

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 24, 2024

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The Council of the Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 8:00 P.M. to 8:45 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: Mark Shappie, Jennifer Frilling & Nate Brown

GUESTS: Todd Garrett with Pioneer Electric & residents Randy Otting, Ed Westerheide & Diana Westerheide

SOLICITOR: Bill Zimmerman Jr.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Chad Wray to accept the minutes of the May 2024 meeting as presented. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh seconded by Chris Boeke to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$142,687.69. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Sam Grassbaugh to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$230,739.67. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: No meeting this past month. The total income tax receipts for May 2024 were \$125,097.18 which is up \$19,709.69 or 15% from May 2023. As of June 21, 2024, the total income tax receipts for June are \$151,355.79 which is up \$43,263.05 or 60% from end of June 2023 with 6 days of collections remaining. Total income tax receipt so far year-to-date is \$1,152,899.

Police & Safety: No meeting this month, nothing to report.

Parks: Meeting held on June 13, 2024. Those in attendance were the park committee and those on the initial Redskin Memorial Park fundraising committee. Most of the discussion revolved around the upcoming Open House and Appreciation Party to be held at the pavilion on August 25, 2024. Other discussion occurred about additional items that would be beneficial to the parks. Some of those items include the lighting of the 2nd diamond, which is in the works. The playground equipment at the Youth Park is getting worn. Mark is aware of a grant that he plans to apply for that could potentially help with the expense of that playground equipment replacement. Sam Grassbaugh expressed concern over tabling the shade structures over the bleachers of each diamond at Redskin Park. Mark Shappie explained that the shade structures were primarily talked about to help ward off foul balls. Since the fencing around the diamonds have been extended this has made the foul ball issue a non-issue so the shade structures have been put on hold. It's not to say that the shade structures will never be done but the main reason for their initial discussion and possible installation was the foul ball situations. Once the lighting of the second diamond is complete and those expenses are paid the committee can take a look at what funds remain and possibly discuss the shade structures further. Sam also expressed concern regarding the sound of the speakers, Ryan Simon agreed. May need to have Superior Sound take a look at them or the sound system in general. Sam wanted to make

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sure that Mark or Adam were aware that there is quite a bit of rust on the bottom of the large pavilion garage doors. Mark advised they are aware and are looking to possibly put a thin piece of rubber on the bottom of both doors.

Streets & Sanitation: No meeting this month, nothing to report.

Planning: No meeting this month, nothing to report.

Public Comment:

Randy Otting was in attendance for the Park Street project. Curious as to when it will begin, when it will be completed, were the bids approved? Mark advised that the begin timeframe is March of 2025 and the project will be completed by the end of May 2025. Mark advised that the prices came in really good, concrete was much lower than expected for the sidewalks & curbs. Mark advised that the Village is still looking at options for mailboxes. The idea of community mailboxes has been tossed aside. Everyone will have their own, it's just how that's going to work exactly. May be a thing where there are 6 mailboxes grouped together on 1 pole. Mr Otting asked when Park Street would be paved, Mark stated that the trenches will be paved when the project is complete and that the State of Ohio will be coming thru and paving the entire roadway in 2026.

Diana Westerheide was inquiring as to when Elm Street would be starting in 2025. Mark advised that the earliest that project could start would be July of 2025, so probably August timeframe. Diana wanted to confirm that the mailboxes would be on the north side of the street. She also asked if the utilities were going to be buried and the utility poles removed. Mr. Shappie said that they looked into that but as of now they are not. The hope is to add our own street lights if feasible, but the utility poles would remain at this time. Diana inquired about the trees located next to the sidewalks and what the plan was for those. Mark advised that those have not been looked at yet. Diana asked about storm water, Mark advised that there will be a tap provided out front for each resident but that they can remain hooked up as they are currently. Lastly Diana asked about the lighting of the additional diamond at Redskin Memorial Park, she asked if we considered doing the varsity softball diamond and even the varsity baseball diamond. Randy & Council advised her that those diamonds are owned & operated by Fort Loramie Schools. Diana also asked about the paving of Elm Street, Mark advised that the trenches will be paved when the project is complete and that he's working on the State of Ohio to see if he can get them in a year earlier than planned to pave the entire roadway.

Old Business

Marijuana & Smoking in the parks

After a discussion it was decided to not do anything at this time about smoking in our parks. The topic has been tabled until any issue arises. If/when that time comes we will revisit the topic and act on it at that time.

The question was raised about an individual sleeping in the park. If the individual is there before or after park hours he can be asked to move on. Council asked if there was any way to get this individual some help/assistance. Nate advised that he's tried for years. Until he commits some kind of criminal act there isn't really anything that can be done.

Employee Handbook

Consider Ordinance 2024-1188, An Ordinance to Adopt the Amended Village of Fort Loramie's Employee Handbook

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Ryan Simon to approve Ordinance No. 2024-1188. 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.

New Business

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Bike Path

The Village of Minster has been speaking to the Village of Fort Loramie about completing a bike path. Currently the Village of Minster wants to get some engineering done to begin that project, that engineering totaling around \$34,000. The parks committee decided that they would pay for Fort Loramie's ½ of that engineering out of the Youth Park fund. The parks committee believes that the bike path would be a huge benefit to both the Village of Fort Loramie and the Village of Minster.

AC/Heat in the Pavilion

Logan Services came thru last week and replaced both units in the pavilion with new units.

Select-Arc – unlimited area requirement (Fire Lane)

They are putting an addition on, and they are needing to use part of our property for a fire lane. All that takes is a written letter from the Village stating that we approve that. Tim Siegel made a motion to approve their request and to draft the letter needed, Chris Boeke seconded the motion. All of council were in favor, motion passed.

Loramie Creek & Indian Trail

Buehler Asphalt is scheduled to come in and begin grinding the third week of July, so the week of July 21st. After grinding they will put down the chip-n-seal, drive on it a week and then the following week they'll apply the asphalt pavement. Matt Hoying inquired about the sealcoating & striping of the parking lots in town, that's Taylor Painting out of Celina. That is set to happen sometime after Country Concert and before German Heritage Days. They are doing all of the Village parking lots except the Youth Park lot off of Herman Street as that was just completed.

Police coverage in Township

Nate & Randy attended McLean Township's last meeting regarding police coverage in the Township. Currently McLean pays the Village \$11,000 annually for police coverage, Nate & Randy advised that they would have to pay \$30,000 annually starting soon. That is 10% of the department's current expenses, their area accounts for half the call volume and the bulk of the departments time. They have a meeting coming up this Wednesday & Nate's hoping to hear something on Thursday or Friday. Effective July 1st the Village has terminated their contract with the County Sheriff's office for coverage.

Final Comments:

Tony Bornhorst is retiring and there is a reception at the Annex Building on Thursday afternoon from 1:00pm-3:30pm.

Announcements

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Tim Siegel, seconded by Ryan Simon. 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 June 24, 2024 at 8:45 P.M. at 14 Elm St., Fort Loramie OH.

Mr. Randy Ahlers, Mayor

Mark Shappie, Village Administrator

Jennifer Frilling, 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.