

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 22, 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	Absent
Mr. Ryan Simon	Absent	Mr. Tim Siegel	Present
Mr. Sam Grassbaugh	Present		

EMPLOYEES: Mark Shappie & Jennifer Frilling

GUESTS: Todd Garrett with Pioneer Electric & Chance Hageman

SOLICITOR: Bill Zimmerman Jr.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Sam Grassbaugh to accept the minutes of the June 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 Matt Hoying to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$109,613.70. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Tim Siegel to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$273,943.62. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Excuse Absent Members

A motion was made by Chad Wray and seconded by Matt Hoying to excuse Councilmen Ryan Simon & Chris Boeke from the meeting. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: No meeting this past month. The total income tax receipts for June 2024 were \$175,488.04 which is up \$81,233.56 or 86% from June 2023. As of July 19, 2024, the total income tax receipts for July are \$66,234.34 which is down \$54,128.07 or 45% from end of July 2024 with 9 days of collections remaining. Total income tax receipt so far year-to-date is \$1,243,265.62, total income tax for year to date in 2023 was \$1,004,521. Currently we are up \$238,744 over 2023 YTD.

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

Parks: No meeting this month. Next meeting is coming up on August 5th at 8pm at the Pavilion. This meeting is to finalize plans for the upcoming Donor Appreciation Party.

Streets & Sanitation: No meeting this month. Mark advised the guys poured a few new curbs on Indian Trail & Loramie Creek & fixed a suck hole in the street. That area is all ready for paving at any time.

Planning: No meeting this month, nothing to report.

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Old Business

2025 Projects – Awarded Grants

- Park Street water line – project pushed back until March of 2025 timeframe.
- Industrial Park expansion – awarded \$724,000 grant so moving forward with that. Currently working on the design, looking to begin that in Spring of 2025.
- Minster/Fort Loramie bike trail - feasibility study came in at \$38,900, we did receive \$100,000 grant that can be used towards that leaving \$61,100 that can be used towards design.
- Working on the annexation south of the Village.

New Business

Eagle Scout Project – Canal Park

Chance Hageman was in attendance to propose an Eagle Scout Project that he'd like to complete in Canal Park. He would like to place history signs pertaining to Peter Loramie along the sidewalks between the gazebo & log cabin, he believes it's important for locals to know the history. He's receiving donations and funding from local organizations. The project came in at an estimated \$3,000. He'd like to start work on the project at the end of August, beginning of September and have completed sometime the beginning of October. Council agreed to let Chance proceed with the project. Mr. Shappie signed off on his required documentation to proceed.

Purchase F-550 Dump Truck

The GMC truck is having issues again. That was on the schedule to replace this year as we had budgeted \$110,000 for that replacement. Looking at the state bid program it would be 14-16 months until we'd have a truck in our possession. Mark has a couple prices of new 2023 models & one 2024 that are currently sitting on lots. He believes that we need to consider a truck sitting on the lot so we can get it soon. The Village would also need to purchase a new plow, which would be around \$10,000, all-in-all we should be under the budgeted \$110,000. The Village would then sell the current GMC. Tim Siegel made a motion to proceed with the purchase, Sam Grassbaugh seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor of the purchase. Motion passed.

Industrial Park Engineering

Mark is asking for approval to proceed having Choice One begin the Industrial Park Engineering. This proposal came in at \$44,540. Matt Hoying made a motion to proceed with the engineering of the Industrial Park expansion, Chad Wray seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Gazebo Party on Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 2pm-8pm.
- Redskin Memorial Park Donor Appreciation Party & Open House on Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 2pm-4pm

More on Year 2025

Big year of spending ahead. Mark inquired with council if they wanted him to proceed with the Youth Park playground renovation if we'd apply & get that grant. Do we want to spend \$500,000 on that if we get that grant? Elm Street is a huge project that we will be paying a lot for. 2025 is best time for Elm Street since the state will be coming thru in 2026 to pave. Matt Hoying feels that the playground is a want versus Elm Street is a need. After discussion council agreed to forgo the youth park playground renovation in 2025 & concentrate on that in a future year.

The German Heritages Days received a grant for their 2 new plazas & will run thru the Village budget in 2025 as a receipt & an expense. A couple concerns with the Village involvement is that the GHD committee doesn't overspend on the project & that we don't have anyone on their committee to provide oversight & input. Freytag will begin the engineering of the project

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and that will be paid for by the German Heritage Days committee and the fund they started at the Shelby County Community Foundation. Randy stated that if anyone is interested in being on that committee for the new plazas with German Heritage days to please let him or Mark know.

Final Comments:

Sam Grassbaugh visited the Russia park over this past weekend and thought that the Storybook walk that is thru their park was really neat and wondered if that's something that could be incorporated at Redskin Memorial Park. Mark spoke and stated that the lady in charge of those from the library had actually just reached out to him and wanted to present a proposal for our park & intends on attending the August meeting.

Bill Zimmerman asked Mark to get him a copy of the exterior maintenance code in regards to the code violations on West Main Street. Mark will send them over to him. The landowner, Ryan Smith, was sent an invoice for June 2024 via certified mail with return receipt and he has not signed for it. Soon he will be receiving an invoice for July 2024.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned until August 26, 2024 at 8:00 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.