



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2017

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM with and President Vernon J. 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, Greg Halfmann, Brad Rhynard, John Rademacher, Mike Porter, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Roy Smith.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Dian and Tom Foerch, Isabella Halfmann and Gene Goerge.

AGENDA

Addition to the agenda: Payment to Clinton County Drain Commissioner for Waltz and Sturgis Assessment.

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve payment of \$158,492.03 from the General Fund, \$16,377.60 from the Water O & M Fund, \$10,927.13 from the Local Street Fund, \$19,097.48 from the Major Street Fund, and \$13,100.41 from the Sanitary O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve zoning permit # F2017-02 submitted by Kathryn Lockwood and Neil Scott. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Next meeting is in January.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Asset management
- Vehicle P.M.
- Waltz & Sturgis
- Snow removal
- Water inspection - DEQ

- Water meter replacement
- Year end numbers
- 2018 budget work

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Work in progress.

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE
AUTHORITY RESOLUTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adopt the following Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority Resolution #2017-04:

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE
AUTHORITY TO REMOUNT AND FINANCE AN AMBULANCE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Fowler is a municipality which is a member of the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (hereafter referred to as CAASA); and

WHEREAS, each member municipality contributes \$3.00 per capita for capital expenses/improvements including ambulance remounts; and

WHEREAS, CAASA intends to remount/improve one (1) ambulance (the "Property") with work completed by Kodiak Emergency Vehicles, Grand Ledge, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000), and to enter into an installment payment agreement (the "Installment Payment Agreement") to finance a portion of the cost of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the CAASA Board has received an offer from Mercantile Bank (the "Bank") to finance Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) through an Installment Payment Agreement at an interest rate not to exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) per annum over a period not to exceed 4 years, with monthly principal and interest payments beginning no later than thirty (30) days after the date of funding/closing, with monthly interest thereon, based upon a 360-day year, 30-day month, and the Board now desires to accept that offer; and

WHEREAS, the Articles of Incorporation of CAASA requires that all member municipalities approve by resolution in approval for CAASA to seek financing for such a capital expense/improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council for Village of Fowler hereby approves of CAASA to enter into an Installment Payment Agreement in order to finance the cost of the Property described above.

Voting for: Rhynard, Halfmann, Porter, V. Thelen, Fink and Klein

Voting against: None

Absent: Smith
Motion carried.

2018 BUDGET MEETING

There will be a special meeting held Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM for the purpose of finalizing the 2017 budget and adopting a 2018 budget.

COUNTRY PINES ESTATES SITE
CONDOMINIMUM SITE PLAN

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Halfmann, to approve the Country Pines Estates Site Condominium Site Plan with recommendation that the following wording be added to the Master Deed for clarification:

- Water utility ownership and responsibility begins at the unit/property line
- Sanitary sewer utility ownership and responsibility begins at the main.

Motion carried. Porter abstained.

AUDIT RFP

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to accept the audit proposal in the not to exceed amount of \$7,000.00 from SK&T. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO
ACCESSORY BUILDING HEIGHT REGULATIONS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to table the Zoning Ordinance amendment to accessory building height regulations recommended by the Planning Commission pending further review and research. Motion carried.

PAYMENT TO CLINTON COUNTY DRAIN
COMMISSIONER OR WALTZ AND STURGIS
DRAIN ASSESSMENT

Upon recommendation from the President, Treasurer and Clerk, a \$50,000.00 prepayment of the Waltz and Sturgis Drain assessment was included in the bills listing which was approved by the council. The prepayment will help to reduce the interest amount for the bonds.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Gene Goerge was present to discuss an error made by Rhonda Feldpausch, Zoning Administrator, when issuing a zoning permit to Eric and Mary Feldpausch for the construction of their home on Walnut Street. Setback requirements were not met.
- The Personnel Committee will meet with employees to discuss 2018 wages.
- Proposed 2017 budget adjustments and proposed 2018 budget information was presented to the council for review.
- Tom and Dian Foerch were present to discuss their request to receive a deed for property they purchased in Country Pines Estates Subdivision. The approval of the Country Pines Estates Site Condominium Site Plan will allow the seller to provide a deed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk