

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

President  
Vernon J. Thelen  
President Pro-Tem  
Vacant  
Trustees  
Roy Smith  
John Childers  
Dick Pline  
Rick Fink  
David Klein  
Chris Thelen

Treasurer  
John C. Rademacher  
Clerk  
Rhonda Feldpausch  
DPW Employees  
Vern Feldpausch  
Brad Smith

DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2006

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:03 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, Chris Thelen, Rick Fink, Rhonda Feldpausch, Dave Klein, Dick Pline, and John Rademacher.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch and Brad Smith.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Scott Smith, and Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner

AGENDA

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the agenda.

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2006 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Kyle Knight discussed the following issues:

- Breaking and entering in Clinton County
- Scott Smith paid for damage on Blue Spruce Drive

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve payment of \$97,819.93 from the General Fund, \$23,147.94 from the Water O & M Fund, \$5,508.32 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, \$18,853.33 from the Major Street Fund, \$3,557.12 from the Storm Sewer Fund, and \$6,647.45 from the Local Street Fund. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

None.

2006 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to approve the following 2006 budget adjustments:

General Fund – revenue decrease \$6,700.00 and expense increase \$5,400.00  
Local Street Fund – expense increase \$2,100.00  
Major Street Fund – expense increase \$3,150.00  
Storm Sewer Fund – revenue increase \$1,000.00 and expense decrease \$200.00  
Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund – revenue decrease \$4,800.00 and expense decrease \$32,950.00  
Water O & M Fund – revenue decrease \$2,100.00 and expense increase \$14,800.00  
Motion carried.

2007 BUDGET

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to

approve the following 2007 budget:

General Fund - revenue \$441,700.00 and expense - \$458,150.00  
Local Street Fund - revenue \$62,650.00 and expense \$45,700.00  
Major Street Fund - revenue \$51,900.00 and expense \$54,750.00  
Storm Sewer Fund - revenue \$27,010.00 and expense \$10,750.00  
Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund - revenue \$65,500.00 and expense \$58,650.00  
Water O & M Fund - revenue \$1,079,800.00 and expense - \$1,113,015.00  
Motion carried.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

President Thelen contacted Charter Communications regarding a letter to residents announcing the loss of local channels. He was assured that changes would be made within Charter Communications to allow residents to continue local channel viewing.

PRO-TEM APPOINTMENT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to nominate Dave Klein as Pro-Tem. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to appoint Dave Klein as Pro-Tem. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management has asked the village to partner with them in hosting a Clean Community Event in 2007. The event is similar to the Large Appliance Pick Up held by the village but would be available to all Clinton County residents. The event would take place in the village and the use of some village equipment is necessary. The county would handle advertising and scheduling.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to partner with Clinton County Department of Waste Management in hosting a Clean Community Event in 2007. Motion carried.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve procurement of Dykema Gossett PLLC as bond attorneys for the Water Treatment Plant Project. Motion carried.

To finance the Water Treatment Plant Project, the Village of Fowler will borrow money from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. In keeping with reimbursement rules, it is necessary to adopt a resolution outlining procedures for the village to reimburse itself for expenses using the proceeds of the Bonds received through the loan.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to adopt Reimbursement Resolution #2006-05. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

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

- Project Plan for water treatment plant
- 2006 sidewalk billing
- 2007 streets and sidewalks
- Preventative maintenance programs
- Cell #2 leveling
- Rebuild valves on lagoon spillway

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 2007 WAGES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to make the following 2007 annual wage increases:

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor – increase from \$42,950.00 to \$44,220.00  
Brad Smith, Assistant DPW – increase from \$38,250.00 to \$39,334.00  
Rhonda Feldpausch, Clerk – increase from \$21,916.00 to \$22,540.00  
John Rademacher, Treasurer – increase from \$3,365.00 to \$3,565.00  
Vern Thelen, President – increase from \$3,000.00 to \$3,240.00  
Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #49, SECTION 151.27	Jim Foulds, Community Planning Services, to review wording.
TREASURER'S REPORT	<b>BOARD ACTION:</b> Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented . Motion carried.
PLANNING COMMISSION	Planning Commission needs new member as of 1 -1-07. October meeting was rescheduled for December 20, 2006 .
DIXON ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – WATER TOWER PAINTING	<b>BOARD ACTION:</b> Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the additional cost involved to enhance lettering and add eagle to water tower. Motion carried.
STREETLIGHTS ON WEST SECOND STREET	Site visit by Consumers Energy 12-12 or 12-13-06.
WEBSITE	The building of the Village of Fowler website continues to be a work in progress.
TEN YEAR COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADOPTION	Plan is being reprinted following minor revisions .
DAVE POHL, CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER	Dave discussed the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible smoking ban in all business in Clinton County</li> <li>• Completion of health Department building</li> <li>• Fairgrounds project on schedule</li> <li>• New Community Development Director hired</li> <li>• Possible ban on all non-agricultural phosphorus applications</li> </ul>
150 <sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION	150 <sup>TH</sup> Anniversary celebration is work in progress.
CORRESPONDENCE	None.
10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION	
ADJOURNMENT	<b>BOARD ACTION:</b> Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
	Adjournment: 9:15 PM

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk