



# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM with 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: David Klein, Brad Rhynard, Codi Schrauben, Rick Fink, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Mike Porter and Greg Halfmann.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner, Shelley Mueller – Becker’s Bridal, Daryl Hyland, Dennis & Diane Simon, Nick Farley, Kathy Farley, Dru Mitchell – Clinton County Economic Alliance, Sally Bozung, and Sgt. Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff Department.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$28,347.15 from the General Fund, \$1,074.49 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, \$438.90 from Major Street Fund \$438.90 from the Local Street Fund, and \$6,557.80 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve permit #F2019-01 submitted by Tara Hettler, #RD2019-01 submitted by Dickensen on behalf of Amy Lechman, #RD2019-02 submitted by Brad Myers on behalf of Chris and Becky Thelen. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt. Scott Clark - Clinton County Sheriff Department was present. Sgt. Clarke stated that he didn’t have anything to report.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will meet to review a site plan submitted by Wieber Lumber.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Meter replacements
- Cross connections inspections
- Classes for license renewal
- Vac truck pump maintenance
- Water tower paint project – bid opening 2-27 @ 2:00 PM
- DEQ inspection on water system 1-16-19
- Snow removal

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Work in progress.

DOWNTOWN POST FIRE REHABILITATION

Points of discussion regarding downtown post fire rehabilitation:

- Village of Fowler Council and Planning Commission continue to maintain a strong commitment to assist in rehabilitation
- EPA Targeted Brownfield Assessment (TBA) funding option
- Becker’s Bridal interest in acquiring State of Michigan Tavern License
- Possible creation of DDA to assist with Tavern License
- Fire inspections are believed to be complete
- Downtown Rehabilitation Committee creation

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to proceed with necessary steps to submit an application to the EPA for TBA funding. Motion carried.

MERS CONTRIBUTION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Rhynard, to resolution #2019-02; a resolution to designate the positions of President and Clerk as Authorized Officials for Municipal Employees’ Retirement Solutions. Motion carried.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben, to contribute \$10,000.00 to Village of Fowler MERS Surplus Division account. Motion Carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- Courthouse to get lighting and security updates
- CMH to create a human trafficking presentation

SPRING CLEAN UP

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to table Spring Clean Up pending further information. Motion carried.

CROSSING GUARD

No changes to the Crossing Guard position will be made at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- “Eagle Country” banner hanging system installation and cost.
- Reiterated Council support for Downtown Rehabilitation

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk