

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

October 05, 20 20

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on October 05, 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, Bailey Cline, Leslie Gartrel and Jared Laux,

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the September 21, 2020 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: The new district ambulance committee met and came to an agreement with county officials This committee also included Greg Clune, Steve Koester and myself. We will keep all the equipment that we had and they will give us Squad-2 which is 12 years newer than the oldest one we currently have. The county will also pay the district \$85,000 cash. We hired Jordan Brunswick as the new medical director, he is from Maria Stein and was set to start October 1st at Coldwater. They are working on a billing company and also working on a DEA license to get the necessary drugs for the ambulance. This switchover will take place at midnight on December 31st. They are working on a pharmacy contract and also obtaining laptops. I believe everyone is pretty happy and the county is satisfied with the \$85,000 payment. We have had six meetings. Schmitz: Will it be housed in St Henry? Mayor: Yes, and instead of paying the County we will pay the district. The squad house was paid for with donations from the area. They need to work on a budget and get the levy on the ballot in May; the millage has not yet been decided. Diller: I have two questions; 1. The village has a contract with the county, do we need to cancel? 2. Do they anticipate the per capita fee for the first year until the levy gets passed? I know they want to eliminate it. Wendel: Have they had any luck with EMS personnel? Kaup: That is our goal, preliminary numbers on paying potentially \$3 per hour for on call. They discussed \$3, \$4 and \$5 to see which one works out the best. They have received interest on some new paid volunteers, I think it will be a positive thing in the end.

Chief: September Stats were left out of the drop box and will be placed in the next meetings report. We are down one cruiser as the starter went out again. Ivan is working on it.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2020-20-C A CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION 2020-20 to the total amount of the Appropriations in Resolution 2020-20 to \$3,967,189.56. 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.

The September Bank Reconciliation was presented for approval.

Staugler: This spring we discussed that OPWC is not accepting the July 1st payments due to COVID-19. At that time, we decided we would discuss later in the year. We received new amortization schedules this week making the 7/1/2020 principal payments due at the end and extending the loan agreements by six months. OPWC did say we would be permitted to make the principal payment if we choose to do so. They are all 0% loans with the payments coming from different funds. \$13,112.07 of these payments were scheduled to come from the Sewer User Fee fund which can only be spent on sewer separation debt. I checked with Rural Development where we have our Sewer Separation Loan which has a 3% loan rate. They said that we can make principal payments on this loan any time. Diller:

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The payments coming from the General Fund and Sewer Levy can be spent on other projects or expenses. I am not a fan of extending the loans but if we can use the funds for other things it is using the money at today's cost which will save us money. Council was in agreement to go ahead and make the principal payment of \$13,112.07 from the Sewer User Fee Fund to Rural Development. Pearson: Do you need us to pass a motion. Staugler: Your approval of the payment will be given in your approval of the appropriations.

Erin Abels: nothing

Diller: Broadway Street: The curbing is in and done. It makes a huge difference. They will be pouring the sidewalks and drive approaches this week and next. Buehler says the pavement will be coming right after that. Kaup: Will the seeding be done this fall? Diller: We will not be seeding this fall; we will wait for it to settle. Depending on the type of winter we have they could come back and work on Elm Street this winter. Wendel: Will there still be an angle after the curve? Diller: It will not have much of a bend at all as it will line up the south block of the project pretty well. The bigger concern of people is how we can do that section with that pole in the middle of the street? It is actually located behind the sidewalk showing how much the roadway is moving to the west. The second pay request was sent in and we still have \$65,000 in contingency funds; we do not anticipate any overages. Things are going well.

Flaler/Sharpsburg Road: The fog seal should be completed next week.

Lime Press: The parts we were waiting on came in; we hope to finish it and do a test run soon. Ryan has also been emptying out the sludge tank.

Monument Lighting: We are waiting on some estimates from Mercer Electric.

Sidewalk policy: The concrete sawing company has not committed to a date; I don't want to go too far until I see how it works. I will keep working on them.

Zoning: Randy is ready for a meeting. The proposed changes have been listed. I will get with Kaup, Wendel and Neal Spencer and two other members. I will let everyone review it, and ask a lot of questions. Randy will share it with council, we are not in a big hurry. He will send out text to set a meeting date.

COVID19: The state legislature passed HB614. The governor signed it; we anticipate that we will receive an additional \$52,540.12. We have 15 business relief grant applications, should have them completed by the end of this week. Randy anticipates all except a couple will get all of the requested \$5,000. Randy is also working with the Library, who can use as a sub-grant, and will look at a couple of other options, with intention to use all the funds we received. May have \$10-15,000 remaining to decide on use of those funds. Schmitz: What can the Library use it for? Diller: It must be COVID related, same would be with the Fire District, same guidelines that we have.

GIS: They are scheduled to come back the last full week of October. They will then draw the lines to complete the map. We will then review for anything they missed.

Important Dates: The Cruise In was cancelled then six days later the Health Department said we can have it. They are going to hold it; we can't re-route the trucks off of the highway due to our construction project and they can't close the highway. They will start at the north end of the brick street and go south on Wayne Street. They are asking about going to the alley next to Staugler's house but would like to get approval to close it through Center Street and move the barrels only as far as they need to go. They have gone door to door to check with neighbors affected and received no negative feedback.

Fiely made the motion to close Wayne Street beginning at the 100 Block of N Wayne Street and continue south to Center Street on October 10th from 3PM to 9PM for the Merchants Cruise-In, this was seconded by Wendel. Vote all yes.

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ODOT Signage: Craig Eley, who works for Choice One, reached out to the traffic dept at ODOT to see what do we need to do. We can move the 35MPH from Steve Diller's to just west of the curve on SR 49. It will make the straight away portion all 35MPH. If we want to take it to the corporation limit, we must do a study because it effects all the other signage. This straight area is really not a big concern, it is that area over the hill if a car is stopped waiting to turn left on FR-Minster Rd. I just recently had someone that drove thru the yard because a car was stopped there and she did not see it until she got over the hill; she drove through the grass and kept going.

We do have money in the State Highway fund to cover the \$2,500 cost which Craig is now saying is at the top end of estimated study cost based on the original feedback from ODOT; Pearson: Will the study prove how fast they are going? Diller: I do not know what it will all prove. Craig just said with what you have on that curve, it will allow us to put a 35MPH sign up at the pump station drive and put the flashing beacon sign up. Laux: Could we put it on the arrow for now? Diller: I think the whole process will take about 2 weeks. Laux: Then we can wait. Council was in agreement to conduct the traffic study. Randy will proceed.

Broadway St signs: The most questions I get now is how will we handle the signage? This winter we will not have traffic from Elm Street entering onto Broadway Street yet. Do we put the signs up? Right now, it is not dangerous, next spring it will be until people get used to the changes. Council agreed to do it now and get people used to it. Kaup: Will the sign then come down on Broadway by the Chiropractor? Diller: At some point that decision will need to be made. Post: What about traffic heading west on Broadway, will they stop where the curve comes in on Elm? Pearson: Both will have to stop? Diller: That is correct that traffic on Broadway going east or west will have to stop. Suggestion is to not make any changes at Wayne St. until truck traffic is rerouted. We will probably have to make sure we put some flashing lights there for a while.

Parks: SH#3 is pretty well done; still needs a ceiling. There are also some cosmetic things that need to be completed on SH#5. We have begun working on winterizing the restrooms. We had insulation guys out looking at it.

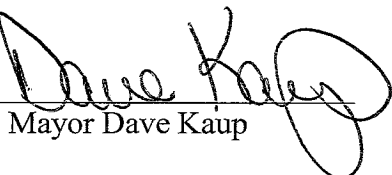
Finance Committee: We need to schedule a Finance meeting. Can we meet at 6:30 prior to next Council meeting? Everyone was in agreement. Kaup: Will State Route 119 include patches? Diller: The problem is we will not likely have any finish this round. If we patch it, we won't have a finish coat. We will do it when we do Elm Street. We plan to go out and measure it, we don't know where to start and stop. We are working with ODOT to speed up their plans to overlay State Route 119 prior to their scheduled date in 2024.

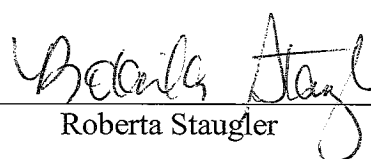
Events: They have cancelled the Halloween parade and judging, Trick or Treat hours will be from 3PM to 5PM on October 25th.

Poll Council: Nothing to report.

Council reviewed invoices #29733 to #29751 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 200076 to 200082. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Wendel made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler