

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

May 18, 20 20

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on May 18, 2020 at 7:30 pm via Zoom VTC due to the COVID-19 restrictions to conduct regular business.

Roll call was conducted with the following council members present via Zoom: Erik Fiely, Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post.

Also Present: via Zoom: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, PG Jellison, Jared Laux, Neal Spencer, and Leslie Gartrel. The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was dispensed.

Reports to Council: VA Report.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the May 4, 2020 minutes, Fiely seconded the motion. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Chief: Stats are in drop box. Jared will be picking up masks for pool employees and any other employee that needs one. Mayor: Have you had any troubles with the restrictions? Laux: We haven't had any complaints. At Graduation hardly anyone had masks on. Mayor: Graduation went well. Chief: Yes, it did.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: NONE

Erin Abels: Randy and I have been talking about a potential resolution. There is a bill out there where we can receive CARES funds from the state for COVID19 relief. If it passes it will reimburse the village to pay for necessary expenses such as masks, sanitizer and gloves. Erin may not be available for the first June meeting depending on when the baby arrives, she will always be available by phone or video.

Diller: We put the ads in the paper for the P/T Grants Administrator position. We received four applications and 2 other people have inquired. We will accept applications until May 25th. We will begin reviewing applications next week.

Cooper extension: This is complete we are waiting on final details. It is finished and running.

Broadway Street: Randy received an email this week that CDBG told Jared they don't think they will get the agreement to us until mid-July. Everything that Jared is reading we should be funded. We will move as fast as we can. Due to the timing we will need to extend some of the deadlines.

Street paving: Nothing new to report. The project will include centerline striping; no update on work schedule from county.

Utility Aeration: This job is completed and running. We anticipate we will see some good numbers in 2 weeks. We also hope we can see a difference in the looks of the lagoons and in the testing numbers. We are happy to have this project completed.

Lime Press: We are waiting on pricing.

Monument Lighting: Nothing new to report.

COVID-19: We did open our office to the public today. Just asking them to maintain their social distance.

Parks and Pool: We received word that the pool can open and ball leagues can start. Then we received the guidelines. There is no way you can do everything they are asking. The requirement is 6' distance and a mask when not on field. This is not going to happen. Fiely: I was at the last meeting for pony league, it is all up in the air.

Pool: Randy reviewed the requirements. It is not impossible. We had a Zoom meeting with Michele from the Mercer Co Health Department. She thinks we are doing it right; the responsibility has to be on the people entering the pool. The capacity is enough for what our normal attendance has been. Post: What is our capacity? Diller: On the square foot of the pool and the deck? If you don't count the grass area it is 150. If you do count the grass it is 200-220. A typical day won't come close to that capacity. I don't see a problem; only if it is a really hot weekend or when they hold swim meets. I talked to Mindy and we have a good

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plan. My intention is to shoot for June 1st opening. We are doing that in line with Coldwater and St Henry. We think we could be ready. The Health Department inspection is normally the Thursday or Friday before opening day. If we are ready, I suppose we could possibility do an unannounced soft opening. We still haven't decided for the sake of simplicity if we should pull the lounge chairs so we don't have to wipe them down? They could bring their own and then we don't have to worry about cleaning. We are looking at plexiglass for the guard counters. We hope to get some kind of normal summer for the kids. We would only miss one week of swim season if we open on June 1st. We have not heard anything on playgrounds they are supposed to be closed until May 29th. We can open tennis but not basketball courts. We will have masks for every pool employee. Lifeguards unless they are on their chair or in water are required to wear a mask. We will try to do our best. We hope people realize their kids are going to come in contact with others that are utilizing the pool.

Budget: We need to start working on the 2021 budget. I have carried forward some things we know we are not going to do. We know Broadway and Elm will be funded. There are some water things that we will do if funds are available. There are a couple items EPA is requiring that we will prioritize. Industrial Park Expansion; we have some ideas but no one is really ready to sell. Originally, we were going to go for a grant for the pool, which would be a rehab of our pool. If we can do, we could possibly get another 20 years out of it. We need to update ADA items and some amenities to attract younger kids.

Sidewalk policy: The plan that was somewhat determined at the last meeting was to split the town in half and do one half each of the next two years beginning in 2021. This would include all necessary repairs, both replacements and saw cutting. As far as the sawing, the minimum charge to have the company come out to do some sample work is \$1,500. We went around to try to identify all the village owned properties, to get done and we would use these to be the guinea pig. Kaup: I did talk to Andy about the extractor, he thinks it will work. He has enough forms, obviously the more he can at do at a time the cheaper the cost is. Diller: I will adjust the quadrant map.

2020 Budgetary Plan: If you look at the last sheet from the agenda, I have color coded what we completed/hope to complete/and as funding allows. That plan will keep us in pretty good shape. How much more we can do will depend on how much of a loss we will have in our tax collections.

Important Dates: Records Commission - June 15th at 7:15 pm.

Poll Council: Knapke: The Gentlemen west of superintendent's house commented on the weeds growing on the empty lot. Diller: We were going to start going around but postponed it due to COVID. We will take care of it. Erik: Can we take a poll to see what council thinks about Senate Bill 1? This is adding a 14-day rule to the Governors authority, instead of indefinitely. Should the village pass something in support of it? Kaup: I have not looked at it. Fiely: My feeling is we could pass something saying we support it. Governor has said he would veto it if passed. Fiely: The new speed limit signs, I noticed the LED is bright, some don't work. I didn't see it; I was asked about it. Chief: They look sharp, I will look at it tomorrow. We are having troubles with the speed limit signs on Sharpsburg Road.

Council reviewed invoices #29443 to #29481 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 200036 to 200039. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.



 Mayor, Dave Kaup



 Roberta Staugler