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FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Rhonda Feldpausch
DPW Employees
Vern Feldpausch
Brad Smith

DATE: APRIL 11, 2023

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.

Present: Brad Rhynard, Rick Fink, Dan Schmitt, Codi Schrauben, Melissa Humphrey, John Rademacher and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Mike Porter.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner, MaLissa Schutt and Lisa Grysen – Clinton Transit Representatives

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$33,450.83 from the General Fund, \$2,960.74 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$1,284.74 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve Zoning Permit #ZC2023-01 submitted by JJ McCurry and #AB2023-02 submitted by Nathan Jandernoa. 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

Next meeting is in May.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following topics:

- GPS valves and water boxes
- Store winter equipment
- Meter replacements and readings
- Cross Connection Report and inspections
- Park cleanup lawns and lawn mowing
- Water sampling
- Fink Field lighting repairs

PERSONNEL POLICIES

Personnel Committee is working towards creating procedures for employee reviews. The goal is to ensure competitive wages and compensation packages. The efforts will benefit current and future employees.

PROPERTY SALE

John Rademacher will continue to work towards the sale of village property located downtown.

CLINTON TRANSIT

MaLissa Schutt and Lisa Grysen, representatives from Clinton Transit, presented an update on expanded transit services.

ALL AREA MEETING

The All Area Meeting will be held in Muir on Monday, April 24 at 7:00 PM.

CIS TRAIL

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve the request from Barry Culham, CIS Trail Manager, to provide and place a kiosk at the Depot. Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner provided an email with the following information:

- Opioid litigation funds available over an eighteen year period and will be used for past and future prevention program costs.
- The County Board has held considerable discussions regarding non-disclosure agreements as related to development activities in Clinton County.
- Clinton County RESA Career Day Program monetary support.
- Lansing Economic Area Partnership projects: business retention, labor availability, start-up support, market development and other business support .
- Clinton County Broadband Task Force has submitted the grant application. Awards expected in July.
- Veteran Affairs services.
- Further action on the Land Use Plan for the southeast portion of Eagle Township on hold.
- Clean Community Event April 29th.
- Road Commission seeking grant funding to upgrade N. Dewitt Rd and Walker Rd. to route some cheese factory milk transports around the city of St. Johns.

WELCOME SIGNS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the purchase of four “Welcome to Fowler” signs at a not to exceed \$38,000.00. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Daycare shortage

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk