

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: MAY 14, 2012

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM with President 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, Jim Braman, John Rademacher, David Klein, Rick Fink, Greg Halfmann, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: None.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sergeant Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Ken & Kathy Farley, Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner, Clinton Transit Representatives - Russ Nobach, Dawn Benson and Ronnie Christmas

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Correction: Zoning Permit motion – replace “Zoning Permit” with “Residential Development Permit”.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve payment of \$49,124.83 from the General Fund, \$1,473.83 from the Water O & M Fund, \$60.20 from the Storm Sewer Fund, \$2,108.80 from the Major Street Fund, \$2,108.80 from the Local Street Fund and \$1,935.70 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve Accessory Building Permit #AB2012-01 submitted by William Witt. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sergeant Kyle Knight reported on progress of Alfred Koenigsnecht robbery investigation. Sergeant Knight also reported on current trainings and speed wagon location.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Current project is Master Plan Review.

DPW REPORT

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

- Lead & copper testing
- Meter maintenance and replacement
- Waste Water Stabilization Inspection
- Village Hall basement water problem
- Sewer lining costs dropped from \$35/ft. to \$24/ft.
- Park maintenance

2012 SIDEWALKS

Some concerns have been raised regarding increased costs for residents on corner lots. Trustees were asked to present policy verbiage in costly sidewalk installation situations at the June meeting.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Braman moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to table this issue for further consideration. Motion carried.

CLINTON TRANSIT MILLAGE RENEWAL PRESENTATION

Clinton Transit representatives presented information regarding a millage renewal request. They stressed that the millage is not an increase and that it is a 4 year renewable millage which is being sought a year early.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Further review recommended.

RAILS TO TRAILS UPDATE

Rhonda Feldpausch attended a Clinton County Parks and Green Space Commission meeting to observe a presentation by Anna Marie Bauer (DNR) and Caroline Kane (Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance) regarding the Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail. Ionia to Owosso – Phase 1 is eight miles long; construction should begin 2012-13 with a projected cost of \$1,705,000. Phase 2 is 34 miles long; construction should begin 2013-14 with a projected cost of \$3,575,000.

2012 MILLAGE RATE

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved to set the 2012 millage rate at 7.00 mills. Motion died due to lack of support.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Braman moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to set the 2012 millage rate at 8.00 mills. Motion carried.

241 MAPLE STREET BUILDING

The apartment building located at 241 Maple Street is currently listed for \$200,000.00. Rhonda Feldpausch contacted the owner and he is not interested in negotiating the price at this time.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner was present and discussed the following topics:

- Clinton County Clerk and Register of Deeds offices have been combined
- Possible site for Eagle recycle center
- Jail management rule changes by State of Michigan
- Jail bonds are paid
- Rails to Trails
- Sale of Federal Mogul Property
- County fixed millage funds dispersed 5.8 to County, .2 Intermediate Schools and 1.0 Township

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Newsletter to be sent with tax bills to include reduction of millage rate and July 26 car show

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 8:35 PM

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk