

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

BLAIR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held September 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on September 21, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers 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, Jerry Guggenbiller, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel and Jared Laux.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, August Income Tax, Police and FINX reports.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the August 17th and September 1st, 2020 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: I have had attended several meetings with the Southwest District Emergency Service. At the last meeting things weren't too great, but at the end I hope we came to a good agreement. We have not received the okay from the Commissioners yet. The EMS guys are satisfied as long as the commissioners pass what we discussed. We have another meeting on Wednesday, then they will issue a 90-day notice with the County; by January 1st it could be operating as a district. Diller: Will they run a levy in the spring? Mayor: I believe it will be in May. Diller: Will they decide after the negotiations? Mayor: The amounts and budget haven't been decided yet.

Jared: The stats are in drop box. We assisted with traffic at the tractor event, with no issues. We are going to be purchasing new body cameras. They will give us a \$200 trade-in making the total purchase just under \$2,000. The new ones are water proof and have tech upgrades.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2020-18 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MSB, PNB, AND SHB AS DEPOSITORIES. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Wendel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

RES 2020-19 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 439 OPWC BROADWAY ST FUND Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Wendel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

RES 2020-20 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2020 APPROPRIATIONS. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Wendel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

RES 2020-21 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT LOCAL GOV FUND AMOUNT AND RATE FOR 2021. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Wendel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

RES 2020-22 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AMOUNTS AND RATES FOR VFR AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Pearson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

ORD 2020-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORD 2019-11 WAGE ORDINANCE. Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call. Post made a motion to approve the ordinance seconded by Pearson. Vote all yes by roll call.

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The August Bank Reconciliation was presented for approval.

Diller: We received two applications for the part-time Tax Administrator position. We recommend approval of Angie McAbee for the position. Angie has not been working several years but she has 17 years of tax and accounting experience. You have a wage ordinance in dropbox with the proposed Tax Administrator pay and pay for Amanda until she gets her training complete. Angie will be the probationary Tax Administrator until that time. Pearson: How many hours will she be working? Diller: We don't know what it will take as we have never had a tax only position. From February thru May she will work more than the rest of year. Angie is not looking for full time, she will work what it takes to get the job done, she is willing to take on projects outside of tax, other things we would like to get caught up on such as converting old records so they can be accessed easier. Wendel: Is she on the tax review committee? Diller: She is, we don't need to approve that at this time, just establish her wage.

Staugler presented a utility bill which needs to be assessed to property taxes for non-payment. **Pearson made the motion to authorize Staugler to forward necessary documents to the Mercer County Auditor for assessment of a utility bill to real estate taxes, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes.**

Diller: Jenn is working on all kinds of things, reviewing items for the COVID grant, and is busy with OPWC and CDBG documents and prevailing wage verification.

Chief: We did receive a grant for portable radios, and software, along with Rockford, we now have radios in the vehicles, we should be good for a number of years.

Erin Abels: nothing to report.

Diller: Broadway Street: Things are moving along well. Storm work was completed on Wednesday, they are still cutting the street down and getting ready for curbs which is a couple of days process. When they get done with flat work Jerry will install street lights. They are doing the radius portion of Elm Street. When they come back in the spring or winter it will be ready for storm work on Boundary Street. It should go pretty quick when that happens. When weather allows, they will prepare the North block of Elm which will be ready for curbing then it won't take near as long. Kaup: Did you remember to talk to Mrs. Walter about taking care of the curb? Diller: Yes, I told them nothing would come out until spring, if they have time, I will have them measure it. Wendel: How will you handle by the bank on the north side to the post office? Guggenbiller: It gets ground down and overlaid. Diller: The asphalt is 10" thick already. The plan is to ground the top 2" off and replace it. It is built as we want it to be. The parking along the bank will be changed from parallel into diagonal, with no backing. Been working with George Stammen with issues at his place, all in all things are going well.

Misc. Street: The Elm Street contract has been signed. The County will be here soon to do the fog seal on Flaler & Sharpsburg Roads in early September. Post: Did they put something down already, it is grey? Diller: No - this will make it look black. Flaler Rd drainage has been fixed. With the rain there was no water in the yard or anywhere. Joe Metzger knows if the drain pipe clogs again it is their problem. Hopefully this has solved the road flooding issue.

Lime Press: The press has been received; they are installing it. They hope to not totally eliminate the pond, but will be able to reduce the size. Mayor: Could we make it a mowable area? Diller: Yes - the portion we fill. They dump 50,000 gallon all at one time, there will be lime but a minimal amount. They will still be able to pump water off when necessary.

Monument Lighting: As of today, we received the final okay. There was no state permit required, they said they owe us an apology, we didn't need to send the plans to the state. Everything is approved. Randy and Kenny Romer have raised the money for the park

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lighting. We can now get the pricing for the monument lighting and let them know how much money the museum fund will need. We will line up the conduit boring.

COVID19: We currently sit with \$58,858.79 in the CARES fund. The village will use at least \$8 or \$9,000 maybe a little more. We have received 14 small business grant applications. There are \$52,000 additional funds pending, if the house takes action, we will get more to add to the \$58,858. we have already received. They realize we are working on a short time period. The committee needs to meet next Monday. We have a lot of information we still need from the applicants. We will meet at 6:00 pm Monday September 28th.

GIS: We have one more trip they need, which has not been scheduled yet. When done it will give us the winter to review their work and they will come back in the spring to complete then finalized map.

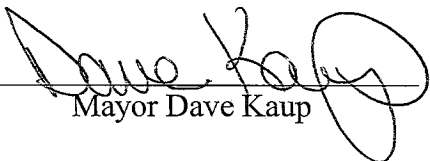
ODOT St Rt 119: We have had discussions with ODOT. Right now, it does not change speed limits until Steve Diller's house. They were going to put bigger arrows and a 50 mph on SE side of 119 near Schmitt Fur Farm. For us to reduce the speed we need to do a speed study. Randy talked to Choice One today. The charge for a study averages around \$3,000. Talking to them it is all based on numbers, the idea is we could take it down to 35 mph, then all the way into town. Post: What is the criteria to bring it down? Diller: I think it is based more on the current speed of traffic; they need to go slow. Kaup: I don't think most go fast around the curve. Diller: One thing that will help. There is a caution sign for the curve, it's how important is it to you? Pearson: I would like to put the trailer out there. Laux: I would have to put it at the speed limit. Wendel: The speed study gets me; you want them to go slow. Diller: We can't put the beacon light up on anything outside of corporation, nothing makes sense. Wendel: I was told several years ago they tried to put the speed limit at 35 in St Henry on 118. Diller: We went thru the same process for Dollar General all the way out of town. Laux: I think it has something to do with residential. Diller: I was told they were going to clean the whole wooded area out. Kaup: It is better than it used to be, I am more worried about the people behind you. Diller: There are a lot more cars turning East with the housing development and elementary school. Decision is tabled for now.

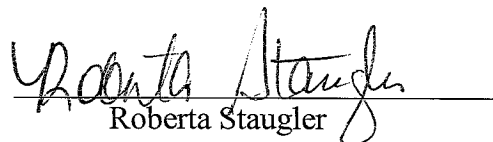
Important Dates: Oct 5th Council Meeting, Oct 12th Park Board Meeting. October 10th Merchants Cruise-In. We are waiting to hear the final confirmation on the car show, sounds like it is going to be cancelled.

Poll Council: Fiely: There is a grate in the alley by my parents' house. The grate only goes one way, and we found out a bike tire will fit in there. I was at the 7th and 8th grade game and I overheard some South Adams people talking about how nice the town looked, I thought I would pass that on. Did we do anything with the zoning yet? Diller: We are close, it is in a format ready to present to the planning commission. Also, getting complaint about a loud ringing from FR Industries. Pearson: I think it is a lift truck. I had a question about the monument having a plug missing? Diller: Louis Diller fixed it. Pearson: I was at the trail last night; the lights were on at 6pm. Diller: We will check it out.

Council reviewed invoices #29670 to #29732 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 200066 to 200075. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

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


 Mayor Dave Kaup


 Roberta Staugler