

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2013

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, October 14, 2013 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, Greg Halfmann, Jim Braman, John Childers, Rhonda Feldpausch, and John Rademacher. Absent: None.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sergeant Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Ken and Kathy Farley, Tony Jandernoa, Tom Leonard, Leanne Braman, Mark Witgen, Jim Armbrustmacher, Tami and Curt Rademacher, Tom and Diann Foersch, Erwin and Alice Pline, Cathy Rademacher, Dennis Simon, Elaine and Clare Schaefer, Dale Thelen, Shelley Mueller, Randy Pung, Neil Hufnagel, and Mike Porter.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve payment of \$47,561.22 from the General Fund, \$11,388.29 from the Water O & M Fund, \$635.00 from the Major Street Fund, and \$5,040.04 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M fund, \$3,255.83 from the Storm Sewer Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to approve zoning permit #RD2013-06 submitted by Eric Johnson. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sergeant Kyle Knight presented statistics for last month. Kyle also reported on the animal control building progress, jail capacity, and confession on damage at both Fowler Public Schools.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance have been recommended for presentation to the Village Council at the November meeting.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Cell #2 sampling and discharging
- Sidewalks scheduled for 2013 will be delayed until 2014
- Hydrant flushing
- Valve preventative maintenance program
- Park preventative maintenance
- Asphalt patching
- Water reliability study

KATHERINE NEESE – CLINTON COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT

Katherine Neese – Clinton County Waste Management was present to report on the recycling collections and to answer questions.

TOM LEONARD – STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Tom Leonard – State Representative was present to answer question. He also reported on budget issues, an Elder Abuse bill, and a 4.2% increase in constitutional revenue sharing.

HALLOWEEN HOURS **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to set Halloween Hours at 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Motion carried.
Work in progress.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

STREET RESOLUTIONS **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to table Street Resolutions adding Tyler Drive and extensions of Norway Drive and Cedar Trail into the Village of Fowler Street system. Motion carried.

ASPHALT BIDS **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to table Asphalt Bids. Motion carried.

FEE SCHEDULE **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to table Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

BECKER FURNITURE MATCHING FUNDS APPLICATION **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve the Matching Funds Application submitted by Becker Furniture. Motion carried.

STREET LIGHT RESOLUTION **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Smith, to adopt Resolution #RES2013-02; a resolution for authorization for change in standard street lighting contract with Consumers Energy adding lights on Tyler Drive which is currently a public road easement. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENT OF ASPHALTING POLICY FOR FUTURE STREET DEVELOPMENT Several residents were present to discuss the reinstatement of an asphaltting policy for future street development. Some of the issues discussed were as follows:

- Proper procedure for Council response to document received with one hundred plus signatures in opposition to reinstatement of paving policy will be investigated
- Possible strain on current water and sanitary sewer systems if development continues
- Need for guidelines regarding paving policy such as a maximum amount of money budgeted per year, an amount of homes present on a street before paving to occur
- Need for local jobs
- Development creates opportunities for local builders, etc.
- Council retains decision on when streets are paved
- Dedicating money to pay for asphalt without lot sales drives a need for an increase in taxes
- Three things necessary for a good community: housing, good schools and jobs
- What drove decision in 2003 to change asphaltting policy to 100% developer cost?
- Asphalt is "pretty" part of street but majority of cost of street installation is in "prep" for asphalt
- Portion of property sold for agricultural purposes can be bought back for additional development
- Concern with "influx" of developers asking for asphalt
- Additional developers should create competition thus driving cost of lots down

FLOODING PROBLEM Some surveyor work has been done. An evaluation of the slope and capacity of the drain will be conducted.

CORRESPONDENCE Jim Andros – request to establish village resident group email for information sharing
Therese and Dale Koenigsknecht – support for changing asphalt policy
Therese and Tim Andros – support for changing asphalt policy
Document with several signatures in opposition to changing asphalt policy

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Ken Farley apology for outburst during asphalt policy discussion
- Possibility of sign at village limit locations with name of local businesses

ADJOURNMENT **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk