

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2008

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, October 13, 2008 at 7:00 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, Dick Pline, David Klein, Rick Fink, Chris Thelen, John Rademacher and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: John Childers

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Bob Pung, Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner and Fred Epkey.

AGENDA

Add: Bob & Nikki Pung – Property location; 616 S. Main Street, Fowler

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

MINUTES

Correction: Motion to approve bills made by Smith and supported by Klein.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2008 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve payment of \$33,079.26 from the General Fund, \$34,573.41 from the Water O & M Fund, \$221.28 from the Local Street Fund, \$135.23 from the Storm Sewer Fund, \$330.00 from the Major Street Fund and \$971.94 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve Accessory Building Permit #AB2008-06 submitted by Vern Feldpausch. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight was present and provided information on the following issues:

- Grant money
- Compliance check results – 97 locations tested and 33% sold to minors
- Halloween hours – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

CASAIR, INC.

Casair, Inc. began providing wireless services in October. Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk, will email Steve regarding the issue of commencing rental fees. Recommendation from the council is that fees

should begin October 1, 2008.

BOB & NIKKI PUNG – RENOVATION AT 616 S. MAIN STREET, FOWLER

Bob Pung was present to update the council on plans to renovate the property located at 616 S. Main Street, Fowler. Unfortunately, due to the current economic situation, the Pung's are unable to secure funding for their project. The council recommended the Pung's contact the Clinton County Economic Alliance for further options or ideas.

FRED EPKEY REQUEST

Fred Epkey requested the removal of \$45.55 in penalties and \$19.30 in trash charges included in the October 1, 2008 water/sewer/trash billing for 309 N. Main Street, Fowler. The property is owned by his mother, Agatha Epkey.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to waive \$45.55 late fee and \$19.30 trash removal fee due to misunderstanding regarding billing address information in reference to 309 N. Main Street. Motion carried.

A process will be enacted regarding landlord/tenant billing procedures to avoid this situation in the future.

TREASURER REPORT

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

Following are some discussion issues:

- MBIA not covered by FDIC (currently \$941,000.00 in MBIA accounts)
- Checking accounts FDIC secure to \$250,000.00 (currently \$347,000.00 in Citizens Bank checking accounts)
- Savings accounts FDIC secure to \$250,000.00 (currently \$118,000.00 in Citizens Bank savings accounts)
- Treasurer will make some deposit adjustments

PLANNING COMMISSION

There continues to be a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Council members were urged to recruit a replacement.

DPW REPORT

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

- Crack Sealing
- Hydrant flushing
- Country Pines Phase 7 water and storm inspections
- Fence repairs around lagoon
- Lagoon dumping and sampling
- Tree removal
- Bruce's Street Sweeping was contracted in September and service was excellent

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Pline, to contract Ayles Tree Service for removal of five trees at a cost of \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

Regarding a request from a resident for the removal of live trees in village right-of-way; council agrees to the removal by a licensed tree removal company at the expense of the homeowner. Further, trees must be replaced in compliance with the Village of Fowler Tree Planting Guidelines.

MERS – BENEFIT PROGRAM E

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Pline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to abstain from participation in Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Benefit Program E. Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONER

Dave reported on the following issues:

- Rails to Trails
- Wind test towers
- Clinton County adoption of new Master Plan
- Rebanding of emergency services in county
- House passing of property valuation bill
- Clinton County Budget Hearing October 14, 2008
- Emergency Services communication

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal Underwriters of Michigan – request for insurance bid

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 8:59 PM

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk