

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE REGULAR SESSION

January 27, 2025

The Council of the Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 8:00 P.M. to 8:55 P.M. at 14 Elm St, Fort Loramie OH. Mayor Ahlers called the meeting to order with the following members and guests present:

Mr. Randy Ahlers	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 & Nate Brown

GUESTS: Todd Garrett with Pioneer Electric & Mitch Thobe with Choice One Engineering

SOLICITOR: Madison Brinkman

Election of President of Council

Sam Grassbaugh made a motion to nominate Matt Hoying as President of Council. Motion to close votes and elect Matt Hoying as President. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ryan Simon and seconded by Chris Boeke to accept the minutes of the December 2024 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 Tim Siegel to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$254,352.21. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Ryan Simon to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$316,445.27. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: The total income tax receipts for December 2024 were \$207,998.82 which is up \$97,348.92 or 88% from December 2023. As of January 24, 2025, the total income tax receipts for January are \$110,822.06 which is down \$145,116.48 or 57% from end of January 2024 with 5 days of collections remaining.

Total 2024 income tax received was \$1,973,276.

Police & Safety: No meeting this month. Chief Nate Brown went over the call report for 2024. Jack Baker has expressed interest in joining the Fort Loramie Police department for an undefined period of time. Nate is interested and would like to offer him \$30/hour. He will flex his time and work evenings/nights/weekends.

Parks: No meeting this month. Jenny advised that Adam Schmiesing took her out and around the parks bringing her up to speed on where things are at with the Youth Park & Redskin Memorial Park. He's going to be getting some additional quotes on some shade structures, Adam has gone and viewed those structures at Four Seasons Park in Minster. Adam explained the upgrade of a couple of the diamonds at RMP by the Mercer Group this fall. The parks advisory board has already committed RMP Funds to pay for the northeast diamond & the Village was going to pay for the northwest diamond. Per Ryan Simon the Youth Organization just met and have funds they need to spend and they are interested in paying for the upgrade of the northwest diamond. Chad Schulze is President of the Youth Organization. Ryan also mentioned to upgrade the drinking fountains at the park to those with bottle fillers. Mark Shappie had already applied for a grant to replace 3 water fountains at our parks. We will keep Council and Ryan, on behalf of the Youth Organization, in the loop as to whether or not we get that grant. The Youth Organization is looking to spend around \$15K this year. Chad Wray asked to schedule a meeting with the Parks Committee & Youth Organization to discuss our parks. Also, find out where we stand with the grant. Additionally, Adam would

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like to see the Youth Park playground equipment replaced in the next 2-3 years and has asked Jenny to research for any available grant funding. He would also like to shrink the playground area just a bit.

Streets & Sanitation: No meeting this month, nothing to report. Mitch Thobe summarized all the open projects within the Village.....South Main Street water extension, Industrial Park expansion (contingent on funding but ready to bid whenever), Elm Street – currently working on design so that’s moving along, will want to advertise for bids in May/June timeframe. Park Street – Tom’s Construction envisioning getting started on that in the next couple of weeks (most probably 4-6 weeks).

Park Street – Change Order #1

Mailboxes will be in clusters (4 mailboxes per post, max of 8 mailboxes per cluster). The mailboxes will still be in the curb but the sidewalks will “bump out” on the backside to allow for the wider sidewalk and easier walking for pedestrians utilizing the sidewalks. Mailboxes will match what is on Main Street. Since the Village is removing the existing mailboxes they will be replaced by the Village this one time. Second thing that was added after the initial project write up was adding a storm outlet on the Village’s property at Main Street & East Park Street. A motion was made by Ryan Simon and seconded by Sam Grassbaugh to approve Park Street Change Order #1 as presented in the amount of \$51,611.79. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Planning: No meeting this month, nothing to report.

Old Business

Consider Resolution 2024-1020, A Resolution Approving the Annual Wage Increase & Bonuses for Village Employees

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Chad Wray to approve Resolution No. 2024-1020. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye, Ryan Simon, aye. Motion carried.

Consider Ordinance 2024-1191, Third Reading, An Ordinance Adopting Occupancy Restrictions for the Village of Fort Loramie’s Zoning Code

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Ryan Simon to approve Ordinance No. 2024-1191. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye, Ryan Simon, aye. Motion carried.

Apartments at 16A, 16B & 18 West Main Street

Village Solicitor, Madison Brinkman, spoke briefly that they sent a certified letter to the owner, Ryan Smith, in early December. It was attempted to be delivered to him on December 18th & 23rd. When they mailed it certified they sent it regular mail as well. Giving him time to get the letter by regular mail and the 30 days that we have to allow him to fix everything before we abate, we are looking at that 30-day window being up sometime this week. Moving forward from there we have the ability to abate anything on the outside that was put in the letter, we also have the ability to go into the units with the health department and if there are things inside that violate our code we could send him an additional letter and advise he has 30 days to fix those problems or we could work with the Health Department to get it condemned, depending on exactly what it looks like on the inside. Once we abate, we have the ability to access everything on the property taxes so if the property every sells or is foreclosed upon we would have a lien on the property.

New Business

Approved Board and Committees for 2025, no changes.

Meeting Dates for 2025

January 27, 2025	July 28, 2025
February 24, 2025 (Randy absent)	August 25, 2025
March 17, 2025	September 22, 2025
April 28, 2025	October 27, 2025
May 19, 2025	November 24, 2025
June 23, 2025 (Jenny absent)	December 22, 2025

Consider Ordinance 2025-1193, An Ordinance Appointing Tisha Wannemacher as Fiscal Officer & Permitting Her Residence Outside of the Village & Declaring an Emergency

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A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh, seconded by Tim Siegel to declare this an emergency and suspend the three readings. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye, Ryan Simon, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Chad Wray to approve Ordinance No. 2025-1193. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye, Ryan Simon, aye. Motion carried.

Final Comments:

Matt Hoying noted that there is a road sign bent at the corner of Greenback and South Main Street. He asked if we could get the Utility Department to fix soon.

Mitch Thobe touched base on the Annexation of Schafer Oil, Dale & Sandy Schafer and Holly & Andy Schafer. All the necessary paperwork is complete and in the process of moving thru.

Matt Hoying brought up the Shelby County Sewer District and following up with them on raising the amount that we receive back per month, per user, currently that is \$5.

Announcements:

- Brad Schulze retired as Fire Chief effective 12/31/24, Craig Bergman is the new Fire Chief effective 01/01/25.
- Tisha Wannemacher's start date is February 3, 2025.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned until February 24, 2025 at 8:00 P.M. at 14 Elm St., Fort Loramie OH.

Mr. Randy Ahlers, Mayor

Jennifer Frilling, Village Administrator

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.