

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY SPECIAL COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

October 7, 20 19

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup** called to order the Regular Council Meeting on October 7, 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 and Al Post. **Absent:** Scott Pearson.

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

**Reports to Council:** VA Report September TAX, and FINX.

**Minutes:** Wendel made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. **Vote all yes.**

**Poll Visitors:** nothing to report.

#### RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

**RES 2019-21 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS.** Schmitz made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Knapke. **Vote All yes.** Fiely made a motion to pass the resolution seconded by Wendel. **Vote all yes.**

**Staugler:** Did everyone get a chance to look at their new water bill? We were able to place the information requested by the Fire Department regarding notification if oxygen is stored in their home. We have received two replies. The September income tax receipts are above 2018 by 5.0%. We are hopeful the trend continues. September Bank Reconciliation was presented for approval.

**Mayor:** Eric Krieg volunteered to be on the zoning board. Diller: This is filling Scott Zehringer's term which will expire 12/31/2021. **Wendel made a motion to approve the appointment of Eric Krieg to the Zoning Board to fulfill Scott Zehringer's term, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.** Diller: We also need someone on the design review board to fulfill Paul McDaniel's term. Paul was the representative from the Historical Society. Randy will reach out to them to see if they have any recommendations.

**Randy:** To add to what Bert said regarding the Fire Department. We would appreciate it if the News Media could help by providing free public service information that the Southwest Mercer Fire Department has requested all Fort Recovery residents, both in and out of the village, notify them if they have oxygen tanks in their home to assist emergency personnel when responding to an emergency at your home.

**Projects: Cooper Farms Utility Extension:** Two of the four easements have been signed. We should have the Legion's back next week and Gary or Jim will be signing Cooper's soon also. I have not talked to Jared to see if the archeological report has come back. When all has been signed, we should receive the release of CDBG funds a week later. This will be a perfect winter job for a construction company.

**Broadway Street:** Nothing new to report, we will re-apply for funding in January.

**Caustic:** We have a few things to finish up. We are looking at two different options with the lime feeder. Once decided, we will submit our plan to EPA.

**Park:** Still need someone to put up the lights on Diamond #3. The security system has been installed with 11 cameras operational now. Jerry started working on the shelter house repairs. We will order new curtains for SH#4 and SH#5 for installation next year.

**Finance:** We have started the process of wage reviews.

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**Monument Park lighting:** Randy reached out to Ohio History Connection trying to get a response.

**Miami Valley Lighting:** My contact tells me that she will work on the contracts next week.

**Health Insurance Renewal:** We were able to qualify with a MEWA Group Plan. We have been trying to do this for the last two years. Randy figures this will save us 43% in previous cost. Schmitz: Was this based on claims? Diller: Yes, we cannot disclose why. We hope to stay involved with the group as long as we qualify. The plan is almost identical to the one we have now. I am happy as an employee and employer.

**AGE Gas Aggregation:** We received a very competitive bid for natural gas: \$3.08, which is with Constellation. The contract has been signed as Randy was previously given authority to do so because of the daily change in rates. The contract is for 24 months and it begins on December 1, 2019. Anyone that has anything other than the standard rate will have to call if they want to make a change. Both the electric and the gas contracts will be going through 2021. When these rates expire, we will have 26 communities bidding at same time for the electric contracts. We have not received the sign-up information as of yet for the gas aggregation. The Village is on contracts for our electric.

**Lagoon Aeration:** We opened the bids Thursday. We had to bid because at the time it was not considered emergency improvements. We used Triple Point specs to bid it out. To keep competitive, we were allowed to use them as the approved as equal system. If they can show their system will do what TP can do. TP, ADS and EDI were used in the submitted bids. Each system goes about it a little different. We wanted them to bid certain things the same, i.e. a 40hp blower. If the system needs to use lower hp blowers they were to let us know so we can take it into consideration. We had three different bids all using different blower powers. The Alt A and Alt B did not use a 40 hp blower. We cannot accept their bids. The base bid which was Triple Point came in at \$272,000 which is more than we anticipated spending. Wendel: Was the Engineer estimate \$305,000? Diller: Yes, TP bid under the estimate at \$272,000 which is more than we want to spend. ADS and EDI have systems under \$200,000 which will give us the same results. Ryan Lefeld: TP uses 40hp, AGS 25hp and EDI 30hp. If we use a smaller blower it will be fine, if it has longer power and life. We wanted to use apples to apples as the base bid player. Post: Does TP have anything lower? Lefeld: No. Diller: We will run all at variable speed drives. It will give us the ability to see the prices. If it comes back at \$230,000, I can cut down. Wendel: You had bids by three companies put in, is it for the equipment value, and you take it and put it in? Diller: The bidders were RG Zachrich, Dan Jutte and Shinn Brothers. They got the price and put in a bid using their equipment to install. Wendel: Did RG Zachrich bid with a 25 hp blower? What did Shinn do? Diller: Shinn added \$10,000 to add stainless steel between the blower and the manifest. It is something above what we expect and we don't disagree, it is a good thing, they have found the equipment wears down and installing the stainless steel makes it last longer. They have put in a number of systems around the area. Shinn put their bid in with ADS equipment. Wendel: Shinn has done this before; are they able to educate you on the others? Diller: Yes, a little looking at ease of installation, which is good, nothing terrible to say about any of them. They just put a system in Rockford. TP is going into New Bremen. Steve Harris would not recommend any one company over another; he said all are great companies. Schmitz: How do we accept any of the bids? Diller: Our desire is to reject all the bids, which we can do. That will get us back to ground zero. Two ways to do this is to 1.) Rebid, pick one company and say that is the equipment we will use. Knapke: The installer or the equipment? Diller: Possibly both, mostly the equipment. Will they return with the competitive bid? We will have to squeeze down the engineer estimate. Knapke: Can you reject it again? Diller: Sure, or use option 2.) Erin said if there is not the emergency, but there are some violations. Usually if we have some violation then EPA is starting to get on us: would they now say this is an emergency? If that is the case, we could pick the equipment and the company could install it. Our EPA representative will meet with her supervisor, if the situation is getting to be eminent then we could negotiate directly with the supplier, if

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we agree we could hire them. Kaup: Would you eliminate the installer? Diller: Yes, our guys could do most all the work, we don't need an installer. ADS said he would pay the installer direct. I need council to decide if we will accept or reject. Wendel: What about the time line? Does it need installed before temperatures get to single digits? Diller: A 40 hp blower will take 12-16 weeks for ordering. Probably would have to ask for a temporary blower, not knowing what our test results will be during that time. We did get two aerators running, first one works about ½ the time, the bushings and bearings are going out. Kaup: Do our numbers go down in the winter? Diller: It won't help the DO but maybe the loading. Kaup: So, it is not a huge deal until April? Diller: If we lose the aerator, we will still have problems. We started seeing violations when the aerators went out. Kaup: Should we buy now? Diller: If we buy a 5hp blower now it is \$7,000 which could go toward the system instead of for a temporary fix. At the end of the day EPA does not care how we get it done, only care what we are putting in and that we get it done. **Schmitz made a motion to reject the lagoon aeration bids, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.**

**Diller: I need to request a short executive session for the purpose of discussing a Real Estate Purchase.**

**Poll Council: Fiely:** I noticed the patch in front of IGA. Diller: The fix is our short-term plan until we replace the water line to St. Clair St. from Boundary Street. A valve was shut down a long time ago. The boys were out exercising the valves and left it open. Later that day it was blowing water down the street. It was shut down but it created a void. We filled it in until work is completed on Broadway St. We will stay on top of it.

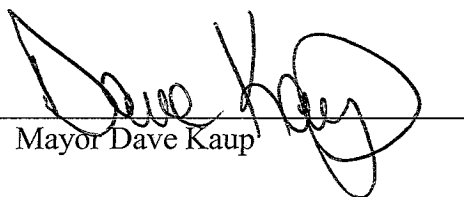
**Mayor: Do I have a motion to enter executive session to discuss the purchase of property in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code 122.22 (G)(2). Fiely made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

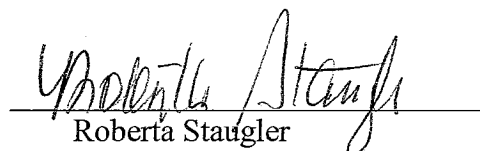
Wendel made a motion to exit executive session seconded by Knapke, vote all yes.

Randy was authorized to negotiate the real estate purchase.

Council reviewed invoices #28954 to #28999 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 190067 -190069. 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 8:20PM.

  
Mayor Dave Kaup

  
Roberta Staugler