that does a notice. A Public notice could be sent out to every property owner, that they will get a notice if gets up this tall. **Knapke:** How many times are we going to deal with it. **Laux:** Last time I told him this doesn't look good for someone in your position. It is frustrating. It would be nice if we could do the notice. **Diller:** We can only charge the actual cost to cut grass. **Laux:** Every year it is the same properties. We need a way to handle it; whatever the law allows.

Laux: Did everyone see the note in drop box? **Mayor:** Everything going good with the new officer? **Laux:** Yes, it is.

Council reviewed invoices #28847 to #28877 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 190053 -190057. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

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


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler