

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL**

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO 10148

Held

July 20, 20 20

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on July 20, 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, Neal Spencer, Bailey Cline and Leslie Gartrel.

The Mayor led with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports to Council: VA Report, June FINX, and Police Report.

Minutes: Wendel made a motion to approve the July 6th 2020 minutes, Knapke seconded the motion. Vote all yes. Pearson made a motion to approve the correction to the June 29th 2020 minutes, Schmitz seconded the motion. Vote all yes.

Mayor: Randy and I attended the meeting at the Squad-3 house. It was a pretty informative meeting, we knew this is something that was coming, we have had 45 years of volunteers which is impressive. They have been losing some volunteers with COVID and are looking at forming a district. Diller: The way it was funded before, each year we pass legislation and pay a \$3,500 payment to the county that goes into that fund and the squad runs are billed to insurance. Majority of funds come from runs, if it stays in the same model of volunteers, it would not take much. Our Fire District runs this way and hopefully it continues. The problem with the squad is it is harder to get people to be involved. They are expected to run on call 7 days a week 24/7, some other people respond. Kaup: The majority of the volunteers are from St Henry. Diller: 24 are from St Henry and 4 from Ft Recovery. Fort Recovery 1st responders don't typically respond to towns other than FR. Kaup: In the end they have 32 volunteers with 4 from Marion Twp. Their equip and ambulance are getting old, a 1998 and 2008. They will need new equipment coming up. They are proposing not to go away from the volunteers but to provide an on-call stipend of \$2-\$3 per hour. The rate will be set by the board. Kaup: They are talking about if having 3 on call/ \$570, then still \$15 stipend for each run. They think that model can get more people involved. Three people are ready to retire, they will lose a lot of those volunteer hours. They have 300 runs per year. They didn't feel it was justifiable to put a full-time person in the squad house. Diller: That doesn't take care of the problem of getting more volunteers. Part of the discussion was that a lot of money from the southern part of the county is going to whole county. We can get better coverage on runs. Rockford cannot get enough people to go on runs. St Henry does not want to have Coldwater respond to calls southwest of Fort Recovery. Kaup: They need a driver and two certified EMT's. If it is a bad run, they want two people in back. It is a good deal. Diller: It makes sense, we know how good the Fire District has been. If they have to make their own money they will spend carefully. They do not have to come to us for money. They are budgeting for on call and maintenance. The unknown is what is the County going to do with the current equipment which is one of the things they need to work on now. It is a good group of guys, they wanted it to be on the ballot this fall, but will likely be in March. There are four townships and four municipalities. They are asking for approval of the creation and participation in the Joint Ambulance District. We won't have the \$3,500 Village per capita fee to pay if the District is established. The proposed levy will be based on bringing in about \$17 per year on a \$100,000 home. Kaup: Their last volunteer drive produced zero. Hopefully this will help.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

RES 2020-14: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTHERN MERCER COUNTY JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT Pearson made a motion to suspend the readings, this was seconded by Schmitz. Vote all yes. Fiely made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Weitzel. Vote all yes.

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The Bank Reconciliation for June 2020 was submitted for approval.

Erin Abels: Randy received a letter to the Village with the opportunity to file a claim in the Purdue Pharma case, to settle lawsuits in misleading labeling. This will allow all to file a consolidated claim. Erin went ahead and filed a claim. Diller: Our exposure is pretty minimal, with a couple of OD's in town over years. Most treatment centers also calculate this out the next 25 or 30 years, we may never get anything or need it, but at least it may be there if we do.

Diller: Projects: Cooper Farm Utility Extension has been paid. There were \$12- \$13,000 in deductions. The project is complete.

Broadway Street: Dominion is here tearing everything up right now. They hope to be done by end of next week. Bid opening is this Thursday at 11am. The completion date is October 30th this year with the exception of only needing to add the top coat of asphalt and seeding next year. The Mr. Manhole process will be used to level the manholes when asphalt completed.

The Broadway property owners meeting will be next Monday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Randy sent out a total of 18 or 19 letters; a few called to say they cannot make it, some that will come. This one is fairly simple not much underground work. We will be tearing out sidewalks, and the street and put it back together. There is a total of 13 sets of prints that have been picked up with at least 7 or 8 being general contractors. All the local guys we know well have picked up prints.

Elm St: We will start advertising next week. August 13th the bids will be opened here at our office. Randy has been reviewing the final prints, it looks good.

Flaler/Sharpsburg Road: The County thinks they will be here in the next few days. They anticipate they will complete the chip/seal and put down the fog seal in the weeks after.

Utility Aeration: Things keep getting better. Randy drove there tonight and did not detect a smell.

Lime Press: We have issued a PO, so we are moving forward, they expect the shipment by the end of August. Eventually we will want to clean out the pond and make it smaller.

GIS: We have the first section of town gathered. We are now marking everything east of William St, and West of Wayne St and South of Butler St. Schmitz: What is the name of the company? Diller: GLCAP, they bring the equip to mark the spots. When finished we will be able to take the tablet to within 1 cm of the location of our utility fixtures. Like any system, it is only as good as the information you put in. Anything we can find we are marking and shooting. They seem to be doing a good job. Choice One sent them all 25 years of digitally compiled information which saves a lot of time.

COVID: Nothing new to report, we hope to dig into what expenses we have. We have until the end of October to appropriate and the end of December to spend.

Monument Lighting: Nothing new to report.

Sidewalk policy: The company will try to fit our test sawing in sometime soon. We are getting complaints about sidewalks.

Zoning: Working on finalizing the list, when completed we will call meeting of the Planning Commission.

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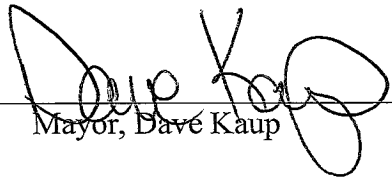
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Important Dates: Homeowner Meeting 7/27/20 from 6:30pm-7:30pm. August 3rd will be the regular council meeting. The Tractor Pull has been cancelled, still waiting for final word on the WOW event.

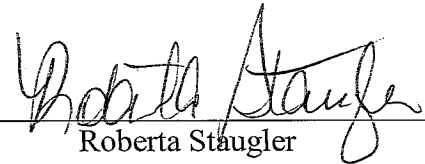
Poll Council: Schmitz: I see the dead trees around trail have been removed, it looks good and the new signs were placed around the trees. Diller: With school hopefully starting soon we thought we should get the identifying signs up.

Council reviewed invoices #29570 to #29616 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 200052 to 208015. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.

Fiely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wendel. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.



Mayor, Dave Kaup



Roberta Staugler