

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 24, 2023

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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	Absent
Mr. Chad Wray	Present	Mr. Matt Hoying	Present
Mr. Ryan Simon	Present	Mr. Tim Siegel	Present
Mr. Sam Grassbaugh	Present		

EMPLOYEES: Jennifer Frilling

GUESTS: Todd Garrett with Pioneer Electric

SOLICITOR: Madison Brinkman

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Matt Hoying to accept the minutes of the June 2023 meeting as presented. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Chad Wray seconded by Ryan Simon to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$117,804.21. 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 \$205,615.44. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Excuse Absent Member

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

Committee Reports

Finance: The total income tax receipts for June 2023 were \$108,092.74, which was down \$12,476.62 or down 11% from June of 2022. As of July 20, 2023, the total income tax receipts for July are \$92,130.22 which is down \$6,358.12 or a decrease of 7% from the end of July 2022 with 7 days of collections remaining. The budgeted amount for the 2nd quarter of 2023 is \$331,250.00. As of the end of June 2023 total income tax is \$910,267.30, end of June 2022 it was \$897,481.25.

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

Parks: No meeting this month. Chad advises that we should probably set up a meeting in the next month or so. Randy advised that paving company should begin the week of July 31st and Shinn Brothers should follow with the top coating. Council would like to repurpose 1 or 2 extra basketball poles at Redskin Memorial Park somewhere along the parking lot near or surrounding the water plant where no one parks.

Streets & Sanitation: No meeting this month. Lane Street has been completed. Ryan Simon was presented with a question regarding Lane Street as to why just the outside of the road was milled and not the entire roadway, creating somewhat of a hump in the middle of the road, this also resulted in all the manhole covers now being 1"-1.5" lower than the road. Will follow-up with Mark on reasoning. Maybe next time we complete a street, get quoted both ways.

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Planning: No meeting this month, nothing to report. Possibly need to schedule a meeting in the near future.

Old Business

Geise Sewer Connection:

Madison Brinkman, with Hegemann & Zimmerman Co., has put together the Water & Service Agreement and Restrictive Covenant for the Krista Geise property at 3749 State Route 705, Fort Loramie, OH 45845. Once the agreement is signed it will be filed with the Shelby County Recorder's Office so it will follow the property. Madison also pointed out that Krista's husband, Daniel Geise, is still on the Title, they own it as joint survivors. Krista will need to have his name removed from the title within 60 days of having the agreement signed. Madison believes that this is something that Mark will need to speak to her about at the signing of the agreement. A motion was made by Matt Hoying to move forward with getting the agreement signed & that Geise's are responsible for all tap in fees, Tim Siegel seconded the motion. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, Tim Siegel, aye & Ryan Simon, aye. Motion passed.

New Business

Star Ohio Approval: Discussed briefly an option to invest with the Star Ohio. There are a couple local county entities that currently participate & they are happy with their return. This option is not FDIC insured. Council would like more information. Ms Frilling will email them the investment packet for their review and we will revisit this option at the August meeting.

Ohio H20 Grant: The Village received a \$10,000 grant to purchase leak detection equipment, no match required. Mark is asking for approval to move forward and make the purchase of the equipment. All councilmen were in agreement & approve moving forward with the purchase of said leak detection equipment.

Farm Ground Lease: Mark is suggesting that we advertise our Farm Ground Lease. The last contract we have was thru 2015. Currently we are receiving \$305 per acre. Council wants to ensure that there is something in the contract regarding lot or lots being sold if there are crops planted. Need to ensure that we can get out of the contract if that happens and that the farmer is compensated appropriately. Council agrees that we have some time yet to discuss and that maybe we should hold off for the time being.

Announcements

- Summer Gazebo Party is August 13, 2023 from 2pm-8pm.
- Historical Society is celebrating 50 years with an Open House on Monday, September 4, 2023 from 12pm-5pm.

Final Comments

Chad Wray had someone approach him about weeds in the curbs/sidewalks. Randy advised that they have been sprayed and the guys are keeping an eye on them. There are some areas where bushes are hanging over the sidewalk too. Chad is confirming that that is the landowner's responsibility to take care of. The utility guys can take a drive and specifically look for these areas of concern and then notify the landowner that they need trimmed.

Mrs. Frilling noted that the all councilmen should've been emailed the final draft of the most recent audit for years 2021 & 2022. Overall the audit went very well. Only 2 minor non-compliance issues, 1) we did not have written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the custodian/manger as required by Ohio Rev. Code 149.43(E)(2) and 2) that the public records policy was not included in the Village policy manual as required by Ohio Rev. Code 149.43(E)(2). Randy advised that it was a very good audit.

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Executive Session

A motion was made by Matt Hoying, seconded by Tim Siegel to go into executive session to discuss employee wages. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye & Ryan Simon, aye. Motion carried. Those present in executive session were Chad Wray, Matt Hoying, Sam Grassbaugh, Tim Siegel, Ryan Simon, Jennifer Frilling (part of session) & Randy Ahlers.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Ryan Simon, seconded by Chad Wray. All were in favor.

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned until August 28, 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.