



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM with and President Pro Tem David Klein 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, Greg Halfmann, Rick Fink, Brad Rhynard, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Vernon J. Thelen.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Ken and Kathy Farley, Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner, Tim and Amy Epkey, Kristin Phillips, Joel Morgan – Spicer Group and Phil Hanses – Clinton County Drain Commissioner.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Halfmann, to approve payment of \$113,099.65 from the General Fund, \$25,307.25 from the Water O & M Fund, \$9,033.35 from the Local Street Fund, \$10,904.03 from the Major Street Fund and \$13,984.54 from the Sanitary O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Halfmann, to approve Zoning Permit # AB2016-04 submitted by Sarah Turkovich, #F2016-02 submitted by Mike and Amy Hufford, and #RD2016-02 submitted by Stephanie Luark. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present from Clinton County Sherriff Department.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing new.

MATCHING FUNDS APPLICATION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the Matching Funds Application submitted by Michelle Mueller of Becker Bridal. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC SPEED DISPLAY

Request for a quote has been made.

AMY EPKEY AND KRISTIN PHILLIPS – FOWLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Amy and Tim Epkey and Kristin Phillips were present to educate the council on the efforts of the Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation. The foundation has a Facebook page for further information.

PHIL HANSES – CLINTON COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Phil Hanses – Clinton County Drain Commissioner and Joel Morgan – Spicer Group, were present to discuss plans for the Waltz and Sturgis Drain. The projected project cost is approximately \$750,000.00. Condemnation of 13 acres of land was granted in September. The landowner is contesting the compensation. Because the condemnation process is not complete, the cost of the property has not been included in the FEMA grant request. A decision on the FEMA grant request should come in December. Plans include ditch shaping, excavation, building of berms, and could involve culvert replacement.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Lagoon fence maintenance and brush removal
- Cell #2 sampling & discharge
- Vehicle prep, wash, wax and PM
- Backhoe PM
- Sidewalk billings
- Winterizing buildings & hydrants
- Fall park clean up

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

An outline is in the works and documents are being created.

TRAILHEAD PROJECT

Ribbon cutting planned for spring 2017.

BUDGET PROCEDURES

John Rademacher, Treasurer, will provide a spreadsheet providing information outlining yearly costs of village operations versus special projects. Sample documents for Local Street and Water O & M were distributed.

BLIGHTED PROPERTIES ORDINANCE WORDING

Draft of blighted properties amendment will be converted to codified format and presented to council at a later date.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner was present and reported on the following issues:

- 911 Tower
- Jail contract with State of Michigan
- Green Having renovations
- Increase in 911 cell phone charges
- Clinton County budget approval

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE AUTHORITY NEW ARTICLE ADOPTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Halfmann moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority. Motion carried.

This action is necessary to add the communities of Ovid and Ovid Township to the Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Dog park creation
- Arden Pierson, long time surveyor for Community Developers, praised our community for being well maintained

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk

Note: These minutes are subject to approval at December council meeting.