

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 25, 2022

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The Council of the Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 8:00 P.M. to 10:19 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	Absent	Mr. Matt Hoying	Present
Mr. Ryan Simon	Present	Mr. Tim Siegel	Present
Mr. Sam Grassbaugh	Present		

EMPLOYEES: Jennifer Frilling & Craig Bergman.

GUESTS: Todd Garrett with Pioneer & Mark Shappie, new Village Administrator starting August 1, 2022.

SOLICITOR: Bill Zimmerman Jr.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Matt Hoying to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2022 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 Tim Siegel to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$126,564.59. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Ryan Simon and seconded by Matt Hoying to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$206,258.81. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Excuse Absent Members

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Sam Grassbaugh to excuse Councilmen Chris Boeke & Chad Wray from the meeting. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: No meeting this month. The total income tax receipts for June were \$120,569.36 which is up \$16,767.74 or 16.2% from June of 2021. As of July 22nd the total income tax receipts for July are \$70,900.36 which is down \$14,423.66 or 16.9% from the end of July 2021 with 5 days of collections remaining. Total YTD receipts through July 22nd are \$968,381.61 which is up \$122,839.43 or 14.5% from the end of July 2021 with 5 days of collection remaining.

At the August meeting Sam would possibly like to get the 2023 budget meeting dates on the calendar.

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

Parks: No meeting this month, nothing to report.

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Streets & Sanitation: No meeting this month, nothing to report per Ryan Simon

Planning: No meeting this month, nothing to report.

Old Business

Discuss County Sewer Plant Upgrade Project

Per Craig Bergman, they tied into our system last Wednesday, July 20th. They completed and passed their pressure test. All water samples also passed. Project is moving along nicely.

Discuss Storm Sewer Replacement Project

Randy advised that they had the final walk thru. Couple minor things that need attention. Craig said they are going to re-grade the open lot next to Mrs. Barhorst. Water sits in this area after heavy rain, it didn't do that prior to the project. There are some catch basins in the parking lot between our office, Larger Brothers & the Post Office that need attention as semi's are already starting to bust them up. Craig advised that they are getting ready to finish our end of the project, Craig will be getting in touch with Jeff Rethman and get started on that in the next week or so.

Fenson Contracting LLC was awarded the contract for Phase 2 of the project. They plan to get started mid-October with their biggest challenge being to maintain an open lane of traffic on State Route 66 for emergency vehicles to get thru, at all times.

Discuss Industrial Park Expansion

Randy advised that not much has happened since the last meeting, still waiting on Ohio Development.

Gas Aggregation

New contract to begin in October 2022 with Constellation NewEnergy. Those residents who were enrolled with Volunteer should roll on into the new contract but we are advising all residents to check their billing in October/November to ensure that they see that Constellation is their supplier. And if they were not previously enrolled in the program they can join once the contract begins. More information is to come on this within the next month or two.

Electric Aggregation

Randy advised that we extended the Village's electrical contract with IGS through 2026.

Amend Resolution 2022-991

A motion was made by Ryan Simon and seconded by Sam Grassbaugh to allow Holiday time to count as actual hours worked. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Do we want to make OPWC request?

After a brief discussion, it was decided that we take another year off. Mitch Thobe was going to ask ODOT when Park Street & Elm Street were on their radar to repair. Randy will follow up with Mitch this week to see if he ever heard back from ODOT.

Water & Sewer Rates for 2023

Randy wanted to discuss this briefly as we get ready to head into the budgeting process for 2023. Matt Hoying agreed and advised that we definitely incorporate this into our budget discussions coming up in the fall.

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Also wanted to change the bulk water rate to read that it's \$25 for up to the first 1,000 gallons, then after the initial 1,000 gallons it'll get prorated.

Approve new Village Administrator

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Tim Siegel to approve the appointment of Mark Shappie as the new Village Administrator beginning August 1, 2022 at an annual salary of \$85,000. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Thursday night men's softball league

Table this discussion until August 22, 2022 meeting.

Health, Eye & Dental waiting period

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Matt Hoying that we change our waiting period for Village insurance from 90 days down to 30 days. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Final Comments

Ryan Simon stated that Jeff Sanders is getting a Youth fall baseball league started. Ryan is asking what they will be charged by the town as he is assisting Jeff to get this going. Ryan advised that it's \$825 per team to enter the league with Jeff and that he's planning to donate the funds back to the park. After a brief discussion it was decided that this needs to be discussed at the next parks committee meeting coming up in August.

Tim Siegel advised that he's been inundated with questions regarding the building being erected at 21 South Main Street. He's being asked why they are being allowed to put a building up without a home on the lot. They did file for a variance and that was all pushed through by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Announcements

Sunday Gazebo party coming up on August 21st.
German Heritage Days will be held September 23rd & 24th.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Tim Siegel, seconded by Matt Hoying to go into executive session to discuss personnel appointments. To the roll call vote: Sam Grassbaugh, aye, Matt Hoying, aye, Tim Siegel, aye, Ryan Simon, aye. Motion carried. Those present in executive session were Matt Hoying, Sam Grassbaugh, Tim Siegel, Ryan Simon, & Randy Ahlers.

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

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned until August 22, 2022 at 8:00 P.M. at 14 Elm St., Fort Loramie OH.

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Mr. Randy Ahlers, Mayor

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.