

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

## REGULAR SESSION

August 25, 2025

The Council of the Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 8:00 P.M. to 9:32 P.M. at 14 Elm St, Fort Loramie OH. Matt Hoying- President of Council called the meeting to order with the following members and guests present:

Mr. Randy Ahlers	Not Present	Mr. Chris Boeke	Present
Mr. Chad Wray	Present	Mr. Matt Hoying	Present
Mr. Ryan Simon	Present	Mr. Tim Siegel	Present
Mr. Sam Grassbaugh	Present		

**EMPLOYEES:** Jennifer Frilling, Nathan Brown (Police Chief), Tisha Wannemacher

**GUESTS:** Todd Garrett (Pioneer), Mitch Thobe (Choice One), Elizabeth & Dylan Timmerman (Boy Scouts)

**SOLICITOR:** Madison Brinkman

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Chris Boeke to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2025 meeting as presented. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bill:** A motion was made by Ryan Simon and seconded by Chris Boeke to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$142,104.08. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

**Excuse Absent Councilmen - None**

**Acceptance of Pay Ins:** A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Chris Boeke to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$218,108.19. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment -None**

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** The total income tax receipts for July 2025 were \$96,219.12 which was up from \$94,039.54 or up \$2,179.58 or up 2.3% from July 2024. As of August 22, 2025, the total income tax receipts for August are \$122,112.62 which is up \$6,994.15 or an increase of 6.1% from end of August 2024 with 5 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	\$1,238,373.64
Total Income Tax for 2024	<u>\$1,973,275.66</u>
	(\$734,902.02)

**Police & Safety:** No meeting this month. Matt asked if we can get signs that state the speed limit below it. Chief Brown and Jennifer said they will look into getting a sign ordered.

**Parks:** No meeting this month. There are two shade structures done and the other two shade structures are in the works to be completed. The shade structure set up is to be paid from the Redskin Park Fund. Update on the pickleball courts, Barrett was out to look at the issue there was a meeting with Kent from Shinn Brothers and CTL Engineering took samples taken to be analyzed. The results may take three weeks. It was said what it may possibly be is clay balls which are very small (microscopic) which are stuck under the paint causing moisture to be trapped making the pitting on the court. It was asked what the solution would be and who is responsible to pay for repair, A suggestion for repair is to wait a couple of years and scrape off the paint and redo the paint. The warranty was only

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good for twelve months on construction there are no warranties on the materials Updates to come as information is received. There are no fall softball/baseball, the baseball field repairs are to start September, October but will be playable if needed. Jennifer and Adam met with Kathy from DWA Recreation who presented two renderings on the Youth Park. Kathy is going to take her two renderings and combine them and represent. Jennifer said she will start looking for Grants to help offset the costs.

**Streets & Sanitation:** There was a meeting but nothing major to speak of.

**Planning:** No meeting this month- Weigandt- Weigandt's engineer and Cozad are to get all updates and modifications of final drawings to, Choice One for final approval. It was asked if the whole project was being done, to be done in two phases. The front area and the pond will be done first.

Rapid Development- Jennifer spoke to Jay today. Access Engineering is actively working on the final plans and drawings.

Chad asked if there were a different format than the mylar for final design. He was wanting to see if we can get electronic versions in the Village data base so we can measure points in the event of any lines going bad. Jennifer asked if we would have to get that program, Chad said we should be able to get a free view off the internet to just get measurements, it was said that we would have to upgrade our Adobe program from free to the next package to be able to have edit abilities to do create PDFs for this purpose.

### ***Old Business:***

**Ordinance NO. 2025-1198:** Third reading. An Ordinance amending Ordinance NO. 98-856 for the Village of Fort Loramie to increase the deposit rent fee and the return payment fee.

A motion was made by Chad Wray to approve and accept said Ordinance. Tim Siegel seconded the motion to approve and accept said Ordinance. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### ***New Business:***

**Resolution 2025-1025:** A Resolution Authorizing Village Administrator, Jennifer Frilling to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required.

A motion was made by Ryan Simon to approve and accept said Resolution. Chad Wray seconded the motion to approve and accept said Resolution. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2025-1026:** A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

A motion was made by Tim Siegel to approve and accept said Resolution. Sam Grassbaugh seconded the motion to approve and accept said Resolution. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2025-1200:** An Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium of Five Years on the Cultivation, Processing, and/or Retail Sale of Marijuana, as Defined in Ohio Revised Code Sections 3780.01 through 3780.99 within the Village of Fort Loramie and Declaring an Emergency.

A motion to accept Declaring an Emergency was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Ryan Simon. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh to approve and accept said Ordinance. Chris Boeke seconded the motion to approve and accept said Ordinance. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** At 7:30pm on Monday, September 22, 2025, just ahead of the next Council Meeting. Regarding Zoning Map Amendment. This is for what was the old Emmy's Bridal shop it was coded C1 but has sold and the Village is requesting to zone it to an R1 at no cost to new owner.

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Walnut Street repair options for 2026- Craig is reaching out to Miller Pipeline for camera film for the storm sewer on Walnut Street. Plans are to replace the waterlines and do a mill fill on the asphalt surface. It would not be a whole street reconstruction.

**Executive Session:** A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss VOFL personnel issues was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Ryan Simon.

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Chad Wray.

There was nothing to report for the Executive Session.

## **Final Comments:**

Madison Brinkman- no comment

Ryan Simon- no comment

Tim Siegel- no comment

Sam Grassbaugh: wanted to verify if the Weigandt plans will be submitted for whole project. -Mitch Thobe believes the plans are for the whole project. He also inquired on the sewer connection with Schafer Oil- Jennifer said she is still looking into things to make sure she obtains all the correct information in regards to tapping into the force main and not doing a gravity line. At this time all the equipment is installed but not connected to the flow line yet.

Chad Wray: Said he noticed that there were some trees dying at the Redskin Park- Jennifer said that there are two ladies coming from ODNr to go to the park to look at getting new trees. That meeting is being held August 26, 2025. Matt Hoying brought up that there are some trees that need replaced at canal Park also.

Tisha Wannemacher just asked to get signatures on minutes, bank reconciliations, Resolutions and Ordinance from tonight's meeting

Jennifer Frilling: Said she will be going to some trainings. Also wanted to make sure all Council members seen that the Electric aggregation was locked in on August 15<sup>th</sup> with Dynegy at a rate of \$0.0908/kWh (previously \$0.0718). This will be for a term of 29 months running from December 2025 to May 2028. More information to come on this. Once we are provided with a Press Release, we will publish, like we have in the past. The gas aggregation is still in the works. She said ODOT will be doing a Traffic Study so there will be the counters going across some roads in the weeks to come There was a pre-bid meeting today for the German Heritage Days Plaza, bid opening will be September 10, 2025. It was asked if they have reduced the project down that they could fund, Jennifer said the estimate came in below what the expectations were (\$750,000.00) and they did get a grant for \$710,000.

Tim Siegel: Said he spoke with Tyler Shuster in regards to increasing our rates on sewer. It was said that the contract we have with the Sewer District may need to be reviewed and see about making revisions. Chad Wray one thing he would like to get added would be a safe guard on sewer back-ups.

## **Announcements:**

German Heritage Days will be September 26 and 27, 2025

Trick - or - Treat will be October 30, 2025 from 6:30pm until 8:00pm


## **Adjournment**

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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 September 22, 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.