

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

April 28,2025

The Council of the Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 8:00 P.M. to 8:59 P.M. at 14 Elm St, Fort Loramie OH. Randal Ahlers – Mayor of Fort Loramie called the meeting to order with the following members and guests present:

Mr. Randy Ahlers	Present	Mr. Chris Boeke	Present (later arrival)
Mr. Chad Wray	Present	Mr. Matt Hoying	Present
Mr. Ryan Simon	Present	Mr. Tim Siegel	Present
Mr. Sam Grassbaugh	Present		

EMPLOYEES: Jennifer Frilling, Tisha Wannemacher

GUESTS: Luke Hemmelgarn (Choice One)

SOLICITOR: Casey Kusel

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Matt Hoying to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2025 meeting as presented. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bill

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh seconded by Chad Wray to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$411,359.28. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Excuse Absent Councilmen

Mayor Randal Ahlers asked for a motion to excuse Chris Boeke from tonight's meeting. Matt Hoying made the motion to excuse seconded by Ryan Simon. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried. (Chris arrived shortly after this motion)

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Ryan Simon and seconded by Sam Grassbaugh to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$471,280.16. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: The total income tax receipts for March 2025 were \$230,630.40 which was up from \$135,632.77 or \$95,027.63 or up 70.1% from March 2024. As of April 25, 2025, the total income tax receipts for April are \$242,111.74 which is down \$136,468.35 or a decrease of 36.0% from end of April 2024 with 3 days of collections remaining.

The budgeted income tax amount for 2025 is \$1,500,00.00.

Total income tax for the year to date – 2025 is	\$ 739,558.54
Total Income Tax for 2024	<u>\$1,973,275.66</u>
	(\$1,233,717.12)

Police & Safety: No meeting this month. Sites for speed signs have been picked and the holes are dug out. The improvement of the police garage was also mentioned so the Council members could go look at it.

Parks: No meeting this month. Jennifer said that we did get the grant money for the drinking fountains. Adam did get two of the four drinking fountains up. He replaced the broken drinking fountain at Redskin Park and also Youth Park along Lane Street. The other two will be placed at the restroom at Youth Park and then at the concession stand at Redskin Park.

Streets & Sanitation: We received an update from Choice One for installing valves at the intersection of Lane and Louis. Tom's Construction will be doing the project and it will get first then they will start paving the trenches. South Main Street may possibly be completed by end of next week. There are no new updates for the Industrial Park expansion at this time. Ryan asked if we were not having all the curbs and sidewalks and if not was it for cost saving purposes. It was stated the Elm Street curbs and sidewalks will all be replaced. Update on the Elm Street Improvements, there was a meeting held on April 23,2025 in which a final field walk was done to go over the storm lateral locations. The finalization is in the process of getting finalized along with

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the estimates from the engineers. Advertising for the project bids will be posted on Wednesday May 14,2025. The bid opening is set for June 4,2025. Matt Hoying inquired on the repair of all the patches that Miller Pipeline has done. Jennifer said that the ones on Elm Street is part of the actual project and will be replaced then. Main street patches are to be repaired by Miller Pipeline.

Miller Pipeline is also working on Water Street, Walnut Street, Canal, and the alley between Elm and Park streets. Miller will do the repair in the alley that they are digging up. Matt Hoying said we should try to piggyback with the contractors next year when all the road paving happens to have the whole alley paved.

Planning: No meeting. No update.

Old Business:

CIC meeting was held on March 31,2025 This was the reorganizational meeting and Jennifer was selected as the Public Records Custodian

For the Shelby County Sewer District, a meeting still needs to happen with the county commissioners.

New Business:

Properties on 16A,16B and 18 West Park Street were gone through, the white building (Unit 16B, 18) was condemned but the blue building (Unit 16A) was not. Casey stated that once condemned we can appropriate the property via immanent domain. There are several steps but if the owner is not cooperating with us, we will need to go through the steps in ORC:163 and then go through the court system which may take six months. Jennifer asked if it mattered if the owner of the property has a mortgage. We will look further into the process with Madison Brinkman.

Jennifer informed the Council that the health insurance was changed due to a large increase to cost. To save money for the Village and to also provided better coverage for the employees. We are also going to switch back to Craig Dress as our broker since he can handle all aspects for the health insurance. The next issue was increasing utility rent deposits and bank fees. Jennifer explained that we are only getting \$100 and right now the minimum payment is \$73.12 so we really are not getting what is due once fees and penalties are applied. The bank fees are \$10 and that's all we charge the customer. We will work on a draft ordinance for the next meeting. Looking at increasing the rent fee to \$250.00 and the returned payment fee to \$50.00. Casey also said we could also look into having a clause that states if you have three or more returned payments you will have to pay with cash or by credit card only.

A liquor license transfer was presented to the council for Ernst Service Center to transfer over to Keyan LLC. The council said a hearing request is not needed, to allow the transfer to happen.

Jennifer spoke on resident Ben Hoying's request to have his driveway stamped when replaced during the Elm Street project, because the current driveway is stamped. It was stated that when replaced it will be leveled and become ADA compliant, we will also be removing the retaining wall. Chad asked if the driveway could be changed to come straight out instead of the through the intersection. After discussion we are going to pay for the concrete to were we tear out and we are not paying for stamping and he will also get assessed for the sidewalks and curbs. Jennifer and a Choice One representative will meet with Ben on the project.

Christmas in the Canal: Jennifer said she will be emailing out to the Village distribution list; said we want to do the tree and Rapid development is willing to transport it for us. Sam asked if we could plant a tree instead of getting one every year. Jennifer said a planted tree will be in the way of other events that go on through the year.

Alley Vacation: Between Troy Benanzer and Brad Drees the Benanzer house is selling and asked to have the alley vacated.

Approve Pay App #2 – To Tom's Construction for the Park Street, Water & Roadway Improvements. Total due is \$258,857.65. Randy asked for a motion to approve this payment. Ryan Simon made the motion and Chris Boeke seconded the motion to approve and pay. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Jennifer presented the following three Ordinances accepting the Annexation of Certain Territory due to a date change to be effective July 1,2025.

Ordinance 2025-1195- Ordinance Accepting the Annexation of Certain Territory to the Village of Fort Loramie Containing 6.471 Acres, more or less, from McClean Township for Andrew and Holly Schafer.

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Ordinance 2025-1196- Ordinance Accepting the Annexation of Certain Territory to the Village of Fort Loramie Containing .954 Acres, more or less, from McClean Township for Dale and Sandy Schafer.

Ordinance 2025-1197- Ordinance Accepting the Annexation of Certain Territory to the Village of Fort Loramie Containing 5.00 Acres, more or less, from McClean Township for Schafer Oil Company.

Ryan Simon made the motion to accept and approve the said three Ordinances. Tim Siegel seconded the motion to accept and approve the said three Ordinances. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried

Executive Session: None

Final Comments:

Coffee with the commissioners will be on May 13,2025 at Morrie's Landing at 8am.

Next meeting will be May 19,2025 at 8:00pm due to Memorial Day.

Matt wanted to have someone follow up in regards to the retention pond to see if it got fixed yet. Jennifer said she will get it checked out.

Tisha just stated she was going to need the bank reconciliation signed.

Jennifer said she needed to get the three Ordinances signed.

Announcements:

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Chris Boeke, seconded by Sam Grassbaugh. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, and Ryan Simon, Aye Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned until May 19, 2025 at 8:00 P.M. at 14 Elm St., Fort Loramie OH.

Mr. Randy Ahlers, 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.