

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held

October 19, 20 20

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on October 19, 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, September Income Tax, Police, and FINX reports.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the October 05, 2020 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Ivan Kaffenberger retired from the Southwest Mercer Fire District with 43 years of service. We sincerely appreciate his service and wish him best in retirement. We had an Ambulance District meeting on Wednesday. Diller: We took a look at the County contract; we are supposed to by the terms give them a 30-day notice of cancellation. By December 1st we should send them a notice to cancel the contract. We will wait until the middle of November to do that.

Tax and Police Reports are in drop box.

Chief: Stats are in drop box. We received the new body cameras. Pearson: How long will the battery last? Chief: I had mine running and in 6 hours it was at 38% battery. The video can be set to loop; which is off for now. We download the video before the start of our shift.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2020-23 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.

The September Bank Reconciliation was presented for approval.

Erin Abels: Randy covered what I had.

Diller: Looking at the tax report for September. If we look at it from a COVID standpoint, since the first of April through September we were down about \$30,000 or 8%. YTD we are up 13% over last year. So overall it is more than anticipated, we still have the potential of seeing it take a hit. The decrease is in the withholdings which is lower. The increase is from the net profit tax. We will keep an eye on it, we still want to be conservative. Angie McAbee was on Tax Review Committee we have her resignation letter. Her term is up at end of the year. We have an alternate on the committee already, we will wait to fill the position at the beginning of the year.

Grants: Jenn is working on potential grants for pool improvements. It would probably not happen until the fall of 2022. It is all depending on the funding, what we find out the next six months and how much do we really want to do. We are also looking into ODOT Grants.

Broadway Street: The curbing is installed. The sidewalks had a couple of off days due to rain. They may get asphalt work done this week. They are tentatively set to come in Thursday, with the rain we may move it back to Monday. Randy has not heard from them today. We should be able to be wrapped up by the end of the month like planned.

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Flaler/Sharpsburg Road: The Fog seal makes it look like a regular paved road. We are waiting on the County to bill us for that work.

Lime Press: Ryan and Mitch continue to work on this project. The materials came in last week, they are getting around to catching up. It should be up and running shortly.

Monument Lighting: We are waiting on an estimate from Mercer Electric, when they get back to us, we should be able to move on with this project soon.

Zoning: Next Wed Oct 28th we will have a Planning Commission meeting to begin the review on potential changes to the Zoning Ordinance. We will put together a draft document. There is no time limit, we will continue to move through the process. We will need to have a public meeting prior to approving any changes.

COVID-19: We have received the remaining distribution of funds. Randy is currently working on applications with 14 businesses. He will call a short committee meeting together possibly on Thursday. We have a number ready to be approved and disbursed; still working through the paperwork on others. There are a few we may not be able to help. Randy is also working with the Library on possible funds. If you saw the Mercer County Sheriff's headlines, Jeff didn't want to accept CARES funds for deputy wages because he doesn't feel the department did anything differently. From the best of our understanding, it has been determined that Police officers for our village are considered substantially dedicated employees, and the payroll would automatically be eligible unless the Chief Executive Officer of the Village would determine that they don't qualify. The bottom line is we won't go out of our way to just use the police wages in order to utilize the remaining funds. We will look into some administration fees for the grants and some of the police department wages we feel we can justify. The funds will be able to stay in Fort Recovery.

GIS: GLCAP will come in next week to do the last section.

Speed Study: The study has been ordered for State Route 119.

2021 Budget: I will be working on the 2021 budgetary plan and sitting down with employees to figure out what our needs are while staying conservative based on too many unknowns.

You may have noticed us out marking bad spots on the some of the streets around town. Buehler said repairs won't happen with this trip. They think if the weather holds off, they will back in early November. We marked the worst spots, submitted it for an estimate and it came back to include grinding to be about \$23,000. All in all, it is the state highway and we know the fix is temporary. ODOT has it on their list for resurface in 2024 it could be as early as July 2023, but it is still too long to wait. Randy will go ahead and sign the purchase order. If they can get it done this year and if not in the spring. J Milling is lined up to do the grinding.

One other note as far as ODOT, Ryan Lefeld and I were having a conversation; he asked where would our next project be? The conversation led us to get together and talk about a possible SR 119 project. You would need to put a pre-application in at the end of this month. They tell you if you apply, the earliest funding will be available is 2024-25. If we don't apply now, we would just keep pushing it back another year. There is no way you could do it all at one time. This is the last section with significant underground water improvements. That may be a project before a project. There are a lot of question marks. We went through with Broadway St without ODOT funds due to the additional cost with their funds. We will work through to see if it is a project we want to take on. Even if we apply, if approved it will be 2024-2025. It would be a big project that would make a substantial difference. We have other ones; we have talked about First St and Caldwell St for which we can't get ODOT money. If you see or hear anything, we have not committed to anything we are just planning.

We are working on winterizing the restrooms. The next thing to do is get insulation and then hang heaters so we can keep them open for people walking the trail this winter. Working

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with Hull Bros on purchasing a blade and enclosure for the existing Kubota. I am also looking at a snowblower package on a second UTV.

Reminder - We do have a General Expense Levy on the ballot to fund security, street lighting, and police department expenses. This is a renewal 2.5 mill levy for five years.

Important Dates: Trick or Treat: 10/25 from 3pm-5pm. There will be no parade. Christmas Open house will be changed to a 3 or 4-day event this year running from the 12th -15th of November.

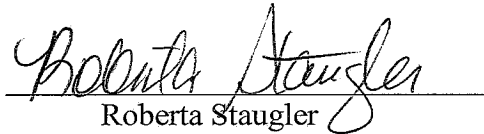
Poll Council: Nothing to report

Council reviewed invoices #29752 to #29781 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers, and memo expense 200083 to 200086. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Fiely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.



Mayor Dave Kaup



Roberta Staugler