

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: APRIL 13, 2009

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, April 13, 2009 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, Dick Pline, John Rademacher, David Klein, Rick Fink, Chris Thelen, and Rhonda Feldpausch.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch

VISITORS

Paul Horak, Dominic Thelen, Paul Opsommer, Gary and Rose Schueller, Becky Spicer, Dave Pohl, Devon Elsea, Ed Martin

AGENDA

Correction: Remove "Ordinance" after Wind Turbine.

MINUTES

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

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve payment of \$182,356.27 from the General Fund, \$54,802.06 from the Water O & M Fund, \$555.35 from the Local Street Fund, \$440.00 from the Major Street Fund and \$3,533.36 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve Zoning Permit #C2009-01 submitted by Richard Schmitz and #RD2009-01 submitted by Mark Witgen. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight - Clinton County Sheriff Department was not present.

TREASURER REPORT

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

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:

- Catch basin cleaning
- Flush hydrants
- Lagoon sampling and dumping – second phase
- Meter replacement
- Casair will consult with Dixon Engineering regarding water tower equipment installation concerns
- East M-21 storm sewer project to go to bid

VILLAGE WIDE TRASH PICKUP

The date reserved for the Spring Clean Up is May 9, 2009.

WIND TURBINE

Several visitors were present to discuss the potential installation of wind turbines in the Townships of Dallas and Bengel. Some of the major concerns were outlined by Paul Horak, Bengel Township resident. Noise generation, shadow flicker, set back requirements, wildlife impact, Wind Turbine Syndrome, skyline view and decreased property value were among the concerns discussed. It was also reported that, at this time, there are approximately four landowners under contract for the installation of between 17 and 60 turbines. Investigation into this project will continue. While the Village of Fowler has no jurisdiction over the surrounding townships; it could get involved by communicating its desire to preserve the four square mile quadrant surround the village limits for future growth.

DEVIN ELSEA – OWNER OF MILLER’S TAVERN

Miller’s Tavern owner, Devin Elsea, was present to discuss the operation of a beer tent three to four times in 2009. He is very willing to work with the village to make this as pleasing to residents as possible. Devin will present Liquor Commission paperwork to Clinton County Sheriff for approval, and, providing approval is granted, will return to the Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk, for approval. The council did not raise any concerns at this time.

ADDITIONAL LAND PURCHASE AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE

Vern Feldpausch contacted the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding the possible necessity of purchasing additional land around the well on North Wright Road. At this time, additional land is not necessary.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Pline, to table this issue pending reevaluation of land cost. Motion carried.

DEPOSITORY RESOLUTIONS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to approve RES #2009-01 approving Fifth Third Bank as a Village of Fowler Depository and RES #2009-02 approving First Bank as a Village of Fowler Depository. Motion carried.

PAUL OPSOMMER – STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Paul Opsommer, State Representative, was present as discussed stimulus money, State of Michigan budget issues and Renewable Portfolio Subsystem.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl was present and reported on the following issues:

- Wind Turbines
- Capital Area Airport incinerator
- Clinton County purchase of 260 acres west side of Dewitt Rd. potential for 95 acre lake
- Rails to Trails possible establishment of “Authority”
- County health insurance change

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

Risk Management issue

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 9:17 PM

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk