

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 23, 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: Todd Garrett with Pioneer Electric, Mitch Thobe with Choice One Engineering, Kelsie Smith & Tyler Magoto

SOLICITOR: Bill Zimmerman Jr.

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Matt Hoying seconded by Ryan Simon to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$245,925.88. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Chris Boeke to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$1,030,183.99. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: The total income tax receipts for August 2024 were \$115,118.47 which is up \$22,038.65 or 24% from August 2023. As of September 20, 2024, the total income tax receipts for September are \$100,264.89 which is down \$23,766.39 or 19% from end of September 2023 with 7 days of collections remaining. Total income tax receipt so far year-to-date is \$1,486,352.96. Sam advised we need to schedule our first of 3 – 2025 budget meetings. After a brief discussion it was decided to hold that 1st meeting on October 28th at 7pm.

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

Parks: No meeting this month. Mark advised a parks committee meeting needs scheduled for some time in October. Diamond lights are up & working on the 2nd diamond at Redskin Memorial Park.

Streets & Sanitation: No meeting this month. Mark advised that Buehler Asphalt will begin their work on Indian Trail & Loramie Creek on September 26th and wrap up on or before October 4th.

Planning: One meeting held this month regarding the Schafer Market property. Schafer's want to add a secondary primary structure on their property. They are wanting to build a store-n-lock primarily for campers, RV's & boats. Planning commission recommended that the secondary primary structure be allowed on the property. After discussion Ryan Simon made a motion to approve Schafer's request and allow the secondary primary structure on their property. Sam Grassbaugh seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

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Old Business

German Heritage Days – Choice One contract for plazas

Since all the funding is filtering through the Village we will need to approve the agreement with Choice One. The funds are coming out of their grants/funds received. Matt Hoying made a motion to accept the agreement with Choice One, Ryan Simon seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

RMP diamond lights – Ruhenkamp Boring & Trenching donation

Ruhenkamp Boring & Trenching donated \$3,386.88 in time & materials for the installation & ground work of the new diamond lights. Please be sure to thank them.

Design of Bike Trail

The grant that was received for the bike trail cannot be used to pay for the contract agreement with Choice One Engineering. That contract amount is \$38,000 and will be split with the Village of Minster. So our portion would be \$19,000. Sam Grassbaugh made a motion to allot \$19,000 for our portion of the contract agreement, Chris Boeke seconded the motion. All present were in favor, motion passed.

New Business

Electric at the Youth Park

The Liberty Days committee is looking to possibly move the carnival worker campers from where they keep them currently to behind the homes on East Park Street, in the park. If this idea happens they need to extend the electric and rework that electric a bit. The quote to do this came in at \$4,884, of which they are asking the village to pay for. Also, the ride company that was here in 2024 will not be back in 2025 due to another commitment, so not sure how this will now effect wanting different electric. More to come at a future meeting.

Occupancy Limits

If it can legally be done does the Village want to put occupancy limits are our housing structures? Council would like to proceed with this and asked Bill to get something written up for review.

Natural Gas Aggregation

The current Village aggregation contract ends in October. The earliest that a new contract can be secured will be in December. The Village will be on Standard Choice rate with the hopes of having a new contract signed in December or before.

Utility Billing

Issues with September utility bills getting delivered via the US Mail on time this month. Please, if anyone inquires about this, ask them to consider signing up for email billing. Jenny did visit with the post office and they requested that the address be moved up 1.5 lines. I spoke with the programmer on our utility billing system and we were able to make that happen so hopefully this will eliminate any delays going forward.

Consider Resolution 2024-1019, 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 Matt Hoying and seconded by Chad Wray to approve Resolution No. 2024-1019. 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.

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Grant for Industrial Park - \$196,000

Received thru the Land Bank to complete a Phase II environmental on the old Ace Schafer farm. What this will do give the property a clean bill of health and that its great to build on. This is required to be done since there is an underground fuel tank out there.

Christmas Light Pole lights:

Adam Schmiesing would like the Village to purchase lighted snowflakes that mount on the light poles in & North Main Street along Canal Park. These are approximately \$600 each, so around \$7,000-\$8,000 total. After some discussion, Ryan Simon made a motion to approve the purchase of the snowflake lights, Sam Grassbaugh seconded the motion. All in attendance approved, motion passed.

Public Comments:

Tyler Magoto was here in support of Kelsie Smith regarding the splash pad request. He also was asking about the land behind his residence selling and where things were at with that. Currently the village is unaware of any information. Mark has nothing new in regards to the splash pad request. Kelsie is also on the Liberty Days committee and is aware of the committee looking to rework some of the electrical at the Youth Park and so if that's the case to be aware of the big picture in case the splash pad was established at that location or area. Mark advised that once that park committee meeting gets scheduled his keep Kelsie in the loop and hopefully it would work within her schedule to attend. Mark will reach out to Village of Anna & Russia and get some flow information from them in hopes of helping us to determine daily/monthly/annual costs.

Final Comments:

Ryan Simon asked if there's an address for Redskin Memorial Park. It is 605 East Park Street, Fort Loramie, OH 45845.

Tim Siegel asked Nate Brown about EBike laws.

Matt Hoying asked about golf carts, gators, 4-wheelers, side by sides...do we enforce license plates on those vehicles. Nate advised that golf carts are to be inspected and can be deemed street legal, off road vehicles require a plate for identification, to obey traffic laws & the operator to have a valid driver's license. Matt sees many with no license plates every day.

Sam Grassbaugh will be unavailable to attend the meetings on October 28th. He asked to be excused.

Announcements:

- Trick-or-Treat: October 31, 2024 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm

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, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye, Ryan Simon, aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned until October 28, 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

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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.