



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: AUGUST 8, 2011

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, August 8, 2011 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: David Klein, Roy Smith, John Childers, Rick Fink, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Greg Halfmann and Jim Braman.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, George and Cindy Simon, Ken and Kathy Farley, Dennis Simon, Dave Pohl – Clinton County Sheriff Department.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve payment of \$102,625.22 from the General Fund, \$10,478.96 from the Water O & M Fund, \$6,720.64 from the Local Street Fund, \$16,824.22 from the Major Street Fund, \$673.81 from the Storm Sewer Fund, and \$29,966.45 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Kyle Knight was present and reported on happenings within Clinton County.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing to report.

DPW REPORT

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

- Well #8
- Sewer jetting and main preventative maintenance
- Water box maintenance
- Catch basin cleaning
- Lot striping
- Meeting regarding logging of woods 8-10-11
- Spot asphaltting
- Sidewalk construction – mid August

WELL #8 PROJECT

Well is in State of Michigan DEQ review and approval stage.

DEPARTMENT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers to support the 2012 Rural Recycling Service Plan. Motion carried.

PARTNERSHIP WITH DALLAS TOWNSHIP REGARDING PROPERTY PURCHASE

Work in progress. Further information regarding purchase fees will be presented at the next meeting.

ZONING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 15 – SIGNS

Draft wording with legal counsel for review.

CONTRADICTION OF LIVESTOCK KEEPING IN VILLAGE OF FOWLER ORDINANCES

Draft wording with legal counsel for review.

APPEALS TO CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING WIND TURBINES

A preliminary plan for placement of wind turbines in Clinton County raises concerns about the preservation of the four square mile surrounding the village limits. Another letter regarding the Fowler Village Council's desire to have Clinton County preserve the area surrounding the village for future growth.

2011 SIDEWALK BIDS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to accept the bid of \$2.50/sq. ft. for 4" sidewalk and \$3.00/sq. ft. for 6" sidewalk from KDL Concrete. Motion carried.

TREE REMOVAL

Ayles Tree Service assessed several trees in the village and recommended some trimming along with the removal of six trees. Three of the trees are ashes and are located in the right-of-way on Rita Snyder's property but she does not want them removed. Tree removal and trimming will be suspended until the spring of 2012.

CINDY SIMON – TREE REPLACEMENT BID/REQUEST

The Village of Fowler has received a request from Cindy Simon for a replacement of a blue spruce that was trimmed by village employees due to growth into sidewalk area. Village employees believed they had contacted the proper owner, a representative of Community Developers, prior to commencing trim work at which time they received approval. Upon further investigation it was found that the tree trunk was approximately 6" outside of the village right-of-way. Due to the amount of growth into the sidewalk area, it was decided to trim the branches off the bottom of the tree. Cindy and George Simon are not satisfied with the look of the tree and would like it replaced. They have submitted a bill for removal and replacement in the amount of \$900.00. The tree in question is located within the Clinton County Drain easement.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to table the tree replacement request pending further information. Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner, reported on the following issues:

- Clinton County, Road Commission, and Sheriff, budget issues
- Wind turbines – ordinance clarifications/revisions regarding setbacks and heights prompted a moratorium which expires 11-1-11

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Ken Farley thanked the village for the help/support for the Touch a Truck event

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 9:44 PM

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk