

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2014

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, February 10, 2014 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: David Klein, Rick Fink, Roy Smith, Mike Porter, Greg Halfmann, John Rademacher, John Childers, and Rhonda Feldpausch.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sherriff Department, Ken and Kathy Farley, Curt Rademacher, Eric and Lori Hartley, Dave Pohl, and Tom Goerge.

AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda: Special Use Permit for Adult Foster Care Submitted by Eric and Lori Hartley, Budget Adjustment, Sheriff Dept. Correspondence.

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve payment of \$32,569.10 from the General Fund, \$1,705.25 from the Water O & M Fund, and \$1,126.83 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sergeant Kyle Knight reported that a deputy addressed the improper operation of snowmobiles with a resident. The jail is at capacity and the animal control facility is working well.

TREASURER REPORT

Trustee Klein requested an update of bank names on the treasurer's report.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is currently working on the finalization of the Master Plan update, review of street width and construction requirements, amendments to RV storage policy and rules regarding peddlers. The commission will meet on April 14, 2014, August 8, 2014 and October 13, 2014. Meetings may be cancelled due to lack of business. Also, additional meeting may be scheduled based on need.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Snow removal and ice control
- Year end numbers and totals
- Meter replacements
- Vehicle maintenance
- Water reliability study
- Continuing education classes
- Tree removals at Fink Field

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Work in progress.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT – ERIC AND LORI HARTLEY

Tom Goerge cautioned the council regarding state licensing loop hole being used by some facility owners. As a precaution, wording such as “necessary” licensing should be replaced with more specific wording requiring licensing.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the Special Use Permit submitted by Eric and Lori Hartley for the construction of a twelve bed adult foster care home on the corner of Edgewood Drive and M-21 continent upon the following :

- The applicant obtain licenses and permits from the State of Michigan
- The applicant receives final site plan review approval from the Village o Fowler Planning Commission which shall include a landscape plane, parking plan, and storm water drainage plan.
- The Fire Department review and approve the final site plan documents.
- The applicant meets the requirements of all public agencies during the final site plan review process. Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Pohl reported on the following issues:

- Contribution of \$100,000.00 from Clinton County to Clinton County Road Commission for the purchase of a truck
- Motz Park addition
- Rails-to-Trails
- Collaboration of Lansing Economic Area Partnership and Clinton County Economic Alliance
- Mobile home park in Eagle

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE STIPEND

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve a stipend of \$50.00 per month for the Village of Fowler Ambulance Authority Representative. Motion carried.

MATCHING FUNDS APPLICATION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the Matching Funds Application in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Becker’s Bridal. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE VACANCY

There was only one party interested in filling the trustee vacancy.

President Vern Thelen nominated Mike Porter to fill the position.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to accept the nomination by President Vern Thelen for Mike Porter to fill the trustee vacancy until the term ends November, 2014. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to add a line item to the General Fund named “Storm Sewer Installation and Repair” with a budget of \$12,500.00 for 2014. This is necessary due to the merging of the General Fund and Storm Sewer Fund. Motion carried.

FLOODING PROBLEM

Phil Hanses – Clinton County Drain Commissioner, will meet with Spicer Group February 24, 2014 at 10:00 at Spicer Group and Vern Feldpausch will attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Clinton County Sheriff Department – Tri-county Metro Narcotics donation
- Linda Marklin, Consumers Energy – notification of street light survey by Consumers Energy
- Jim Andros – rationale regarding request for .5 mill reduction in 2014 millage rate

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Extension of gas line to well house
- Clinton County Road Commission revision of rules for street development and need for village to review its rules

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk

