

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: JULY 14, 2008

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM with President Pro-Tem Dave Klein 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, Rick Fink, Chris Thelen, John Rademacher and Rhonda Feldpausch.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Dave Freeman – Westphalia Broadband, Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Bob and Nikki Pung, and Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner.

AGENDA

New Business – add Special Land Use Permit submitted by Bob and Nikki Pung.

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008 regular meeting. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve payment of \$44,326.77 from the General Fund, \$1,923.65 from the Water O & M Fund, \$244.26 from the Local Street Fund, \$4,080.11 from the Storm Sewer Fund and \$1,294.46 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve Permit #AB-2008-02 submitted by Jim and Kathy Andros. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight was present and provided the following information:

- Speed limit change to be made 7-16-08
- Assistance to 5K run on 7-26-08
- Concerns regarding 432 N. Main Street (Officer Knight visited location after leaving meeting)

CASAIR, INC.

No official approval from Lebanon Township or Dallas Township. Bengal Township will request Casair, Inc. representative to attend their August meeting for further information.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve minutes of February 11, 2008 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Fink, to appoint Trustee David Klein to the Planning Commission for a one year term. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to appoint Pam Fink to the Planning Commission for a three year term. Motion carried.

Richard Schmitz, whose term has expired, will not be returning for another term. Council members were urged to recruit a replacement.

DPW REPORT

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

- Surveillance cameras operational
- Asphaltting will begin late July; early August
- Mark Witgen is scheduled for surgery July 22, 2008
- Sewer lining bids
- Sidewalks are approx. 1/3 done

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to allow Vern Feldpausch to hire temporary help to replace Mark Witgen as needed at a rate of \$10.00/hour. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve Vern Feldpausch's request to contract Les Miller & Sons for approximately two to three days to assist in additional projects such as sidewalk preparation and backhoe work. Motion carried.

WESTPHALIA BROADBAND

Dave Freeman from Westphalia Broadband was present to answer questions.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Westphalia Broadband, Inc. Motion carried.

SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST – BOB & NIKKI PUNG

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and a meeting on June 30, 2008 regarding the Special Use Request submitted by Bob and Nikki Pung.

**BOARD ACTION:** Based on recommendation from the Planning Commission; Trustee Fink moved, supported by Childers to grant approval of the Special Land Use Permit Application submitted by Bob and Nikki Pung; subsequent to review of Village of Fowler Zoning Ordinance; Section 12.4C General Standards for Making Determinations. Following are the uses:

- Hotel/motel – not to be used as a permanent residential dwelling as defined in the Village of Fowler Zoning Ordinance
- Community building to included other similar uses such as; small wedding receptions, office parties, Christmas parties, graduation parties, baby/bridal showers, youth group meetings, church meetings, exercise classes and community group meetings with hours of operation ceasing at 11:00 pm.
- Crafting Retreat Center to include customary handcraft activities limited to quilting, scrap booking, stamping, jewelry making, pottery, card making, crocheting, knitting, needlework, sewing and weaving.

Motion carried.

This recommendation is contingent upon site plan review.

2008 SIDEWALK BIDS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to accept the 2008 sidewalk bid of \$2.15/sq ft. for 4” and 6” thickness. The sidewalk work will be split between Al Thelen Masonry and KDL United Concrete, LLC as both parties submitted the same bid. Motion carried.

SANITARY BUILDING EXTERIOR TUCK POINTING

No bids for tuck pointing on the sanitary building were received.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave was present to discuss the following issues:

- Millage proposal
- State budget issues impacting county
- Adult bookstore
- Jail occupancy increased

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

Richard Schafer - Zoning Permit  
Martin Apartments – abandoned/unlicensed vehicle

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 8:20 PM

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk