

# COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

## REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 24, 2022

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The Council of the Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 8:00 P.M. to 9:24 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, Nick Zircher & Bob Eilerman

**SOLICITOR:** Bill Zimmerman Jr.

### Public Hearing - Comments

Nick Zircher spoke first, had some questions about reasoning on some of the proposed rules. Limiting of the size was his first concern by kilowatt versus square footage. Location/placement of solar panels was another concern of Nick's. South facing is the best possible scenerio for solar panels, the way proposal is written probably 25% of Village residents wouldn't be able to install solar panels then. Bob Eilerman spoke and agreed with Nick. Both gentleman stated that they don't mind roof mounted systems facing south & agree that no ground mounted systems should be in any front yard. What makes a solar system install asthetically pleasing? Who decides or approves that? An additional concern was the height restrictions set forth. Nick explained some various reasoning on why that potentially needs revised. Inspections.....who performs them, who pays for them & the reasoning behind them? Nick was concerned that any ground mounting system must be contained within a fence, why? Mark explained that it's for safety. All in attendance did agree that no ground mounted system should be allowed to be installed in any front yard. Bob Eilerman spoke briefly, he was concerned about a corner lot with front & side yards...he expressed concern to not allow ground mounted systems in the side yards as well.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Matt Hoying to accept the minutes of the September 2022 meeting as presented. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Ryan Simon seconded by Sam Grassbaugh to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$80,750.91. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

### Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Chris Boeke to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$212,723.99. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** The total income tax receipts for September were \$117,845.70 which is up \$34,147.32 or 41% from September of 2021. As of October 21, 2022, the total income tax receipts for October are \$105,543.42 which is down \$3,738.19 or a decrease of 3.5% from the end of October 2021 with 10 days of collections remaining. Total YTD receipts through October 21<sup>st</sup> are \$1,314,179.39 which is up \$198,857.25 or 15.2% from the end of October 2021 with 10 days of collection remaining.

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Sam advised that prior to this meeting the finance committee & council held the 2<sup>nd</sup> round budget review. The third budget meeting will be held on November 21, 2022 at 7pm.

**Police & Safety:** No meeting this month, nothing to report. Nate asked if the committee would like to hold a meeting regarding hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> full-time guy and a camera system. Matt Hoying advised that hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> full-time guy was a go. Nate will draft up information on the cameras and send to the committee for discussion.

**Parks:** No meeting this month, nothing new to report. Mark advised that we are moving along with the Youth Park work as planned.

**Streets & Sanitation:** No meeting this month, nothing new to report. The final part of the Storm Sewer project is behind a couple weeks, detour signs will probably go up in a few weeks. Mark estimates a couple day shut down for State Route 66, it's in the contract that they must leave one lane open at all times for emergency (Police, Fire & Rescue) vehicles to get thru.

**Planning:** No meeting this month, nothing new to report.

### Old Business

#### **Transfer of Lot to KARRS**

Bill Zimmerman Jr. advised that the paperwork is complete for the lot swap and he will make sure it gets sent over tomorrow.

#### **Ordinance 2022-1173 (Second Reading) - An Ordinance Regulating Mobile Food Service Operations**

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Chris Boeke that council adopt an ordinance regulating the use of mobile food service within the Village. 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.

#### **Solar Panel Zoning Code – Public Hearing October Council**

Mark stated that Nick showed some justification of some potential changes to make to the proposed Zoning Code, or we could leave as is. Council agrees that roof mounted systems are not the issue, they feel they can be installed on any side of the houses roof & be any size, it's the ground mounted systems that are of the most concern for aesthetic and safety reasons.

#### **RMP Donor List**

Discussing getting donor plaques for Eric & Ashley Pleiman, Gail Siegel & Ann Rethman for their contributions to Redskin Memorial Park. Chad Wray made a motion to get plaques and place at the GOLD level for all. Chris Boeke seconded the motion. 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. Jenny will get the ball rolling on getting those ordered.

### New Business

#### **Set Date for the November meeting**

It was discussed to move the November meeting from November 28<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm. After a brief discussion Council were all in agreement to move the meeting date in November. As an additional reminder the December meeting will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

#### **Remove old accounts off of utility billing software**

There are some utility accounts that have carried a balance prior to my start date of 9/30/19. We transferred them over to our new utility software in 2020. We are not going to be able to collect these given prior circumstances and not knowing if the

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resident or tenant truly owed the balance. We need to adjust the accounts down to zero as they aren't collectible any longer. Council was in favor of getting these cleared up prior to end of year 2022.

### **Motion to approve appropriation modifications**

Mark Shappie stated that we need \$18,000 in the water department, \$2,500 in the utility department, \$2,000 in the general park fund for electric and \$1,000 in trash & recycling. A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Tim Siegel to make the necessary appropriation modifications. 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.

### **Ordinance 2022-1174 (1st Reading) – An ordinance Amending the Sanitary Sewer Rates as Amended in ordinance No. 2016-1132**

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and 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.

### **Ordinance 2022-1175 (2nd Reading) – An ordinance Amending the Water Rates as Amended in ordinance No. 2018-1131**

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and 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.

### **Variance Hearing for Dan Braun on October 26th**

#### **Announcements**

Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

#### **Final Comments**

Chad Wray recognized the solar panel issue, he wonders if there are any concern for wind power. Mark advised that an accessory use cannot be taller than 18 feet.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Chad Wray, seconded by Matt Hoying to go into executive session to discuss employee wages. 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, & Randy Ahlers.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Chad Wray, 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 Ryan Simon. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Tim Siegel, aye, Matt Hoying, aye & Ryan Simon, aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned until November 21, 2022 at 8:00 P.M. at 14 Elm St., Fort Loramie OH.

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Mr. Randy Ahlers, Mayor

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Mark Shappie, Village Administrator

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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.