

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: MAY 12, 2014

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, May 12, 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, David Klein, Roy Smith, Mike Porter, Greg Halfmann, John Rademacher, John Childers, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: None.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sgt. Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff, Ken and Kathy Farley, Curt Rademacher, Karen Schneider, and Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 regular meeting and May 5, 2014 Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve payment of \$33,597.97 from the General Fund, \$1,751.82 from the Water O & M Fund, and \$745.79 from the Sanitary O & M. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sergeant Kyle Knight presented the monthly stats report. He also thanked village representatives for their support at the time of his Mother's death.

TREASURER REPORT

No report was available. Report for this month will be presented at the next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Clean and store winter equipment
- Valve bolt replacement
- Meter replacements
- Cell #2 sampling and discharge
- Emergency Response Plan for DEQ
- Crack sealing
- Need for formal request from Village regarding 5" asphalt on rails-to-trails area traversed with heavy equipment during snow removal
- Sewer manhole inspections
- Hydrant flushing
- Crack sealing water sampling – 2014 requirements

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Work in progress.

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

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Smith, moved supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the Edgewood Drive street and utilities extension project subject to approval from village engineer Kevin Feuka – c2ea, Clinton County Drain Commissioner, and State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Motion carried.

ASPHALTING

Vern Feldpausch met with Norm Holm – Michigan Paving & Materials to assess street conditions. Mr. Holm indicated that the work previously discussed regarding Maple Street and Fourth Street is not necessary at this time.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, accept the paving proposal from Michigan Paving & Material Co. in the amount of \$65,346.00 to asphalt N. Cedar Trail, N. Norway Drive and Tyler Drive. Motion carried.

MATCHING FUNDS APPLICATION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the Matching Funds Application submitted by Fowler Lanes. Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM PAY MYERS REGARDING TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the request from Pam Myers to remove two trees in the street right-of-way at her expense. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to add Sun Valley Maple to the approved tree listing on the Tree Planting Guidelines document. Motion carried.

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

A sample Fraud Risk Management Policy was presented to the council for their review and comments.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- Clinton County financial stability
- Proposal for rapid transit to follow Michigan Ave. to Meridian Mall
- Rails-to-Trails
- \$390,000 emergency road fund provided to Clinton County Road Commission
- August primary to address Personal Property change

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Car show to be held July 24

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk