

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Brad Smith

DATE: MARCH 12, 2007

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:03 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 and Brad Smith.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Paul Opsommer – State Representative, Rich Garay - MBIA

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2007 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Kyle Knight discussed the following issues:

- Monitoring weight restrictions
- Village is quiet
- Mock interviews at high school

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve payment of \$23,779.92 from the General Fund, \$10,297.09 from the Water O & M Fund, \$1,479.11 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to adopt and update Investment Policy. Motion carried.

MBIA RESOLUTION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adopt Resolution #2007-03; a Resolution Authorizing Participation in Michigan CLASS for Investment Purposes. Motion carried.

STREETLIGHTS ON WEST SECOND STREET

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to adopt Resolution #2007-04; a Resolution Authorizing Consumers Energy to Change the Standard Streetlighting Contract between the Village of Fowler and Consumers Energy. Motion carried.

The change will add two streetlights to West Second Street.

TEN YEAR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADOPTION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adopt the Ten Year Comprehensive Development Plan following

amendments to the village limit map, the village incorporation date, cemetery information and park information. Motion carried.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The Water Treatment Plant Project Plan is approved and in the hands of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #49, SECTION 151.27

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to rescind the February 12, 2007 motion to adopt the amendment to the Village of Fowler Code of Ordinance Section 151.27. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The motion was rescinded due to questions regarding legality of amendment wording. The amendment was revised.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adopt the amendment to the Village of Fowler Code of Ordinance adding Section 151.29 Guarantee of Completion of Required Improvements. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

None.

2007 WATER O&M FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink to amend the 2007 Water Fund O & M Budget by increasing Outside Labor expense by \$28,000.00. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor, reported on the following issues:

- Project Plan for water treatment plant
- Work for water tower
- Water sampling for various items
- Meter replacement
- Storm drain maps
- Various MDEQ reports
- Lagoon isolation & sampling

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve purchase of Skag Turf Tiger Mower with attachments from Midstate Sales and Service for \$12,456.14. 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 January 31, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

MEADOW VIEW DRIVE RESOLUTION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to adopt Resolution #2007-02; a Resolution accepting Meadowview Drive into the Village of Fowler Street System. Motion carried.

CODE OF ORDINANCE WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to amend the Village of Fowler Code of Ordinances by adding Section 50.34 Operation and Maintenance of the Water Supply System. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

Public meeting held on March 5, 2007. Many organizations and individuals have accepted responsibility for activities and corresponding

responsibilities.

FEE SCHEDULE CHANGE TO WATER/SEWER RATES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to increase water rates 25% effective April 1, 2007. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The increase changes the base rate from \$27.00 to \$33.75 for the first 4,000 gallons of water and from \$1.40 to \$1.75 for each additional thousand gallons of water. Irrigation rates will change from \$1.40 to \$1.75 per thousand gallons. Non-residents and non-taxpayers will continue pay 1.5 times the new rates.

Sanitary sewer rates remain unchanged.

BRAD SMITH DENTAL INSURANCE

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve reimbursement of \$220.00 in dental charges to Brad Smith due to the fact that an error was made in insurance coverage and his daughter was not insured. Motion carried.

John Childers left at 9:15 pm.

WATER TOWER PROJECT BID AWARD

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to award the Water Tower Project to Fedewa, Inc. for \$50,000.00. Motion carried.

NORWAY DRIVE EXTENSION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to accet Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 03122007 from Community Developers for the purpose of extending Norway Drive. Motion carried.

PAUL OPSOMMER, STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
CORRESPONDENCE

State Representative Paul Opsommer was present to discuss key issues facing the State of Michigan.  
None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

President Thelen reported that Neal Snyder is asking \$125,000.00 for his property located near the DPW building.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 9:58 PM

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk