

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2014

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, December 10, 2014 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: Rick Fink, Roy Smith, Greg Halfmann, John Rademacher, John Childers, David Klein, Mike Porter and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: None.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Krista and Scott Martin, and Ken and Kathy Farley, Bill Thoma, Glenn Thelen, Arden Pierson – Pierson Surveying, Curt and Tyler Rademacher, and Gary Kirsh – ITC Holdings Corp.

AGENDA

Addition to the agenda: Clinton Street Storm Drain

MINUTES

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

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve payment of \$83,194.41 from the General Fund, \$1,623.36 from the Water O & M Fund, \$12,000.00 from the Major Street Fund and \$885.11 from the Sanitary O & M. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one from the Sheriff Department was present.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing to report.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Snow removal
- Meter replacements and valve maintenance
- Winter equipment PM
- M-21 Drain Project
- Sidewalk billings
- Waltz & Sturgis drain work

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Work in progress.

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Work in progress.

ITC – NOTICE OF SAFETY RISK

Gary Kirsh – ITC Holding Corp. was present as were Arden Pierson – Pierson Surveying and John Rademacher – Community Developers, Inc. to discuss easement issues regarding the power lines located on Community Developers, Inc. property. The two parties are in negotiation regarding the easement definition. It appears that the parties will be able to reach an agreement. Negotiations will continue and the council will continue to be informed of the progress.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE ENDORSEMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to endorse the Master Plan Update submitted for council review by the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

RAILS TO TRAILS TRAIL HEAD

A Trailhead Committee consisting of Mike Porter, Rick Fink, Rhonda Feldpausch and community members yet to be named will work on the trailhead construction project.

CLINTON STREET STORM DRAIN

Glenn Thelen has requested reimbursement for storm sewer work in front of his home on Clinton Street. Following an investigation of the area, it was determined that the drain does not belong to the village. Glenn has continued to have issues with the drain and has asked for further review. Bill Thoma was also present as he also lives on Clinton Street. Vern Feldpausch will look at the situation again and will help to locate possible storm drain connections for the homeowners.

2014 BONUSES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve a \$500.00 bonus for Vern Feldpausch, Brad Smith and Rhonda Feldpausch and a \$200.00 bonus for John Rademacher. Motion carried.

2015 WAGES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to increase Vern Feldpausch's annual wages from \$49,796.00 to \$50,791.92; Brad Smith's annual wages from \$44,632.00 to \$45,524.64; Rhonda Feldpausch from \$40,650.00 to \$41,463.00 and John Rademacher from \$3,962.00 to \$4,462.00. Also, Vern Feldpausch, Rhonda Feldpausch and Brad Smith will receive a 457 company match of up to \$750.00. Motion carried.

RECYCLING SERVICE PLAN

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the Recycling Service Plan adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners on October 28, 2014 for the Service period starting January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried.

MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM RENEWAL

Council will review the policy and take action at the December special meeting.

2015 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting will take place on December 29, 2014 at 3:30 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk