



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Vern Feldpausch
Brad Smith

DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2015

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM with and 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, John Childers, Rick Fink, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Greg Halfman and Roy Smith.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Ken and Kathy Farley, Sgt. Scott Clarke, and Dave Pohl

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve payment of \$40,218.06 from the General Fund, \$3,408.64 from the Water O & M Fund, and \$1,383.78 from the Sanitary O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt Clarke reported that there is a juvenile in custody for the vehicle break-ins. A stolen vehicle was recovered on the Rails-to-Trails. There have been more phone scams reported.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Tory W. Niewiadomski of MI Planning Services has submitted documents regarding his desire to contract with the Village of Fowler for planning services. Documents were reviewed. Action will be taken at a later date

COUNCIL RULES

Vern Thelen has asked the council to review the Council Rules and be prepared to make any suggested changes so that the rules can be adopted at the January Meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve a \$500.00 bonus for Vern Feldpausch, Brad Smith and Rhonda Feldpausch, a \$200.00 bonus for John Rademacher, and a \$75.00 bonus for Mike Koenigsnecht and Roy Witgen. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to increase Vern Feldpausch's annual wages from \$50,791.92 to \$55,160.02; Brad Smith's annual wages from \$45,524.64 to \$46,890.37; Rhonda Feldpausch from \$41,463.00 to \$42,292.26 and John Rademacher from \$4,462.00 to \$4,551.24. Also, Vern Feldpausch, Rhonda Feldpausch and Brad Smith will receive a 457 company match of up to \$750.00. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Meter reads and replacements
- Equipment PM
- Hydrant and valve book update
- Phosphorus removal plans for lagoons
- Sidewalk billings

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Work in progress.

FOWLER ARTS COMMITTEE

Work in progress.

TRAILHEAD PROJECT

Currently working with C2AE regarding site plan.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT REQUIREMENT

Vern Thelen informed the council that committee meetings are required to be posted.

BUDGET PROCEDURES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers to increase Water O & M and Sanitary O&M administrative labor transfers from \$1,800.00/year to \$4,000.00/year. Motion carried.

Vern Thelen has asked for reports regarding yearly payroll costs and special projects versus normal operating expenses.

The Special Meeting for proposed 2015 Budget adjustments and 2016 Budget will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 4:00 PM at the Village Hall.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- Clinton County budget work
- Greenhaven renovation project –approx. \$960,000
- Sheriff Office improvement such as a new roof
- MMDHD award
- Road Funding Package
- Drain Office \$75,000-\$90,000 equipment request

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Beth Thelen.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

Issues at recycle site will be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk