

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM with President Vern Thelen presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag. Roll was called and a quorum reported. Present were: Roy Smith, John Childers, Chris Thelen, Rick Fink, Rhonda Feldpausch, Dick Pline, Dave Klein and John Rademacher.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch (arrived late) and Brad Smith.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner

AGENDA

Add: Clinton Area Ambulance Authority under New Business

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2007 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Kyle Knight discussed the following issues:

- Bridge replacement on Wright Rd.
- The speed limit in front of the High School is still being reviewed

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve payment of \$108,145.30 from the General Fund, \$92,128.87 from the Water O & M Fund, \$60.10 from the Local Street Fund, \$60.09 from the Major Street Fund, \$3,095.81 from the Storm Sewer Fund and \$694.03 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

None.

2007 WATER O&M FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Tabled.

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to accept the 2007/2008 Clinton Area Ambulance Authority budget of \$1,139,735.00 Income and \$1,139,735.00 Expense. Motion carried.

SCOTT GOERGE – OFFICE SPACE RENTAL

Scott Goerge asked the council to consider leasing some office space to his business. Scott currently commutes to Jackson and will soon be commuting to Brighton, therefore; he is looking for a small amount of office space in Fowler to lease. A committee comprised of Chris Thelen, Dick Pline and Rhonda Feldpausch will consider the request.

DPW REPORT

Brad Smith, DPW Assistant, reported on the following issues:

- Project Plan for water treatment plant
- Bid work for water tower
- Meter replacement
- C.E.C. classes
- Water tower parking lot improvement preliminary bid \$15,000.00
- Upgrade sanitary sewer lift station alarms

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to upgrade sanitary sewer lift station to wireless alarm systems to be completed by Lotus Electric for an amount of \$3,730.00. Motion carried.

STREETS AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

The Streets and Sidewalk Committee has recommended the following 2007 sidewalk work:

- Pine St. – east side from Clinton St. to Kent St. (new)
- Ionia St. – south side from Maple St. to Main St. (replacement)
- Sorrell St. – west side from Fourth St. to Fifth St. (new)

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #49, SECTION 151.27

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to adopt the amendment to the Village of Fowler Code of Ordinance Section 151.27. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Childers, to approve Planning Commission minutes of December 20, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

President Thelen nominated Pam Fink to fill the vacant Planning Commission seat.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to appoint Pam Fink to the Planning Commission seat vacated by Jim Andros. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission will meet for a Public Hearing and a regular meeting on February 21, 2007 for the purpose of complying with PA110 of 2006 requiring state mandated zoning changes.

COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to adopt the Council Rules and Procedures as amended. Motion carried.

Vern Feldpausch arrived at 8:45 pm.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The water rate increase recommendation from O'Malia Consulting and Workhorse Civil Design is 25%.

TEN YEAR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADOPTION

Plan is being revised by John Rademacher.

Trustee Klein arrived.

150TH CELEBRATION

Public meeting held on February 5, 2007 with another meeting scheduled for March 5, 2007.

Trustee Childers left at 9:10 pm.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl reported on the following issues

- 911 legislation being reintroduced
- Prisoner boarding costs
- Bridge construction projects

CORRESPONDENCE

Clinton County Sheriff Department
Neal Snyder

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

241 Maple Street building
Decrease in vehicles playing loud music

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 9:28 PM

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk

