

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: MAY 11, 2009

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, May 11, 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

Ken and Kathy Farley, Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department

AGENDA

Addition: Correspondence – Capital Area Michigan Works

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve payment of \$35,204.02 from the General Fund, \$2,713.90 from the Water O & M Fund, \$361.00 from the Major Street Fund and \$2,978.17 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight - Clinton County Sheriff Department discussed the following:

- Breaking and Entering at Fowler Public Schools
- Speed Enforcement Grant

TREASURER REPORT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, 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
- Victor Street project
- Water and sewer maps
- Crack sealing
- Sewer maintenance cleaning and inspecting
- Summer help – Mark Witgen
- Water/sewer main cost responsibility research

WIND TURBINE

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adopt Resolution #RES 2009-03 allowing for a 90 day moratorium on construction and

placement of wind towers within the Village of Fowler. Motion carried.

ASPHALT BIDS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to accept the bid of \$32,322.00 from Spartan Asphalt to mill and fill the east end of Blue Spruce Drive. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL LAND PURCHASE AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE

The site visit from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to better determine the "need" for additional land surrounding the location of the water treatment plant did not occur.

An offer of \$10,000.00 for the lot north and the lot south of the water treatment plant was presented. John Rademacher indicated that the offer would be presented to Community Developers, Inc.

The Clerk will consult with village attorney, Dan Matson, regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Fowler and Community Developers, Inc.

VICTOR STREET STORM BIDS

The original project plan of storm sewer installation on Victor Street was amended to include the replacement of sanitary sewer lines.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to accept the bid of \$13,050.00 from Les Miller & Sons for the placement of storm sewer from Second Street almost to Fifth Street. Motion carried.

KEN & KATHY FARLEY

Ken and Kathy were present to discuss the possible need for a variance on their property located at 10653 E. Second Street to allow for the expansion of the current building. This is an issue for either the Planning Commission or the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Some ideas to accommodate the expansion of Ken's Kar Kare were discussed. Further research on the request is required.

2009 PROPERTY TAX RATE

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to set the 2009 property tax rate at 8.25 mills. Motion carried.

2009 SIDEWALKS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to install approximately four blocks of new sidewalk. Motion carried.

STORM DRAIN INTALLATION ON IONIA STREET

A resident on Ionia Street inquired about the procedure of the installation of storm sewer. The procedure requires a petition from the property owners involved in the project. Vern Feldpausch will report back to the resident.

REPLACEMENT OF SANITARY SEWER LINES IN VARIOUS AREAS OF TOWN

Vern Feldpausch presented camera work on sanitary sewer line in various areas within the village that are in need of replacement. Vern will obtain bids regarding this issue.

Vern also reported on additional attachments for the sewer jet machine that would be useful in the maintenance of sanitary sewer lines.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the purchase of sewer jet machine attachments not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to reappoint Neil Hufnagel to a three year term on the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of a business owner's capability of holding a seat on the Planning Commission if they don't reside in the village. Jim Foulds will be consulted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Capital Area Michigan Works, Summer Youth Program

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

The following issues were discussed:

- Internal Controls worksheet
- Clerk's position
- Dixon Engineering's recommendations regarding Casair Inc.'s equipment on water tower
- Clinton County Waste Management meeting June 18, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 9:25 PM

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk