

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: JUNE 9, 2014

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, June 9, 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: Rick Fink, Roy Smith, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, John Childers, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Greg Halfmann and David Klein

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sgt. Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff, Tom Leonard – State Representative Candidate, Ken and Kathy Farley, Tom and Diann Foersch, and Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner.

AGENDA

Addition to the Agenda: Street Closure Request – Becker's Bridal

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve payment of \$35,223.44 from the General Fund, \$3,221.01 from the Water O & M Fund, \$1,771.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$1,771.00 from the Local Street Fund and \$1,316.27 from the Sanitary O & M. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve Zoning Permit #RD2014-02 and AB2014-01 submitted by Neil Feldpausch, #RD2014-04 and #AB2014-02 submitted by Randy Antes, and #RD2014-03 submitted by Glenn Simon. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sergeant Kyle Knight presented the monthly stats report. He also reported on making contact with resident on Second Street regarding ORV use. Sgt. Knight informed the council that Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk, may have to testify at a court hearing on Wednesday, June 18, regarding an arrest made in front of the village office. The arrest was made following a background check on an individual looking to obtain a Peddler's Permit.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will meet in August

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Crack Sealing – 13 blocks complete with approx. 17 remaining
- Valve bolt replacement – approx. 15-20
- Meter readings
- M-21 Drain Project
- Emergency Response Plan for DEQ
- Park maintenance
- Sanitary manhole inspections

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to attend to the removal and replacement of sidewalks in the downtown area with the intent for the village to bore all costs. Motion carried.

2014 MILLAGE RATE

The Council reviewed a letter received from Jim Andros outlining his rationale for reducing the millage rate from 8.0 to 7.5. Based on a reduction in valuations and the elimination of Personal Property taxes, the council feels uncomfortable with a reduction.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to set the 2014 millage rate at 8.0 mills. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EDGEWOOD DRIVE STREET AND UTILITIES EXTENSION

Easement for Edgewood Drive extension is being revised. Money will be placed in escrow as assurance that street will be completed to village specifications and storm sewer will be installed.

TOM LEONARD – STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE

Tom Leonard – State Representative Candidate reported on the following issues:

- Criminal justice reform
- State of Michigan budget surplus of \$300 million
- Preliminary exam reform
- Road funding is uncertain
- School funding
- Personal property tax replacement

WELCOME SIGNS

The “Welcome to Fowler” signs should be improved/repared. Members are urged to provide ideas/examples.

DESIGNATION OF INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Rhonda Feldpausch will consult with Jim Foulds – Community Planning Services on more detail on the designation of Industrial Districts.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST – BECKER’S BRIDAL

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the request from Becker’s Bridal to close Main Street from Second Street to First Street on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for Grand Re-Opening festivities. Motion carried.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

A resident contacted the village office to ask about the possibility of village wide spraying for mosquitoes due to a child’s severe allergy. Some cities provide this service. The council is interested in more information. The resident had offered to provide additional details at a later date.

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Vern Thelen will work with Rhonda Feldpausch and John Rademacher to clearly define a separation of duties.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner discussed the following issues:

- Commissioner Pohl will follow up on a concern raised by President Thelen regarding Clinton County Equalization Dept.
- Motz Park addition is open
- Rails-to-Trails
- Budget process has begun, 0 base budget, millage rate 5.8 since 1990’s

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Car show to be held July 24 and sidewalk replacement will not interfere

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk