

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2010

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, December 13, 2010 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, Jim Braman, Greg Halfmann, John Rademacher, David Klein, Rick Fink, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: None.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

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

AGENDA

Addition to New Business: Brake Retarder Regulations and Mark Witgen – Cell Phone Reimbursement

MINUTES

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

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve payment of \$81,898.18 from the General Fund, \$4,879.00 from the Water O & M Fund, \$1,600.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$168.00 from the Storm Sewer Fund and \$1,440.69 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight was present and stated the timing of the street light at M-21 and Main Street is work in progress. Kyle also informed the council that due to other commitments his meeting attendance will be scattered.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve Planning Commission meeting minutes dated October 5, 2010 as presented. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be January 10, 2010.

ACCESSORY BUILDING SIZE

The Planning Commission will continue review of this issue.

RITA SNYDER – 10692 N. DRIVE PROPERTY

The appraisal obtained for 10692 N. Drive was found to be inaccurate. Rhonda Feldpausch will request a new appraisal.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to table discussion of the purchase of 10692 N. Drive pending a corrected appraisal. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

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

- Drainage issues near 11617 W. Second St.
- Sewer main jetting
- 2011 budget items
- Equipment PM
- Well #8

WELL #8 BIDDING PROCEDURES

Vern Feldpausch is waiting on a bid from Peerless Midwest, Inc. for the installation of Well #8.

“EAGLE COUNTRY” BANNER PROCEDURES

Establishment of procedures is pending.

BRAKE RETARDER REGULATIONS

The Planning Commission recommends placement of courtesy signs at the village limits requesting restraint from the use of brake retarders. Decision is to hold off and make courtesy calls to companies when use of brake retarders occurs.

MARK WITGEN – CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT

Mark Witgen has requested reimbursement for cell phone charges during the time he is employed as summer help. Rhonda Feldpausch will contact Mark Witgen to ask for more information regarding an amount.

MAY MEETING CORRECTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to amend the minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting to include the following action:

Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to increase budget for Major Street Expense – Transfer to Local Street by \$22,000.00; Local Street Income – Major Street Transfer by \$22,000.00; Local Street Expense – Seal Coating by \$27,000.00; and General Fund Expense – Capital Outlay: Other (Commodities Building) by \$35,000.00. Motion carried.

CONSUMERS ENERGY STREETLIGHT CONTRACT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the Authorization for Change in Standard Street Lighting Contract requested by Consumers Energy (RES 2010-02). Motion carried.

MISS DIG MEMBERSHIP

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Childers to obtain a Miss Dig membership at the current cost of \$16.30 per month. Motion carried.

WATER RATE REVIEW

Rhonda Feldpausch will contact Robert Schneider - MDNRE to request an audit of Village of Fowler Water O & M Fund to assist in water rate review. This is a free financial assessment for small community water supply systems with populations under 3,300.

2010 BONUSES AND 2011 WAGES

Trustee Childers provided the council with a 2010 Bonus and 2011 Pay Scale document.

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

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Halfmann, to approve 2011 wages for Vern Feldpausch – \$46,819.00; Brad Smith – \$41,756.00; Rhonda Feldpausch – \$39,852.80; Vern Thelen - \$3,240.00 and John Rademacher – \$3,782.00. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Halfmann, to approve 2010 bonuses of \$599.00 for DPW employees Brad Smith and Vern Feldpausch and \$200.00 for Rhonda Feldpausch, Clerk and John Rademacher, Treasurer. Motion carried.

2010 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND 2011 BUDGET MEETING

The Fowler Village Council will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at 6:00 pm with an agenda to include 2010 Budget Adjustments and 2011 Budget.

Trustee Braman left at 8:10 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

State of Michigan Liquor Control – Sunday liquor sales

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Wallside Window and Door solicitation without permit
- High School speed limit sign to have yellow flashing light added
- Use of facilities for weight loss challenge no longer necessary
- Clinton County Medical Marihuana Ordinance
- Placement of rope lights around clock island

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 8:31 PM

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk