

Fort Recovery Area Chamber of Commerce Regular Meeting

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on November 28th 2023 at Brickstreet

Members Present: PG Jellison, Eric Brackman, Ted Romer, Thomas Shaw, Amy Wendel, Sue Heiser, Tony Stahl, Randy Diller

Secretary Report: Sue made a motion to approve the previous month meeting minutes, seconded by PG

Treasurers Report: Checking account beginning balance \$4,079.80. Disbursements totaling \$119.00 receipts totaling \$50.00 with an ending balance of \$4,010.80 Cash on hand is \$5.00 and the Fort Recovery Scholarship Fund is \$8,714.93 for a grand total of \$12,740.73. Ted made a motion to approve, seconded by Randy

Chamber: Ted motioned to OK covering ½ of the Merchant Holiday Shopping Spree and ½ of the cost of Santa. Sue Seconded.

Old Business: Ribbon cuttings at A Simple Touch and Mobo Spa.

New Business: Mini-Me 3D is joining the Chambers and will be scheduling a ribbon cutting, check them out on Facebook!

Village:

- Looking at some funding for Butler Street/Fort site/Main Street
 - Includes changing out current traffic light, upgrade suppression system for Opera House and storm outlet upgrade for the Opera House as well. (March/April timeline)
- Swimming Pool upgrades, the pool is 40 years old and the bath house could also use improvements. Thinking about a Splash pad as well, looking for any funding avenues that could help with this.
- Gwendolyn/Wiggs Street reconstruction is on the schedule for hopeful February start
- Traffic signal is approved for 119/49 and is on the 2024 roadmap
- New water tower is going to be out by Cooper Farms fuel station on 49, will go out to bid December/January
- Sidewalks/Trail for 49/Sharpsburg is still in planning mode
- Safe Routes to school application for grant is due in March
- Water Plant study – needs upgraded, funding options
- Looking for a Utility Superintendent to fill a vacancy on the staff
- Issue 2 concerns with dispensary in town, likely going to make a motion to make them illegal in town.

School:

- Winter Sports/performances/etc. are in full force.
- Battle of 119 is going to be a new thing this year. SH/CW/ML, 7th – Varsity, Girls and Boys, one night off, one night host, one night travel
- Tri Star tours, 12/6 for Sophomores and 12/11 for parents and students.

Merchants:

- Shop Local Bags are available at local businesses (visit Be You's facebook page for more information as she has a write up about them!)
- Looking to discuss and possibly partner with the Chambers and other organizations to upgrade the downtown sounds system

Jubilee:

Ambassadors: Working on event for the Eclipse in April, see their website <https://solareclipsecamping.org/>

Athletic Boosters:

WOW:

Friends of the Arts:

Historical Society & Project Recovery: One of a Kind Auction update from Randy, most profitable one to date, right at \$42,000. Also wanted to mention that some of those proceeds go to projects like updating the Visitor's Center. He mentioned the Ace of Trades did the roof, Romer's Remodel did the inside work and Warnock Painting did the painting and outside restoration of the mural. He had a special thanks to Al for donating all of his time and materials!

Community Foundation: Letter to come, Grant distribution is in March.

OTHER news:

- If you have an event or happenings at your business that you would like shared with the community, please feel free to let us know! We would love to share all the exciting things happening in and around Fort Recovery! Email amyw@wabash.com

PG motioned to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting is scheduled for January 30th noon at a location TBD.**