

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



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DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, September 9, 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

None.

VISITORS

Sergeant Kyle Knight – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Ken and Kathy Farley, Tony Jandernoa, Mike Schmitt, Zachary Schmitt, Jim Andros, Jim Armbrustmacher, Francis Thelen, Curt Rademacher, Tom and Diann Foersch, Erwin and Alice Pline, Cathy Rademacher, Dan Simon, Dennis Simon, Karen Schneider, Elaine and Clare Schafer, Wayne Karns, Jerome Feldpausch, Don Feldpausch, Randy Theis, Randy Pung, Neil Hufnagel, Mike Porter, and Hilary Stump.

AGENDA

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein 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 August 12, 2013 regular meeting and the August 26, 2013 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve payment of \$31,419.20 from the General Fund, \$3,575.56 from the Water O & M Fund, \$281.00 from the Major Street Fund, and \$299.81 from the Local Street Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sergeant Kyle Knight presented statistics for last month. Kyle also reported on larceny of a cell phone and the animal control building progress.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission will meet in October.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch provided a report with the following information:

- Water line relocations at high school
- Sidewalk patching
- Tree trimming
- Valve preventative maintenance program
- C.U.P.S. software project with DEQ regarding sewer infrastructure
- CEC classes
- Water relocation Hickory Lane

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Rhonda Feldpausch reported that the sidewalks will be postponed until 2014 pending engineering. Permission has been granted by Dallas Township to utilize the township hall for the painting of the mural. The handrails for the west side of Main Street are a work in progress.

REINSTATEMENT OF ASPHALTING POLICY FOR FUTURE STREET DEVELOPMENT

Several residents were present to discuss the reinstatement of an asphaltting policy for future street development. Letters from Neil Hufnagel and Jim Andros were read. Some of the issues discussed were as follows:

- Subsidizing a private company

- Policy pertains to all development including individuals
- Prior to change in 2003, village had always incurred cost of asphalt
- Village has partnered with CDI in ways other than asphalt
- CDI has helped Fowler to become a thriving community
- CDI was assisted for 10-15 yrs by village; businessman should invest in own business
- Curb and gutter now 100% responsibility of developer; they help to preserve streets and are aesthetically pleasing
- Spending money on asphalt would restrict other projects
- State revenue sharing is decreasing but not ACT 51 which is road funding
- Well maintained community and interest in continuing to grow and improve village
- Possibility of shared cost for asphalt
- Progression from gravel roads to tar and pea stone, then to asphalt
- Policies when Country Pines began: no hookup fees, village paid 20% of curb and gutter, village paid to asphalt streets. Current policies are hookup fees of \$1,000.00 for water and \$1,000.00 for sewer, no cost sharing on curb and gutter, asphalt not paid for
- Interest in investment into community instead of being like everyone else, be trend setter; be bold; be different
- Partnering with development has been successful
- Estimate that property taxes on a \$200,000 home would recoup asphalt costs in 3 years
- Consider partnering with other local business (village has a Matching Funds Program)
- Developers in other communities pay all costs including asphalt
- Asphalt is small part of total cost of street installation
- Motion was made to proceed to reinstate the policy to incur cost of asphalt on new street development but more work to be done to finalize policy
- Fowler has not had outside development companies interested in developing in our community
- Interest in growth not becoming a "ghost town"

FLOODING PROBLEM

Vern Feldpausch and Rhonda Feldpausch have sent a letter to Clinton County Drain Commissioner's office requesting the assignment of an engineering to review the flooding situation on East Second Street and in the south-west section of the village.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Clean up of home on corner of North Drive and Main Street
- Debris outside of bowling alley
- Donation to Rails-to-Trails project
- Possibility of applying for grant for Trailhead for Rails-to-Trails

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjournment: 8:51 PM

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk