

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held

June 15, 20 20

**CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Kaup** called to order the Regular Council Meeting on June 15, 2020 at 7:30 pm at the Cooper Brothers Pavilion 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, PG Jellison, Neal Spencer, and Leslie Gartrel. The Mayor lead the Prayer.

**Reports to Council:** VA Report.

**Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the June 1, 2020 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.**

**Chief:** The May stats are in drop box. Laux signed a quote authorization to purchase two new mobile radios for police cruisers for \$5,705.77. We will receive a reimbursement from a grant in the amount of \$3,721.80. Jared will talk with the Ambassadors to decide what will happen in July with the Tractor Pull and WOW. We are working on the speed trailer which is on Wabash Road; it is not an easy process. The LCD screen is hard to see in certain light. Randy did you talk about National Night out at the Park Board Meeting? Diller: No, the police dept was not present to discuss. Laux: Normally we are handing out hotdogs, pizza and drinks at National Night Out which should be held on July 19th. Mayor: By then we should be in phase III of the reopening. Diller: I guess you can schedule and if you can't do it you can cancel it. This is probably the only event where we would max out our pool capacity numbers. Laux: We are assuming that crowds would be higher. Council was asked for their opinion. Schmitz: Can you have it with no food? Laux: We could. Diller: Does anyone have a problem if we schedule it? Laux: Should we ask the Park Board? Diller: They will be fine with what we decide. Council had no objection to scheduling the National Night out on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Diller:** We have been talking about the Senate bill which will funnel money directly to local governments. We will get a chunk of money from the federal government through the state. Our share would be based on the same formula in which we get Local Government Funds. The amount coming to Mercer County is a little more than that, the guess is it will be in the ball park of local gov funds. It can only be used for COVID expenses. Kaup: Will it cover our lifeguards when pool was not open? Diller: No, we did not pay them. We had a few days when we rotated our full-time staff the first couple of weeks. We could use it to cover those days. We purchased a new office drop box, some software, masks, hand sanitizer and cleaners. The deal is the money needs to be appropriated by October 15th, we will have to send back funds not appropriated. Any money not spent must be sent back by December.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

**RES 2020-12 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND.** Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Post made a motion to pass the resolution which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes.

**ORD 2020-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 2019-11.** Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Post made a motion to pass the ordinance which was seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

The May Bank Reconciliation was presented for approval.

Staugler: The Income Tax for May shows the net is above May 2019 up in net profits down in withholdings. We will continue to wait to see how the year progresses.

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Diller: Projects: Broadway Street: It will be closer to the middle of July until we receive word, our hopes approval is still on track

Cooper Extension: We are waiting on the final request.

Street paving: We have not heard anything more from the County Engineer.

Utility Aeration: Obviously we have had some odor issues which has been caused by the increased mixing going on with the new aeration. The DO is going up and the color is looking better. We have been adding sludge reducing bacteria to eat existing sludge in bottom of lagoon, this takes up the oxygen, which created the odor issues. It was doing one good thing by eating the sludge. We were told that once they turn and we get the DO up the lagoons will never smell again. Even in the spring and fall which it is always bad, he says it won't occur anymore. Diller went to the lagoons at 5 pm and did not smell anything today. If someone complains Randy would like to know about it.

Lime: We met with company; they are getting us a quote. We will move to proceed once it is finalized.

Monument Lighting: We received the ok to move forward which we have been working on for 2 years. They said we are not going to give you any money, but you can go ahead with your plan. I have been working with Kenny Romer. They will set up a Fund in the Community Foundation, when we get enough money they will proceed. We will not get money to light the monument. Randy always thought the overhead wires looked crappy, also wanted to put in LED lighting which will save \$700 per year. The Lights will be donated and the town will provide the labor to install.

Sidewalk: The sidewalks have been marked. They will let me know when they will do the test cuts, we will see how it looks. We will make it part of our process. We will get it passed and include in next year's project

COVID 19: The pool is going pretty well. The playgrounds are working out fine. We are spraying them with disinfectant. We added a hand sanitizer station at the playground. The Restrooms are being cleaned extra. If they up the number to 50 as opposed to 10 we will have our next meeting in the council room.

Randy reviewed the 2021 Capital Expense list; Broadway/Elm is where most expenses will take place next year About \$300,000 in total cost. The final capital improvement list will be depending on revenue. At the end of the year we will make adjustments as to what we know at that time. The original plan with the pool was to go after ODNR funds and consider it this fall when grant applications come out this year. Our intentions now are to come up with a plan and be ready next fall, as soon as it is closed to start the work. We would like to completely redo the bath house and decking. A zero entry at the main pool and get rid of the lift. Depending on money we would like to add a splash pad at the baby pool going south, also new slides. We also may need to dig up to try to locate a leak. If we get grants, it could be in next year's plan.

Randy attended a meeting on the Opera House Feasibility. Project Recovery paid someone to come in to conduct the meeting. There have been several opera houses done in the state. They will do a bus tour to look at others in towns smaller than Fort Recovery. They taped the meeting and will send out a link to council for review. We have not committed any

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funding. It will be a big project which will take some grants. Kaup: Did we pay that guy that did the feasibility study for us? Diller: We never paid him, just a deposit.

Park: Jerry is finishing up repairs on shelter house 4 & 5. The boys have the posts painted. FRYSO leagues are playing what they are going to this year. Fiely: Did anyone complain? Diller: No. Tuesday they played in rain. Wednesday rain water was running down street, 25 min later the diamonds were all playable.

Zoning: Will have a meeting soon, Planning commission needs to discuss some zoning ordinance changes.

Records Commission met tonight, no action to report.

We received \$12,250 from the Community Foundation. This will be used to purchase snow removal equipment to keep snow off the trail, and any leftover funds will be used to winterize the restrooms. Jerry thinks he can make it work. Will try it for a year. The original idea was to build one restroom, to keep open in the winter. We think we can do it with a lot less money. We will get Chad Faller involved.

Important Dates: Council July 6<sup>th</sup>, Park Board July 13<sup>th</sup>. Jubilee Chicken Dinners are almost sold. The Community Club golf outing will be June 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. June 28<sup>th</sup> the Sunday concerts at VanTrees Park will begin.

The deadline for applications for the Grant/Asst Fiscal Officer position was June 10<sup>th</sup>. We ended up with 17 full applications. We chose five from which we will narrow down to 2 or 3. We are looking for someone with writing, talking, organization and accounting, and possibly a background in payroll, accounts receivables and that has computer skills. Amanda was our computer person running the web page and social media.

Poll Council: Nothing to report.

Mayor: We need to go into Executive session to discuss employment in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22

**Wendel made a motion to go into executive session seconded by Knapke vote all yes by roll call vote.**


Fiely made a motion to exit executive session seconded by Knapke Vote all yes.

No decision was made.

**Council reviewed invoices #29492 to #29546 including then and now certificates, interdepartmental transfers and memo expense 200040 to 200046. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.**

**Schmitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fiely. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.**

  
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Mayor, Dave Kaup

  
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Roberta Staigler