



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: MAY 9, 2011

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, May 9, 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, Rhonda Feldpausch, and Rick Fink.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Dennis Simon, Ken and Kathy Farley, Jeff Hansen.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve payment of \$27,625.68 from the General Fund, \$1,712.24 from the Water O & M Fund, \$1,219.83 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund \$2,537.40 from the Major Street Fund and \$2,537.40 from the Local Street Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve Zoning Permit #AB 2011-01 submitted by Tom Goerge and #AB 2011-02 submitted by Brad Rhynard. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight was present and reported on B & E arrests and the ongoing investigation of the robbery at Citizens Bank – Fowler Branch.

TREASURER REPORT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, 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:

- Generator quotes
- Street sweeping
- I.S.O. rating
- Catch basin cleaning
- Crack sealing
- Relocation of hydrant at Main and Second
- Consumers Confidence Report
- Lagoon sampling & dumping
- 2011 water testing

WELL #8 PROJECT

Waiting on blueprints and DEQ.

WATER RATE REVIEW

Robert Schneider – DNRE and members of the council met to discuss the water

rate review conducted by Mr. Schneider. Following are recommendations:

- Ready to serve rate vs. 0-4000 gallons base rate fee
- Save in advance for repairs and capital improvements
- Change sanitary sewer rate from % of water usage to set rate

PARTNERSHIP WITH DALLAS TOWNSHIP
REGARDING PROPERTY PURCHASE

Work in progress.

GENERATOR BIDS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve purchase of an 80 KW generator from Bridgeway Cummins in the amount of \$20,750.00. Motion carried.

HYDRANT RELOCATION AT MAIN STREET AND
SECOND STREET

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the expenditure of approximately \$1,500.00 for the relocation of the hydrant on the corner of Main Street and Second Street. Motion carried.

VILLAGE OF FOWLER CODE OF ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 93

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink to table this issue for further review. Motion carried.

2011 PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to set the 2011 property millage rate at 8.25 mills. Motion carried.

FRIENDS OF THE FRED MEIJER CIS TRAIL
LETTER OF SUPPORT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to send a letter in support of the Friends of the Fred Meijer CIS Trail grant application for the development of the Ionia to Owosso rail corridor into a non-motorized transportation alternative to high speed local roads and highways. Motion carried.

IONIA TO OWOSSO RAIL-TRAIL LETTER OF
SUPPORT – DNR FOREST MANAGEMENT
DIVISION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to send a letter in support of the DNR Forest Management Division grant application for the development of the Ionia to Owosso rail corridor into a non-motorized transportation alternative to high speed local roads and highways. Motion carried.

CONTRADICTION OF LIVESTOCK KEEPING IN
VILLAGE OF FOWLER ORDINANCES

Consensus, for interpretation purposes, is that more restrictive wording would apply in contradictory situation. Jim Foulds, Community Planning Services, will be consulted.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Partnering with Fowler Public Schools for snow removal and mowing
- Proper road closing procedures
- Reliability study scheduled for spring of 2011

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 9:02 PM

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk