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The temperature once again reminds us that we live in Ohio and we can expect subzero temperatures from time to time during winter. Please be sure to take precautions to prevent any frozen water lines during this cold weather: leave faucets on outside walls drip if necessary, keep cabinet doors open where pipes are located on outside walls, make sure all your outside hoses are disconnected and that your vents are insulated and covered.

Council appointed Erik Fiely to fill the vacant council seat from Rod Thobe's resignation. Erik will serve the remainder of this term which is through 2017. We appreciate the interest that was shown in the open seat by the other three candidates - Greg Schmitz, Marv Collins and Jerry Byram – and know that council had a tough choice to pick only one. We welcome and look forward to working with Erik and we appreciate his willingness to serve the Fort Recovery community!

We are in the process of planning and engineering some of the projects we hope to get completed this summer. Those projects include asphalt overlays of John Street and some adjoining streets in that area. Also we are looking at completing a street reconstruction of the two blocks of William Street that goes from St Rt 119 back to the football field. We also continue to make some final improvements to our existing lagoon system to make them as efficient as possible while looking at opportunities to eventually add a lagoon to the system. We are also working on plans for improvements to be made in Community Park this summer which will include restroom renovations, development of a recreational trail and the addition of improved benches and trash receptacles.

One other project we are working on is to implement a workable sidewalk policy for the community that will address our plans to repair existing walks as necessary along with adding sidewalks in areas that currently do not have them. We are working on the policy now and will be having a great deal of discussion before finalizing the plan. This is something we feel strongly about as did many individuals on the recent community survey. Look for more information in the near future.

We are also working on updating our community calendar for 2016 and as always it appears that we will have a busy year here in Fort Recovery with the 225 celebration adding to the fun! Some events upcoming next include the Community Club Fish Fry to be held this Saturday, January 23rd from 4:00 – 8:00 pm at the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club. Also around the corner is the annual Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet which will be held on March 13th. Nominations are currently being accepted for the Citizen of the Year and Hall of Fame categories; please consider nominating those that you feel to be worthy of being recognized by completing one of the forms available at various locations around town or by filling out the form online at www.frchamber.org.

As always if you have any issue that you feel needs addressed, please don't hesitate to contact me at the village office or stop in and see me and I will be glad to discuss it with you. Also a reminder that our village council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm in the village hall and anyone is welcome to attend.

Randy Diller, Village Administrator