



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Vern Feldpausch
Brad Smith

DATE: APRIL 13, 2021

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum reported. Present: Codi Schrauben, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, Dan Schmitt, Brad Rhynard, Melissa Humphrey, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Rick Fink.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

None.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$53,012.99 from the General Fund, \$2,188.36 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, \$22,161.75 from the Water O & M Fund, and \$476.00 from the Major Street Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Porter, to approve zoning permit #F2021-01 and #P2021-01 submitted by Greg and Katie Halfmann. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing new.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Well house filter project
- Meter replacements
- Lagoon phosphorus treatment
- Lawn care
- Cell #2 discharge
- Hydrant flushing
- Street sweeping

STOP SIGN AT TYLER DRIVE AND NORWAY DRIVE

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve placement of a stop sign at Tyler Drive and Norway Drive. Motion carried.

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to adopt the Fraud Risk Management Policy. Motion carried.

GABRIDGE ENGAGEMENT LETTER

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to enlist Gabridge & Company's services for completion of the F-65, Act 51 and qualifying statement for a not to exceed cost of \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

PA 152

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to adopt RES #2021-05; a resolution to exempt the Village from the requirements of Public Act 152 for the next succeeding year that reads as follows:

WHEREAS Public Act 152 of 2011, passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor, was designed to lessen the burden of employee health care costs on public employers; and

WHEREAS, communities are given four options for complying with the requirements of Act 152, depending on the impact of the Act on the employees of each community; and

WHEREAS, the four options available to the village are:

- 1) apply the hard cap (capped dollar amount each government employer may pay towards an employee's health care costs;
- 2) adopt by majority vote the 80%-20% cost-sharing model;
- 3) elect not to follow the act;
- 4) opt out of (exempt itself from) the cost-sharing model as set forth in the act and revisit it prior to the next plan year.

WHEREAS, the Village Council has decided to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the current year; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council recognizes that such exemption requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Village Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council for Village of Fowler hereby exempts itself from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council for the Village of Fowler acknowledges its responsibility to revisit its options and responsibility under Public Act 152 of 2011 in one year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Schrauben, Rhynard, Schmitt, Porter, V. Thelen, and Humphrey

Nays: None

Absent: Fink

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- COVID 19 update.
- Clinton County Drain Commissioner letter to property owners that may be able to remove flood insurance from their mortgage.
- Ordinance update as result of concerns raised following a County soil erosion program audit conducted by EGLE.
- Clinton Lakes Park enhancements.
- The County is expected to receive substantial American Rescue Plan revenue.
- Seniors without internet access or limited computer skills should call the Tri-County office on aging at 517-887-1440 for assistance regarding COVID vaccinations.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Spring Cleanup May 22, 2021
- Fink Field lighting improvements
- Non-licensed and non-operable vehicles
- Cable providers to clean up equipment

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk