

Minutes of

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF FORT RECOVERY COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

January 04,

20 21

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dave Kaup called to order the Regular Council Meeting on January 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom VTC due to COVID-19 restrictions 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 Gartrell, Angie McAbee, Jared Laux and Jenn Schoonover.

Reports to Council: VA Report, December Income Tax and Police Reports.

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

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

None

Mayor: The Southern Mercer Co Ambulance Board will meet January 20th.

Mayor Kaup made the following recommendations for appointments to boards and committees:

Cemetery Board: Ivan Kaffenberger-Six Year Term

Design Review: Tina Bechtol and Travis Laux: 2-Year Term

Tree Commission: Roger Broerman and Les Wenning: 3-Year Term

Council Committees:

Finance: Al Post, Scott Pearson & Cliff Wendel

Research: Erik Fiely, Greg Schmitz & Luke Knapke

Police: Scott Pearson

Zoning Board: Cliff Wendel

Planning Commission: Cliff Wendel

Design Review Board: Luke Knapke

Tree Commission Rep-advisory only-Cliff Wendel

Pearson made the motion to appoint Al Post to the Southwest Mercer Fire District, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Post made the motion to appoint Dave Kaup as the Southern Mercer County Joint Ambulance District Rep, this was seconded by Knapke, vote all yes.

Wendel made the motion to appoint Bert Staugler as Records Commission Rep, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Wendel made the motion to accept the appointment of council members to the council committees as recommended by Kaup, this was seconded by Knapke. Vote all yes.

Post made a motion to approve the Cemetery, Design Review and Tree Commission appointments as recommended by the Mayor. This was seconded by Knapke, vote all yes.

Pearson made a motion to appoint Al Post as Council President, this was seconded by Wendel. Vote all Yes.

Angie McAbee: The end of the year tax report in in drop box for review.

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Chief Laux: Stats are in drop box. The stats are in for the last 3 years. In 2018 we took 81 reports, 2019-80 and in 2020-75. I expected it to be fewer reports with less on records. Call records highest with 3400 in 2018 3600 in 2019 and 3785 in 2020. Which shows we are out there a little more.

Laux: in regard to the Durango: I started reaching out today to Buds in Celina to look at both a V6 and a V8 to compare. I believe we had to purchase a V8 with hemi because it was the only option with AWD. I will report back on both options. Also, a letter was received from the Auglaize Co Sheriff about a donation to the Task Force which they do every 3-years. My recommendation is to contribute \$500 instead of \$1,000. **Diller:** I would be in favor of a \$500 donation. **Laux:** My hope is to contribute a little manpower wise from our department. **Diller:** I will approve the donation if council is fine with it. **Wendel:** You stated the calls were up, does that mean we assisted more? **Laux:** Everything is counted in that number: patrol, stops, phone calls. **Wendel:** Did the calls for assistance from the county go down? **Laux:** I will see if I can get you an answer on that. I am not sure, the way they report it is even if they pull up on one of our calls, they report it. It is hard to use their stats. I will check to see if they have a number for when they come when we are not available.

Kaup: Johan has agreed to take Tom Staugler’s position on the Park Board for a five-year appointment. **Post made a motion to accept the appointment of Johan Niekamp to the Park Board for a five-year term, this was seconded by Fiely. Vote all yes.**

Staugler: nothing to report

Abels: nothing to report

Diller: Angie has given us the tax reports. 2020 didn’t end up being a bad year from a financial standpoint for us. We ended up \$110,000 above last year with \$102,000 gain in the first 2 months and the last 10 months we were about even. We did come back to almost even being down just \$7,000 in withholdings. Overall, we came back pretty good. We still don’t know what next year will be. We will keep monitoring

Projects: Nothing big to report. We are holding on the Broadway and Elm Street project.

Sludge press: The press is up and running, and is working out pretty well. There is a lot of tweaking and we need to figure out what to do with the sludge.

Monument Park. The light bases are poured. The poles are ordered and we expect delivery by February 15th.

Zoning: I will reach out to the planning commission this week to set up a meeting.

Tap Grant: We are working through the application which is due at the end of the month. It is mostly mapping numbers and a project description. Erin will have a resolution at the next meeting.

GIS Utility Mapping: We will have a training later this month.

Street Dept Position: We will put the press release out this week for the position. Applicants will have until January 20th to apply. Does anyone want to be involved with the position interviewing? **Kaup:** I certainly can be. **Diller:** It will entail a few interviews and probably final interviews.

OBWC Refunds: We received a check for \$18,000 in the mail last week as our portion of the 5 billion in refunds. That is a total of \$28,600 that we received back in 2020 in refunds. That is equivalent to five or six years of our current premiums. We appreciate the state doing that.

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Park: The snow removal equipment is here and has been installed. We will clean the trail and some other areas with it.

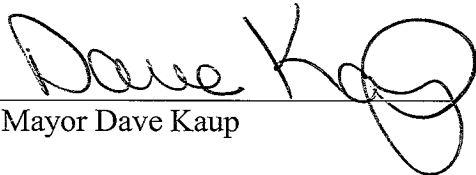
Important Dates: Park Board Meeting Next Monday at 7:00 pm

Poll Council: Fiely: A gentleman on High St said his alley was graded and it was the best job he had seen in 30 years. Diller: I will pass that on to the Street guys.

Mayor: Do you want to do the next meeting via zoom or come back in person? Post: I would rather it be in person, can we? Kaup: We will do one more maybe reconvene in February. Post: Coldwater held in person but did not use council chambers. Kaup: St Henry is still using zoom. Post: Can we use the community room? Diller: I think we should have one more zoom then maybe use the pavilion or the community room. Kaup: I know PG really likes the zoom meetings.

Council reviewed invoices #29941 to #29954 including then and now certificates, inter-departmental transfers and memo expense 200113 to 200114. Wendel made a motion to approve as presented, this was seconded by Post. Vote all yes.

Wendel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Knapke. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.


Mayor Dave Kaup


Roberta Staugler