

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY REGULAR COUNCIL

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held

March 18, 20 19

CALL TO ORDER: President Al Post called to order the Regular Council Meeting on March 18, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Village of Fort Recovery Council Meeting Room to conduct regular business. Mayor Kaup was attending the annual Mercer County Health Dept. meeting.

Roll call was conducted with the following Council members **Present:** Cliff Wendel, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson and Al Post. **Absent:** Erik Fiely.

Also Present: Randy Diller, Roberta Staugler, Erin Abels, PG Jellison, Leslie Gartrell, Neal Spencer Jerry Guggenbiller and Jared Laux.

The Council President led with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, February Police Department.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes, which was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2019-04 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ERIN M. ABLES AS VILLAGE SOLICITOR Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Wendel made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE 2019-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ODNR FOR GRANT FUNDS TO MAKE BALL DIAMOND IMPROVEMENTS Pearson made a motion to suspend the rules seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes by roll call vote. Pearson made a motion to pass the ordinance seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes by roll call vote.

Diller: We are finally able to finalize the agreement with ODNR due to the completion of the lease on Fort Site Park which makes it ok to sign the contract.

Staugler: We received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control. All the liquor licenses for the businesses in the village will be up for renewal on June 1st. They need to know if council has any objections to any of these licenses being renewed. Council members did not have any concerns, no action will be necessary. The Bank Reconciliation for February was presented for approval.

Jared: I issued a press release on the fatal accident that occurred March 11th. **Knapke:** What was the falsification of a public official in the stat report? **Laux:** Someone lied about who they were. During a traffic stop a passenger provided name and date of birth, there was a warrant on that person; she then admitted that is wasn't her, gave Brandon her real name which also had a warrant.

Erin: I Read through ODNR Contract for the Ordinance, it was same as previous contract.

Diller: Reporting for Kate on the Capital Budget Ball Diamond Improvement: Everything has been ordered or in process of being ordered. **Nature Works:** Everything is ready to go.

Diller Project: Ball Diamond Project. We are waiting on the weather nothing new to report.

Broadway Way Street: Randy and Kate attended the March 13 CDBG Funding meeting; the applications have been prioritized. Fort Recovery is number one in the county up for funding. The CDBG application is due June 1st and we hope to apply for a \$500,000 grant from the state and about \$175,000 in local allotment. **OPWC:** We will know May 9th if we were above the funding line for the \$500,000 grant & \$250,000 loan. We may not utilize the loan but will have it available if needed. Official approval cannot be granted until the

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next budget comes out July 1st. If we are above the funding line, history would indicate we would get funded.

Cooper Utility Extension: It has been a busier year for the CDBG funding which leaves a smaller available amount until the next funding cycle in July. We have two options, use the 11 jobs being created at the site only to get about \$110,000 in funding now or we could utilize the 22 total jobs that will be added over the next 3-5 years and wait until September 1st to apply and get \$200,000 in funding. This schedule does not work well for Cooper Farms project. We decided to shorten up the water line project and trim the project cost down so we can make the approximately \$150,000 that is available now between the state and Jared's office work in our budget. Jared Ebbing is putting together a full application now and is working with Coopers on employment numbers and the necessary paperwork.

Utility: We are still working with another aeration company that appeared this week. We will meet with them in a week or so. Steve Harris is still reviewing the companies. Ryan and Mitch are working with B & L Contracting at the water plant on concrete work for the caustic soda tank.

OEPA: We received a partial resolution letter from OEPA this week. If you remember we had three violations. First replacement of the caustic tank – which is in progress. Second there was an EPA cross connection control notice to residents which we placed on the back of water bills in February. Third they asked why the lime slaker created so much dust. Why? Because it is 40 years old; they suggested we get something better or repair it. We are looking at options to see how to resolve this issue.

Park Board: The Pavilion project is moving along nicely. Painting began this week and will be followed by the electrician & plumber. The brick layer will begin as soon as the weather allows. The Cooper Family donated enough for naming rights. It will be called the Cooper Brothers Family Pavilion - Jim & Gary Cooper. It was donated by them personally and not the family foundation.

Cooper-J & M Mfg. Annexation: We received the packet from the Commissioners; this will begin the 60-day waiting period which will allow us to pass the ordinance at our May 20th meeting. Erin Minor has all the documents ready. We will then wait the required 30 days before we can file. This will work in line with what Coopers is doing.

JM Mfg: The minutes from the Tax Incentive meeting were in your drop box folder. We held our annual meeting last week. Employment continues to raise they are up to 150 employees currently and were down to 84 at the lowest point. They do not know how much more they will grow but are hiring more people now. Payroll is up and employment is moving up. Payroll is \$2,000,000 higher than it was in 2011. The bottom line is the downside was not from their lacking innovation or proper management, it is a cyclical industry. The TIRC Committee recommended Council extend the enterprise zone agreements for another year.

Knapke made a motion to extend the J& M Agreements for an additional year, Wendel seconded the motion. Vote all Yes.

Registration Fees: The Mercer Co Commissioners passed a \$5 fee to be added on all vehicle registrations. We passed a \$5 fee a few years ago, and the Township added a \$5 fee also.

Gas Tax: The House passed to the Senate a 10.7-cent gas tax increase to be phased in over the next two years. The original amount proposed was an 18-cent increase. The bill proposes 45% instead of 40% will go to local governments. **Neal:** Is the gas tax what we get from gas sold in our own town? **Diller:** I believe that is correct. The money must be spent on streets.

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Solid Waste: We discussed this at the last meeting. We received the notification and paperwork. We must pass something; it will not cost the village anything. As long as the landfill stays open the tipping fees will fund it. When it closes a \$4.50 per parcel will be imposed to landowners. It would not come from us it would come from residents. If it would be necessary to look at additional funding options in the future, we would determine how we would pay; a fee from garbage bag sales or pay from the general fund. We have to review this; if council has any reservation let Randy know. Randy will work with Erin Abels to put together an ordinance to pass. We will present an ordinance at the April 1st meeting for ratification of a plan.

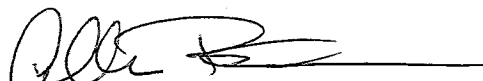
Important Dates: Charity Cup Choice One March 27th. We will leave at 5-5:30 to give them support on their Charity Event.

Poll council: Pearson: The pavement near the flower shop is getting pretty bad. Is this our responsibly or the state? Diller: It is the village's to repair; even if they are coming thru we would have to dig it up to repair it right. Post: Pavement near the monument is bad too. Diller: We don't normally fix these ourselves because someone with the right equipment could fix it quicker. On State Route 49 we had it ground off and then had them throw asphalt on it. We will take a look at it again. Guggenbiller: No use, it will get taken care of any way. Diller: The Street Committee will be looking at these areas. Schmitz: I noticed the seals seem to be coming up? Guggenbiller: Probably worse this year because we plowed more this year. Post: The other spot on Sharpsburg is getting worse. Diller: That will be one of the streets we will be looking at. Post: Do you have all your summer help hired? Diller: Pretty well, I will be notifying everyone soon.

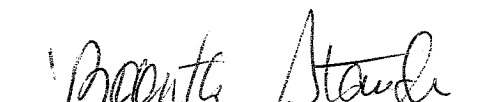
Council reviewed invoices #28516 to #28542 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense #190020. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.



President Al Post



Roberta Staugler