

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 22, 2023

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The Council of the Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 8:00 P.M. to 8:29 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	Absent	Mr. Tim Siegel	Present
Mr. Sam Grassbaugh	Present		

EMPLOYEES: Mark Shappie & Jennifer Frilling

GUESTS: Todd Garrett with Pioneer Electric & Ashton Calcut (Boy Scout)

SOLICITOR: William Zimmerman Jr.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Chris Boeke to accept the minutes of the April 2023 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 Chad Wray to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$93,444.32. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Chris Boeke and seconded by Tim Siegel to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$453,924.27. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: The total income tax receipts for April 2023 were \$365,811.16, which was up \$165,317.75 or 55% from April of 2022. As of May 19, 2023. The total income tax receipts for May are \$73,101.69 which is down \$31,878.57 or a decrease of 30% from the end of May 2022 with 7 days of collections remaining. The budgeted amount for the 2nd quarter of 2023 is \$331,250.00.

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

Parks: Parks committee did participate in a walk-thru of the town parks a couple weeks ago. Concession stand & shelter house at the Youth Park are all wrapped & complete. The horseshoe pits have been removed, may be a good place to put in a sand volleyball court? Some of the playground equipment at the youth park is getting worn down. Mark is looking in to applying for an available grant coming up on June 1, 2023 for playground equipment replacement. Mark advises that we are still on track for August 1st to begin tearing out the tennis courts. Sam Grassbaugh asked if there was any discussion during the walk thru about suggestions & order of importance for any major projects yet at Redskin Memorial Park. Chad Wray believes the big-ticket items that have been up for discussion are lighting of another diamond & foul ball protection. Mark does have a fence company from Sidney coming out to take a look at the foul ball issue & give us some options or ideas.

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

Planning: A meeting was held this last month. Nothing to report.

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Old Business

Walk through of Waste Water Treatment Plant, need to schedule: The live date for switching from the old plant to the new plant is scheduled for early-to-mid August. Mark will reach out to Tyler Shuster and schedule a walk thru for 7pm on Monday, June 26th. Matt Hoying asked Mark to email a reminder that day.

New Business

ODNR – NatureWorks Grant Resolution of Authorization: This is a Resolution documenting authorization for filing the NatureWorks application. Resolution 2023-1008 was presented stating that Mark Shappie is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance. (This grant, if received, would be for some new playground equipment pieces at the Youth Park.)

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Chad Wray to approve Resolution No. 2023-1008. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye. Motion carried.

Geise Sewer Connection: Back in 2008 the Shelby County Health Department required the late Dan Geise to hook to Village of Fort Loramie sewer in order to gain a building permit. To this day he has never hooked in to the Village sewer system. Now the Health Department is pursuing it again; however, the Geise family does not want to annex in to the Village. The previous council, per the minutes in 2008, were going to allow the late Dan Geise to hook in to Village sewer, pay 1.5 times the fee and not require him to annex in to the Village until he sold the property or he passed away. Dan has recently passed away on February 5, 2023. His sons and widow are now asking the Village to have some leniency and not force them to annex when they hook up to the Village sewer here in the near future. It will be up to the Village Council to allow him to hook up to sewer without annexing, or not. It is likely that Geise's will be attending the June council meeting. All properties around the Geise property are now annexed in to the Village. We do have an ordinance in place that if you tie to Village sewer that annexation is a requirement. The Geise's main concern is that they want the farm to remain and be able to raise livestock. If annexed in to the Village that would not be permitted. Per the Shelby County Health Department ruling the Geise's have until November 1, 2023 to hook in to the Village sewer. Geise's have appealed the Board of Health's decision until the June meeting to see if the Village could come up with some agreement.

Fiscal Officer Settlement: The case settled in court today. Mrs. Gasson pled guilty to a misdemeanor, illegal use of property. We received a check today in the amount of \$24,834.50.

Consider Fenson Construction Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$37,778.85 for materials & work completed for the Storm Sewer Upgrade Project (Village amount \$7,555.77 OPWC Funds \$30,223.08.)

A motion was made by Matt Hoying and seconded by Chad Wray to pay request #2 to Fenson Construction. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, & Tim Siegel aye. Motion carried.

Announcements

Final Comments

Matt Hoying asked about the Welcome to Fort Loramie sign that was damaged at the high school. Mark advised that it is currently as PSG getting the lettering completed. Once they are done & we pick it up it will be ready to be installed. Matt asked about the upcoming painting of the water tower behind the Police/Admin building. The Fort Loramie lettering will match the Tower Drive water tower and the Redskin will be removed. Sam Grassbaugh asked if Council would be entering into the Liberty Days parade. Deadline for entry is June 1st. Council did participate 5 years ago, sounds like the Liberty

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Days committee is expecting Council to have an entry. Matt Hoying stated that 5 years ago the Village truck pulled a trailer with a picnic table which all council sat around and passed out candy throughout the parade. Jenny will get a float registered & matching polo shirts ordered. Mark said that there would be something ready for them to ride on by parade day.

Chad Wray asked about the retention pond in the Industrial Park. Mark advised that the work isn't completed yet but the pond as it sits will remain, there will just be a slope towards the pond where the additional dirt has been removed.

Mrs. Frilling has the Memorandum of Agreement for the Deposit of Public Funds. It's a 4-year agreement that we do every 4 years with Osgood Bank. The Mayor, Administrator & Fiscal Officer need to sign and return it to Sandy Hoehne at Osgood Bank. That will be done tonight and turned in to the bank on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned until June 26, 2023 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.