

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

August 19,2026

Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:42 P.M. at 14 Elm St, Fort Loramie OH. Matt Hoying - Mayor called the meeting to order with the following members and guests present:

Mr. Matt Hoying (Mayor)	Present	Mr. Chris Boeke	Present
Mr. Ryan Simom	Present	Mr. Tyler Magoto	Present
Mrs. Hilary Brandewie	Present	Mr. Aaron Ritter	Present
Mrs. Courtney Prueter	Present		

EMPLOYEES: Jennifer Frilling, Police Chief Nathan Brown, Tisha Wannemacher

GUESTS: Todd Garrett (Pioneer)

SOLICITOR: None

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Matt Hoying asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27,2026 meeting. A motion was made by Ryan Simon and seconded by Hilary Brandewie to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2026 meeting as presented, as well as the July 6,2026 special meeting minutes. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bill: A motion was made by Courtney Prueter and seconded by Chris Boeke to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$482,723.92. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Excuse Absent Councilmen – none

Acceptance of Pay Ins: A motion was made by Aaron Ritter and seconded by Ryan Simon to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$509,665.80. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: No meeting this past month. The total income tax receipts for July 2026 were \$102,387.07 which was up from \$6,167.95 or up 6.6% from July 2025. As of August 18,2026, the total income tax receipts for August are \$110,360.93 which is down \$21,770.81 or a decrease of 18.9% from end of August 2025 with 9 days of collections remaining.

The budgeted income tax amount for 2026 is \$1,600,00.00.

Total income tax for the year to date – 2026 is	\$1,096,460.56
Total Income Tax for 2025	<u>\$1,786,794.27</u>
	(\$690,333.71)

Jennifer noted that, due to the monthly Council meetings being scheduled one week earlier, the income tax figures presented at the meetings may not reflect the complete monthly totals. Going forward, she will provide Council with the finalized income tax collection figures at the beginning of each month to ensure the most accurate and up-to-date information is available.

Police & Safety: No meeting was held this past month. Chief Brown provided Council members with the monthly call reports prior to the meeting for their review. He also informed Council that the part-time officer Colton Pohlman's is no longer with the department he put in his resignation effective August 18,2026. The Durango is estimated to ship on 09/24/26, we are hoping to have early October. Will then have to be upfitted. Hoping to be in

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use mid-to-late October. Chief Brown then referenced an offer letter of employment to another individual to fill an officer position.

Parks: No meeting was held this past month. Jennifer stated that she plans to schedule a meeting sometime in September, as it has been approximately one year since the committee last met. The meeting will provide an opportunity to review current matters and discuss future plans and priorities.

Streets & Sanitation: No meeting was held this month. Jennifer noted that she will provide additional updates during the Old Business portion of the meeting.

Jennifer also informed Council that the Village will be working with Fluid Loss Prevention, a company from the Northern Ohio area, to perform testing of the Village's water system to assist in identifying potential water leaks. Zach had previously worked with the company at another municipality and felt that their services could be beneficial in helping the Village identify areas of water loss within the system. This was brought on because Craig and Zach did get the fire hydrant out on Dogwood and believe there is a leak.

Courtney asked about a nearby resident's water meter that was not providing a reading. Jennifer explained that the meter pit had accumulated a significant amount of rainwater due to the recent heavy rainfall, which prevented the meter from being read properly.

Planning: No meeting this past month. There will be a meeting on September 9, 2026.

Old Business: Jennifer provided the following project updates:

Rapid Estates Phase II, the final plat is scheduled to be presented for approval at the September 9, 2026 Planning Commission meeting. Following Planning Commission consideration, the final plat is expected to be presented to Council at its September 16, 2026 meeting.

Weigandt property, the Mylar is ready to proceed with recording once Weigandt's signature has been notarized.

Elm Street Improvements – still awaiting final measurement totals from Choice One so we can begin working on curb & sidewalk assessments (I have reminded Luke). Received update from ODOT, via Barrett Paving, that it'll now likely be mid-September until the paving project is started. Elm Street/State Route 362 will be completed after Park Street/State Route 705. Elm Street/State Route 362 will take around 4 days.

Walnut Street Improvement/alley repave – Pre-construction meeting is set for September 3rd. Hohenbrink was awarded the project with their bid of \$188,400.36, the engineer's estimate was \$243,373.00. We did receive an OPWC grant, which means OPWC covers 80%, VofFL covers 20%. This project will consist of replacing the water main & catch basins along Walnut Street, along with grind & overlay of 2 alleys (from Park to Elm and the east side of Admin/Police building) as well as Walnut Street.

Park Street/State Route 705 paving by ODOT – Received update from ODOT, via Barrett Paving, on August 14th that it'll now likely be mid-September until the project is started. Park Street/State Route 705 will be completed first and is anticipated to take 12 days.

Industrial Park Expansion – only thing remaining is for 2 new street lights to be ordered, received & installed. We are getting quotes.

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Heritage Plaza: An additional light was scheduled to be installed during the week of August 17 to provide better lighting around the “H” and “E.” The existing lights will also be adjusted to provide more even spacing. All pictures have been installed. The donor plaque is currently in the casting phase and, once completed and painted, Brad with PSG will install it. One dead shrub was removed and will be replaced by Gehret Nursery. Jennifer also referenced a field report completed by Rachel Schmitmeyer with Freytag & Associates. The original project specifications called for a Permaloc PermaStrip aluminum L-shaped maintenance strip with a black DuraFlex finish to be installed between the flowerbeds and grass. As of August 5, this had not yet been installed. Isaac with Westerheide indicated that the work was expected to be completed during the week of August 17.

Canal Plaza: An additional light was also scheduled to be installed during the week of August 17 to improve lighting around the “N,” with the remaining lights to be adjusted for more even spacing. The elevation wall was installed on August 13, and the Westerheide crew removed the supporting boards on August 18. According to Rachel’s field report, several finishing items remained to be addressed. The limestone needs to be cleaned before sealing, including removal of excess blue paint from the top of the fountain along the canal path. The bottom stone at the south end of the fountain also needs to be adjusted so that it properly aligns with the canal engraving. Isaac will also be working with Mike Holthaus at Tom & Jerry’s to adjust the water pump and reduce the water flow. Isaac indicated that these items were being addressed during the week of August 17. The three dead bushes located in the southeast corner of the plaza were removed and will be replaced by Gehret Nursery.

ZONING -Zoning Code Amendment progress – need to follow thru and get verbiage created and get the official zoning code updated not allowing shipping containers & removing verbiage regarding metal siding in residential districts.

Ryan Smith property – updates sent to council, as well as Dave & Paula, throughout the month. Need to get letter sent to Mr. Smith regarding the removal of the tree. Jennifer said she is working on the letter for Madison to review and to get sent out.

New Business:

Approve Pay App #6 to Westerheide Construction Co for the Heritage & Canal Plazas project for work completed through 08/31/26. Amount is \$33,680.00. (The Village will be reimbursed for \$22,992.50 by the GHD Committee itself, the Village will be paying \$10,687.50 as agreed upon for the sidewalk expansion on the west sides of both plazas.) A motion to approve and pay, Pay App #6 was made by Tyler Magoto and seconded by Ryan Simon. To this Motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Farm Ground Lease: Council next discussed the Village’s farm ground lease, which is set to expire on January 1, 2027. With the current lease nearing expiration, the Village will need to begin the process of accepting bids for the next lease term. Jennifer will review the current lease agreement and gather the necessary information and requirements so that an updated notice can be prepared and posted inviting interested parties to submit bids.

Announcements:

*Final Street Sweep of the year by the Village of Minster will be on September 15, 2026.

*German Heritage Days – September 25 & 26, 2026

*Trick-or-Treat will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm, with a rain date of Sunday, November 1, 2026 from 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

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***Remaining Council Meeting dates:**

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 7pm

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7pm

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 7pm

Wednesday, December 16, 2026 at 7pm

Final Comments:

Tyler informed Council that there has been an increase in traffic traveling down the Leo Street drive, with vehicles frequently entering the area despite it being a dead end. He asked if the Village could look into placing a "Dead End" sign in the area to help make motorists aware and reduce unnecessary traffic.

Tisha just asked for signatures.

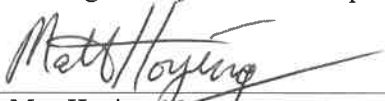
Executive Session: Tonight's Executive Session was regarding personnel. A motion to enter executive session was made by Aaron Ritter and seconded by Ryan Simon. To this Motion all members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (7:23pm)

A motion to exit executive session was made by Courtney Prueter and seconded by Hilary Brandewie. To this Motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried. (7:38pm)

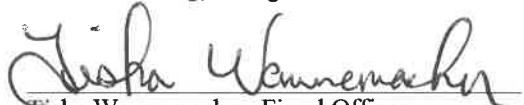
Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Magoto, seconded by Aaron Ritter. To the roll call vote: Chris Boeke, aye, Hilary Brandewie, aye, Aaron Ritter, aye. Ryan Simon, aye, Courtney Prueter, aye and Tyler Magoto aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned until September 16, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at 14 Elm St., Fort Loramie OH.


Mr. Matt Hoying, Mayor


Jennifer Frilling, Village Administrator


Tisha Wannemacher, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of Fort Loramie Council concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.