

## Fort Recovery Area Chamber of Commerce and Merchant Regular Meeting

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on April 29, 2025 at the Tin Cupboard along with the Fort Recovery Merchant Association

**Members Present:** Sue Heiser, Maria Bruns, Eric Brackman, Ted Romer, JoAnne Glentzer, Shawn Robinson, Amy Wendel, Jeff Abels, Randy Diller, Jill Andrews, Laura Wenning, Janelle Braun, Tony Stahl, Keshia Willmann, Nikki Kremer, Judy Wood

**Secretary Report:** Laura made a motion to approve the previous month meeting minutes, seconded by Jill

**Chamber Treasurers Report:** Checking account beginning balance \$6,301.51. Disbursements totaling \$390.00. Receipts totaling \$0.00, with an ending balance of \$5,911.51. Cash on hand is \$5.00 and the Fort Recovery Scholarship Fund is \$9,695.18 for a grand total of \$15,611.69. Ted made a motion to approve, seconded by Randy

Merchants' Treasurers Report was read by JoAnne, approved by Jill, seconded by Maria

### **New Business:**

#### **Chamber:**

- Elm & Ivy joined as a member – will schedule Ribbon Cutting when landscaping is complete
- Chamber golf outing is shaping up.
  - o Currently have 18 hole sponsors and 18 Teams!
  - o J&M is printing the signs
  - o Going to put a goodie bag together for all golfers (Merchants/Shawn working on this)

#### **Village:**

- Butler Street Reconstruction Project – starting curbing tomorrow, hopeful for concrete next week, asphalt in about 2 weeks. 4 way stop – poles for new stop light won't be here until August when the project is wrapping up
- Water Tower – painters/coating end of May/July is goal to be done
- Sidewalk Project – Sharpsburg/49 – still working on and hopeful for early 2026 to get started.
- Assistant Village Administrator position has been filled. Aaron Rengers is going to be starting May 12<sup>th</sup>. He comes with a variety of background, he was in the service, operating heavy equipment, then worked for Jutte Excavating and is currently at the City of Piqua.
- Village purchased parking lot between new Restaurant and Ted Homan's property on Butler Street for more public parking. Will add 7-8 spots downtown.
- Working on the safe routes to school project as well.

#### **School:**

- FFA students are heading to National Convention later this week
- Graduation is May 18<sup>th</sup>, with 77 seniors graduating, 56% are going to college, while the other 44% are going straight to the workforce.
- Talked about the State Budget and watching it closely as there are some changes being suggested.

**Merchants:**

- The Bunny Hop had about 150 candy sacks go out, eggs in the windows winners were announced and all extra candy was donated to the library.
- Talked about the Shop Local Bags

**Jubilee:**

- June 12 – 14<sup>th</sup>
- The committee put on a garage sale and were able to raise close to \$4200. This money is going to help pay for the inflatables to keep cost down for families.
- The brochures and raffle tickets will be mailed out soon to all 45846 zip codes
- Chicken dinners will be available soon!

**Community Foundation:**

- Grant distributions are being discussed.

**Other News:**

- Community Club is having a baseball tournament this coming weekend, 4 age divisions with 8 teams each, so expecting lots of activity in town!
  - o Will be held at both the Community Park and Fort Site

Eric motioned to adjourn the meeting; Keshia seconded it.

The next meeting will be May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. at the Tin Cupboard.