



# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: JUNE 13, 2011

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:10 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, Greg Halfmann, Jim Braman, John Rademacher, David Klein, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Rick Fink.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Dan Simon, Ken and Kathy Farley, Jim Allen – Tri-County Office on Aging.

AGENDA

Add: Simon Brothers, Inc. Sign Request

MINUTES

Correction to May 9, 2011 meeting minutes: Change time to 7:10 pm and change 8.25% to 8.25 mills.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve payment of \$50,287.67 from the General Fund, \$68,023.06 from the Water O & M Fund, \$2,519.66 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund \$360.00 from the Major Street Fund and \$360.00 from the Local Street Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight was present and reported on B & E's and an arrest in the Citizens Bank robbery case.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing to report.

DPW REPORT

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

- Logging woods by lagoon
- 2011 summer water sampling
- I.S.O. rating
- Catch basin cleaning
- Crack sealing
- Relocation of hydrant at Main and Second
- Consumers Confidence Report

WELL #8 PROJECT

Well is approximately 200 feet deep and aquifer test showed a yield of 360 gallons per minute.

TRI-COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING – JIM ALLEN

Jim Allen – Tri-County Office on Aging was present to introduce the Senior Dine Program being instituted at KJ Café, Fowler.

PARTNERSHIP WITH DALLAS TOWNSHIP REGARDING PROPERTY PURCHASE Work in progress.

SIMON BROTHERS, INC. SIGN REQUEST Dan Simon, Simon Brothers, Inc, will meet with Rhonda Feldpausch, Clerk, to finalize a Sign Permit.

MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH BANNER REQUEST **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the request from Most Holy Trinity Parish to place banners on Second Street announcing the July parish festival. Motion carried.

VILLAGE OF FOWLER CODE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 93 **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to adopt the following amendment to Chapter 93 of the Village of Fowler Code of Ordinances:

**THE VILLAGE OF FOWLER ORDINANCES:**

Chapter 93. Streets and Sidewalks, Section 93.02, Construction and Maintenance of Sidewalks, subsection (B) is amended as follows:

**Sec 93.02 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS.**

(B) *Specifications and permits.* No person shall construct, rebuild or repair any sidewalk within the village limits except in accordance with specifications established for such sidewalks and must first obtain a written permit and specifications from the Village Superintendent. Only a licensed contractor approved by the Village Superintendent may perform such work. However, Fowler Village Department of Public Works employees retain the right to make sidewalk installations and/or repairs as deemed necessary by said department.

Motion carried.

TRAIL DONATION **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to pledge \$10,000.00 to the proposed Owosso to Ionia Rails-to-Trails project with a strong recommendation to pave the trail from Bauer Rd. to Tallman Rd. Motion carried.

TAX BILL ADDITIONS **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to add \$981.83 in unpaid sidewalk receipts and \$321.79 in unpaid water/sewer/trash bills to 2011 Village of Fowler tax bills. Motion carried.

MERS BENEFIT E PROGRAM **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to opt out of participation in MERS Benefit E Program. Motion carried.

CONTRADICTION OF LIVESTOCK KEEPING IN VILLAGE OF FOWLER ORDINANCES Rhonda Feldpausch, Clerk, is instructed to contact Jim Foulds, Community Planning Services, regarding and amendment to the Village of Fowler Code of Ordinances disallowing the keeping of fowl such as chickens, ducks, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Village wide garage sale
- Fink Field storage building and parks equipment
- Wind turbines – possible moratorium on Clinton County ordinance to allow for continued work on language

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

Adjournment: 8:27 PM

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk