

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: MARCH 16, 2015

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. 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: Rick Fink, Roy Smith, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, John Childers, David Klein, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Greg Halfmann.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sergeant Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sherriff Department, Bob Pung and Rob Blackwell of GAPS, Peggy Lidgard – Dallas Township Assessor, Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner, and Ken and Kathy Farley.

AGENDA

Correction to the Agenda: Remove "Correction to 12-29-2014 Minutes"

MINUTES

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

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sergeant Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff Department reported on DNR request for information on motorized vehicle accidents on CIS Trail. The placement of bollards on trail is being revisited. The main reason there are no bollards is to provide easier trail access for emergency vehicles. Sergeant Clarke verified that the speed limit in front of Fowler High School is 55 MPH when school is not in session.

TREASURER REPORT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing to report.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Meter Replacement
- Equipment bids
- M-21 Drain Project and road closures
- Waltz & Sturgis drain work
- No water services froze during winter
- Well house painting
- Hydrant flushing and meter reading

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Work in progress.

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Work in progress.

ITC – NOTICE OF SAFETY RISK

ITC and Community Developers, Inc. are continuing to negotiate easement definition. Owner of Lot #104 will present plans for ITC review.

RAILS TO TRAILS TRAIL HEAD

Rhonda Feldpausch has submitted a grant application to DALMAC requesting \$20,000.00.

HOOK UP FEES – WATER

Vern Feldpausch will contact Michigan Rural Water Association regarding hookup fees. He will also contact other communities for information.

LAND DIVISION PROCESS

Section 151.27 of the Village of Fowler Code of Ordinances states that the Village Council can designate the Village Clerk or other official to review and approve a proposed land division or transfer of land. Jim Foulds, Community Planning Services, will be contacted to find out proper designation procedure.

SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to contract with Granger Container Services for a Spring Clean Up not to exceed cost of \$6000.00. Motion carried.

PEGGY LIDGARD – DALLAS TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Peggy Lidgard was present to introduce herself as the new Dallas Township Assessor.

GAPS SIGN

GAPS construction is complete on Edgewood Drive and Rob Blackwell and Bob Pung have requested permission to place a sign at the corner of M-21 and Edgewood Drive much like the Simon Brothers, Inc. sign at that location. Vern Thelen will coordinate a meeting with interested parties to discuss options for sign placement for GAPS and future businesses.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commission reported on the following issues:

- Change in county new hire pension/retirement plan
- Plans to pay off courthouse debt in May and Health Department in one year
- Rail-to-Trail Ribbon Cutting in St. Johns at 11:00 AM in St. Johns
- County is in good financial condition
- Proposal One

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- GAPS ribbon cutting ceremony and open house March 18
- Phil Hanses – Clinton County Drain Commissioner email update on Fowler Extension #2 and Waltz and Sturgis drain projects
- Ready to serve hookup fees

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk