

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2008

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, December 8, 2008 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, Dick Pline, John Rademacher, David Klein, Rick Fink, Chris Thelen, and Rhonda Feldpausch.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch and Brad Smith.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department and Tom Goerge.

AGENDA

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2008 regular meeting. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve payment of \$22,269.18 from the General Fund, \$8,876.42 from the Water O & M Fund, \$2,048.53 from the Local Street Fund, \$5,840.49 from the Storm Sewer Fund, \$7,176.78 from the Major Street Fund and \$6,046.66 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight was present and reported that things are pretty quiet.

CASAIR, INC.

Steve Meinhardt, Casair, Inc., was contacted regarding a lease commencement date of October 1, 2008. To date, no response or monies have been received. The clerk will draft a formal letter to Casair, Inc. Also, the equipment installation has not been inspected. Vern Feldpausch will contact Dixon Engineering regarding this issue.

TOM GOERGE

Tom Goerge was present to refute a bill he received for sidewalk installation. He stated that, according to village ordinance, he should have received a 60 day notification, which he did not. Also, he was informed that he could install the sidewalk then, later, was told he couldn't. Tom provided an approximate cost of private installation to compare to the bill he received.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to waive the sidewalk charges for Tom Goerge (10760 E. North Drive) due to miscommunication and opportunity for property owner to engage a private contractor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Personnel Committee met regarding 2009 wages .

TREASURER REPORT

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

Money in all depositories is within FDIC limits.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There continues to be a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Council members were urged to recruit a replacement.

DPW REPORT

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

- Snow removal
- Winter preventative maintenance on equipment
- Lagoon inspection by DEQ
- Meter reading and replacement
- 2009 sidewalk notification

TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES

A revised Tree Planning Guidelines document will be provided at the January, 2009 meeting.

MEETING WITH AREA LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The council indicated that the best times to meet in February would be the last two Mondays of February. Rhonda will contact the clerk in Muir to schedule a meeting date.

ST. JOHNS MINT FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to decline the invitation from Clinton County Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the St. Johns Mint Festival. Motion carried.

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE AUTHORITY

Trustee Fink reported that a CAASA budget proposal for 2009-2010 will be available for council review by the January 2009 meeting. There will be a proposed budget with and without the City of St. Johns as a member.

2008 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Proposed 2008 budget adjustments were reviewed.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, December 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM to finalize 2008 budget adjustments. Motion carried.

2009 WAGES

Upon recommendation from the Personnel Committee, the following action was taken:

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve a \$200.00 bonus for 2008 for Vern Thelen, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch; a \$300.00 bonus for 2008 for Vern Feldpausch and Brad Smith; and a \$75.00 2008 bonus for Mike Koenigsnecht and Mark Witgen. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to match up to \$1,000.00 in 457 Plan contributions for Brad Smith and Vern Feldpausch and up to \$500.00 in 457 Plan contributions for Rhonda Feldpausch. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to increase 2009 wages for Vern Feldpausch – from \$45,546.60 to \$46,819.00; Brad Smith – from \$40,514.00 to \$41,756.00; Rhonda Feldpausch – from \$23,216.00 to \$23,912.00; and John Rademacher – from \$3,672.00 to \$3,782.00. Motion carried.

2009 BUDGET

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to table the 2009 Budget adoption until the Special Meeting on Monday, December 22, 2008. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Eunice Wirth – Les Miller & Sons Sand & Gravel Inc. Invoice

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 8:40 PM

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk