

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 26, 2024

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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. 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: Kelsie Smith & Ashley Meyer

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 July 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 Ryan Simon to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$188,876.31. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Chris Boeke to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$201,214.12. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: No meeting this past month. The total income tax receipts for July 2024 were \$94,039.54 which is down \$26,322.87 or 22% from July 2023. As of August 21, 2024, the total income tax receipts for August are \$75,196.11 which is down \$17,883.71 or 19% from end of August 2023 with 9 days of collections remaining. Total income tax receipt so far year-to-date is \$1,346,266.93, total income tax for year to date in 2023 was \$1,124,883. Currently we are up \$238,744 over 2023 YTD. We begin scheduling budget meetings at the September meeting.

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

Parks: No meeting this month. Held the Donor Appreciation Party for Redskin Memorial Park on August 25th. Mark advised the lights are going up on the additional diamond at RMP, that will continue over the next couple of weeks at least. Mark met with the Mercer Group to re-do the northeast diamond, the Redskin Park Committee will potentially help pay for this.

Streets & Sanitation: No meeting this month. Mark advised that we are currently down 1 pump at the lift station, parts are on order. Indian Trail & Loramie Creek roadwork should begin the week of September 16th.

Planning: No meeting this month, nothing to report. Nothing new on the Weigandt subdivision.

Old Business

No new information on the potential Eagle Scout project in Canal Park presented by Chance Hageman

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New Business

Story Walk

Rebecca Wood had planned to attend to talk about installing a story walk in Redskin Memorial Park. She had a conflict and couldn't make it. Council received an email within the month talking about the project. This would be something the town would fund and it would be in the neighborhood of \$6,000. The library provides the books and manages swapping them. Mark will get in touch with Rebecca Wood to set up a time for her to present to the Park Committee.

Consider Resolution 2024-1018, A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare & submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) & to execute contracts as required.

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Tim Siegel to approve Resolution No. 2024-1018. 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.

Approve plat for Schafer properties

The plat totals 12.431 acres which will be zoned Commercial where Schafer Oil is located and Agricultural for the remaining area. Ryan Simon made a motion to accept the plat, Tim Siegel seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor of the plat. Motion passed.

Plow, Spreader & Lights approval for new truck

K.E. Rose quote for \$17,825.00 and Kalida truck came in at \$22,400.00. Mark is asking for approval to make the purchases. Chris Boeke made a motion to approve the purchase of the equipment as quoted, Chad Wray seconded the motion. All in attendance were in favor of the purchase. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Kelsie Smith & Ashley Meyer were present to discuss a splash pad. It had been brought up a few years ago and they want to revisit the idea. Since it was last brought up in 2022 a few other area communities have installed such splash pads and they believe that it would be a nice benefit to the community of Fort Loramie. No preference as far as Youth Park or Redskin Memorial Park. Discussion included costs of surrounding splash pads, approximate amount of water that these other splash pads are using daily, do we have the excess water capacity to successfully run one, etc. Mark believes the first thing we need to get is ballpark cost & approximate size, then decide if this is a project that is pushed out to the public for a fundraising opportunity. Also, how much funds would the Village be contributing, if any. Kelsie asked if there are any type of Grant opportunities available for splash pads. Mark believes that there are opportunities out there. Sam Grassbaugh believes that it would be worth a conversation with the RMP Board and park committee & see if they are willing to pursue this & also if the community is interested in this type of fundraiser among the others currently going on (GHD plazas). Mark will set up a park committee meeting and see if there is interest, he will also attempt to get some budget numbers from area splash pads.

Final Comments:

Chad Wray asked if the Village, Rescue Squad or Fire Department has any kind of program set up for anyone involved in a traumatic accident to seek counseling. The Rescue Squad would have resources to refer individuals to in this type of circumstance.

Bill Zimmerman asked for any follow-up on the Ryan Smith properties. All certified letters are on their way back to us. Bill has done some further research on this, there are a few different avenues that we can travel if/when that time comes.

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Announcements:

- German Heritage Days: September 20 & 21
- Trick-or-Treat: October 31, 2024 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Executive Session

A motion was made by Tim Siegel, seconded by Chad Wray to go into executive session to discuss land purchase. 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. Those present in executive session were Chad Wray, Chris Boeke, Matt Hoying, Sam Grassbaugh, Tim Siegel, Ryan Simon, Mark Shappie & Randy Ahlers.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Matt Hoying seconded by Sam Grassbaugh. All were in favor.

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Chris Boeke, seconded by Chad Wray. 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 September 23, 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.