

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT LORAMIE
REGULAR SESSION
February 24,2025

The Council of the Village of Fort Loramie convened in regular session from 8:00 P.M. to 8:51 P.M. at 14 Elm St, Fort Loramie OH. Matt Hoying – President of Council called the meeting to order with the following members and guests present:

Mr. Randy Ahlers	Not 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: Jennifer Frilling, Tisha Wannemacher & Nate Brown

GUESTS: Todd Garrett with Pioneer Electric

SOLICITOR: Madison Brinkman

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh and seconded by Tim Siegel to accept the minutes of the January 2025 meeting as presented. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Bill

A motion was made by Sam Grassbaugh seconded by Ryan Simon to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$44,199.06. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Acceptance of Pay Ins

A motion was made by Chad Wray and seconded by Chris Boeke to accept the pay ins as presented in the amount of \$231,681.23. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: The total income tax receipts for January 2025 were \$130,967.44 which was down from \$255,938.54 or \$105,428.90 or down 41% from January 2024. As of February 21, 2025, the total income tax receipts for February are \$121,323.32 which is up \$14,998.66 or an increase of 12% from end of February 2024 with 5 days of collections remaining.

The budgeted income tax amount for 2025 is \$1,500,00.00.

Total income tax for the year to date – 2025 is	\$ 252,290.76
Total Income Tax for 2024	<u>\$1,973,275.66</u>
	(\$1,720,984.90)

Police & Safety: No meeting this month. Nate Brown said that Jack Baker has started on third shift. It was asked how long Jack Baker would be employed with the Village of Fort Loramie but Nate Brown said he was unsure at this time. The speed cameras were brought up asking about installment. Nate Brown said waiting on better weather to proceed with installing them.

Parks: March 13,2025 will be the next meeting. There are quotes being done for shade structures. There have been trees trimmed and there are tree stumps that we are waiting on getting ground out in empty lot by condos on Louie St. AES is planning on moving a utility pole since it does not run anything on our property. Adam also washed all the table and chairs at the Pavilion and said he plans on making this a yearly thing. There are 2 ball fields to be redone in the fall – bringing dirt in to fill in low spots. It will be \$13,000.00 – \$15,000.00 each field. Redskin park fund will be paying for one field and the Village will be paying for the other field. The Youth Origination has some money to spend, so they may be paying for a part of a field, it was asked if the other fields will be getting done also. The other fields will need to be done but Adam spoke to a gentleman from Mercer who said they should be getting done every 4 years. We are planning on getting caught up to be on that plan. Matt Hoying asked about the fields at the Youth Park in the center of town if they have ever been redone. Those fields had some maintenance done by Adam a few years ago but they drain well so they are not in need of updating at this time.

Streets & Sanitation: Park Street will be closed for 100 days starting March 3,2025, from Main St. to Monterey. It is to be done in sections, residents will still be able to get in and out of their driveways. This project is just the water lines being redone. Matt asked about the curbs and sidewalks being done, these should be done with this project as well. Its just the Top Coat that will not get done until 2026 so the road will be patched up until then.

Planning:

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-No News

Old Business:

Shelby County Sewer District- want to start out by asking for an additional \$5.00 per user South of Fort Lormaie to Newport. Jennifer did an estimate on this and will be going to talk to Tyler Shuster on this as well as the Shelby County Commissioners. Feels that if we can not get the \$10.00 that was asked for to try and get \$7.50. Jennifer also wanted to go over the contract prior to going and talking to Tyler and the commissioners. (Madison Brinkman said she would send a copy of the contract to Jennifer). Chad Wray said to ask the commissioners for what the actual cost is. What are we paying the county per user outside the Village, (flat fee?). A copy of bills from them are to be provided to the council by March meeting. Sam Grassbaugh said to get a formula to understand the cost adjustment.

Heath Epperly located at 7844 ST RT 66 Fort Loramie Ohio has requested to join the Village sewage. The request was emailed to Tyler Shuster at the County by Josh Siegel stating the reason for this is the system is old and staring to fail. If the request is approved Heath Epperly said he will then be selling off farm ground around the house to make the lot smaller. The emailed was then given to Jennifer for review to be approved or denied. Matt hoying asked for a motion to be made to accept Heath Epperly joining the Village Sewage. Sam Grassbaugh made the motion to accept Heath Epperly joining the Village sewage. Ryan Simon seconded the motion. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Consider Ordinance 2025-1194, An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio basic Code, 2025 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of the Village of Fort Loramie, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency.

A motion was made by Tim Siegel and seconded by Chris Boeke to declare an emergency.

A motion was made by Chad Wray and seconded by Ryan Simon to approve Ordinance No. 2024-1194. To the roll call vote: Chad Wray, aye, Chris Boeke, aye, Sam Grassbaugh, aye, & Tim Siegel, aye. Motion carried.

On-Call sharing with Russia utility employees Mark/Aiden. Craig and Adam are wanting to try and not to be every other weekend. A plan was drawn up to meet with Russia and a meeting was held with the Mayor of Russia, Jared Goubeaux Russia Village Administrator, Randy Ahlers and Jennifer Frilling. Russia was not on board with the plan presented to them in regards to this. The utility employee Mark from Russia is on board with being in the rotation of On-Call schedule. He said he would do it on the side every third weekend. Matt wanted to know what is it that Mark would be doing. Jennifer said that he would be taking water samples and also deal with any issues that may come up but would call Adam or Craig if it was an emergency. There has been discussion between Craig and Mark. It was asked if we do allow Mark to be every third week are we covered insurance wise if we hire him as an independent contractor or do we put him on payroll as part time. Jennifer verified with council that they were okay with Craig and Jennifer to work out final details with Mark and to proceed with getting him added to the On-Call Schedule, the council will get updated once finalized.

Adam passed the water test on 2/21/25 and is now certified to sign off on the water testing.

Jennifer said she is wanting to get a hold of the UVCC to see if we can get a student in here for the summer to assist part time. It was suggested to also post on Facebook. Jennifer will also talk to Craig and Adam on this.

CIC meeting scheduled 3/6/2025 to re-organize and to make the Public Records custodian change from Mark Shappie to Jennifer Frilling.

Bid Opening for the Schafer Oil extension was held February 24,2025.

The lowest bidder came in at \$163,735.00 from Tom's Construction this is the open cut vs the directional boring

Next highest- directional boring \$167,023.00 – Mid Ohio Utilities

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(Not tearing up road, digging around fire hydrants and pot holes)

Boring under 66, open-cut in ditch, open cut the Schafer driveways, then restoration and pour new concrete to get back how it was. How long will it take, Jennifer said it is to be completed by end of June 2025.

Jennifer did say that the engineers estimate was \$213,290.00 so the bids did come in \$50,000 lower

Matt Hoying asked for a motion to accept the bid from Toms Construction for the Schafer Oil Extension. Ryan Simon made the motion to approve and accept the Toms Construction bid. Chad Wray seconded the motion. To this motion all members presented voted aye. Motion Carried.

Final Comments:

Ryan Simon asked about the barn at Epperly's, will that be included for joining the Village sewage. Jennifer stated that it is just the house that is being requested to join the Village sewage. The Barns are not Heath Epperly's

Matt Hoying asked for a motion to excuse Randy Ahlers from tonight's meeting. Chris Boeke made the motion to excuse Randy Ahlers seconded by Tim Siegel. To this motion all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- The March 2025 Council Meeting will be held March 17,2025 at 8:00pm.
- (Sam Grassbaugh and Ryan Simon will not be at March meeting)

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Tim Siegel, seconded by Sam Grassbaugh. 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 March 17, 2025 at 8:00 P.M. at 14 Elm St., Fort Loramie OH.

Mr. Randy Ahlers, Mayor

Jennifer Frilling, Village Administrator

Tisha Wannemacher, 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.