

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: JANUARY 13, 2014

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM with President 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: David Klein, Rick Fink, Roy Smith, Greg Halfmann, John Rademacher, John Childers, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Jim Braman.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Ken and Kathy Farley, Curt Rademacher, and Mike Porter.

AGENDA

Addition to the Agenda: Clinton Area Ambulance Service Budget

Remove: Zoning Amendments

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 regular meeting and the December 26, 2013 Special Meeting and Public Hearing as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve payment of \$44,534.64 from the General Fund, \$5,785.67 from the Local Street Fund, \$24,033.85 from the Water O & M Fund, \$17,339.66 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, \$39,041.31 from the Major Street Fund, and \$158,372.44 from the Storm Sewer Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sergeant Kyle Knight was not present.

TREASURER REPORT

Trustee Klein requested an update of bank names on the treasurer's report.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Next meeting is February 10, 2014.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Snow removal and ice control
- Year end numbers and totals
- Meter replacements
- Storm drain on North Main Street
- 2014 budget work
- Water reliability study
- Continuing education classes
- Tree removals at Fink Field

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Work in progress.

PA 152 – PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to opt out of PA 152 – Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE VACANCY

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to accept the verbal

resignation of Jim Braman. Motion carried.

At this time, there is a candidate interested in filling the vacant seat. An appointment will be made at the February meeting.

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Fiscal Year April 2014 – March 2015 Budget projecting a \$5,000.00 profit. Motion carried.

ASPHALT POLICY FOR FUTURE STREET DEVELOPMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to adopt the following Asphalt Policy:

This policy is being written to help define the purpose and thinking of the council with regard to the policy of the Village paying 100% of the cost of paving streets. It is the belief that financial responsibility and control over the paving of streets is an incentive to further development of residential and business growth. The burden of this cost is not taken lightly and therefore this policy serves also to define the rate at which paving is completed. The ebb and flow of development does not always allow a stated annual spend amount and such a simple policy would hinder competitive pricing should the opportunity lend itself. The Council will take into primary consideration the financial position of the village budget and not spend the retained fund balance of the Local Street Fund, Major Street Fund, or General Fund into a deficit position. The Council will require that development be pre-approved and planned in phases and that phase completion will be reasonably foreseen before expenditure on paving occurs. Reasonably foreseen is meant to mean a business entity, residential development company, or home buyers have invested to the extent of responsible and reasonable risk. Motion carried.

FLOODING PROBLEM

Phil Hanses – Clinton County Drain Commissioner, will meet with Spicer Group at the end of January to discuss their findings.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mike Porter

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Ambulance Authority Representative
- Mailbox damage is caused by snow most of the time
- Rerouting of D-A-L-M-A-C ride
- Ambulance capital building needs work so there are thoughts to increase the per capita fee from \$1.50 to a maximum of \$3.50. Council is in support.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk