

Fort Recovery Area Chamber of Commerce and Merchant Regular Meeting

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on February 25, 2025 at the Tin Cupboard along with the Fort Recovery Merchant Association

Members Present: Thomas Shaw, Sue Heiser, Krista Muhlenkamp, JoAnne Glentzer, Jeff Abels, Jenni Smith, Eric Brackman, Amy Wendel, Shawn Robinson, Laura Wenning, Mandy Wendel, Nikki Kremer, Jill Andrews, Keshia Willmann, Ted Romer, Randy Diller

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

Chamber Treasurers Report: Checking account beginning balance \$5,676.71. Disbursements totaling \$0.00. Receipts totaling \$820.00, with an ending balance of \$5,676.71. Cash on hand is \$5.00 and the Fort Recovery Scholarship Fund is \$9,695.18 for a grand total of \$15,376.89. Sue made a motion to approve, seconded by Krista.

Merchants' Treasurers Report was read by JoAnne, approved by Shawn, seconded by Jenni

New Business:

Chamber:

- The Chamber Banquet is Sunday, March 9th – see attached document for invitation.
- Reclaiming Design (LeAnne Miller) has joined as a new chamber member
- Chamber officers are looking to put together a golf outing in July.
 - o Proceeds could go to speakers or a community improvement fund for future projects

Village:

- Butler Street Reconstruction Project – the contractor shifted some projects around and the new start date is intended for March 10th
 - o There was some discussion about traffic, etc. and how the Merchants/Chamber could help the village in knowing people know the traffic flow to be able to keep their store fronts open.
- Water Tower – the tower is going up, steel expected to be pretty much in place by April and final completion date of July is expected.
- Sidewalk Project – Sharpsburg/49 – appears to be a summer of 2026 project
- Water Plant – continue to work on design for improved water plant with hopes to have a final design and idea by May.
- Sanitary Plant – continue to progress through some planning to upgrade the sanitary system
- Annexation – final steps of annexing 4 properties along S Wayne/Union City, should be finalized by mid – May
- Assistant Village Administrator position has been posted – this is not an additional position, but one that we hope and intend twill take Randy's position upon his retirement at this time next year.
- New Officer in town – Don Bird
- New Police cruiser and both the new and the truck have gotten new logos.

School:

- Gave an update about the water main break a couple weeks ago. A semi had hit the fire hydrant at 119/1st St. This caused things to back up into the school pipe, causing the water to have to be shut off at the school
- Lots of Sports wrapping up their season
 - o Girls, and Boys State Bowling this weekend
 - o Boys' basketball plays tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. vs Riverside
 - o Wes Wenning was named the new football coach at last night's board meeting
- FFA week was last week
- Cinderella Performance was last weekend by the drama club
- HVAC project was approved for bid for the EMS last night
- End of the nine weeks is March 14th

Merchants:

- The Bunny Hop planning is under way, April 12th from 10-12
- Saving the date with the Carriage rides for Christmas Open House and booking them.

Jubilee:

- June 12 – 14th
- Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month leading up to the Jubilee at 7 p.m. at Town Hall

Community Foundation:

- Grand distribution request are being accepted

Sorority:

- Sorority is going to have their Community Garage Sales April 23-26; this year it will line up with the Brick Street Market on April 26th. It will have Food trailers and local vendors.

Other News:

- Community Club is having a baseball tournament the first weekend of May
 - o Will be held at both the Community Park and Fort Site
- The new purple flags are hanging downtown and look great!
 - o They will be hung when anything is happening in town/state sports teams, etc.

Ted motioned to adjourn the meeting; Keshia seconded it.

The next meeting will be March 25th at 7:45 a.m. at the Tin Cupboard.