



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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: Codi Schrauben, Mike Porter, Dan Schmitt, Rick Fink, Melissa Humphrey, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Brad Rhynard and John Rademacher.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Lynn Weber – Clinton County Ambulance, Bonnie Thelen, and Scott Clark – Clinton County Sheriff Department.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve payment of \$34,514.22 from the General Fund, \$736.74 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$6,062.07 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve Zoning Permit #RD2020-01 submitted by Chris Thelen. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt Scott Clarke was present and reported on arrest regarding attempted murder in Hubbardston. Sgt Clarke was going to investigate breaking and entering reports from properties in the subdivision.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting is in April.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Equipment bids
- GPS info for all infrastructures
- Cold patching
- Water license classes
- Equipment PM

- Water meter replacements
- Cross Connection Report and Consumers Confidence Report

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve payment of \$3.00/capita for the Clinton Area Ambulance Authority April 2010 – March 2021 budget. Motion carried.

The authority is working to draft a resolution where the village could approve a capital investment of an additional \$3.00/capita for the April 2020 – March 2021 budget year.

CAFETERIA PLAN

Council was instructed to review the document for discussion at the March meeting.

DOWNTOWN POST FIRE REHABILITATION

Points of discussion regarding downtown post fire rehabilitation:

- Letter regarding snow removal to be mailed to property owners.
- Mid-March target for demolition completion.
- Storm project.

AREA MEETING

The Area Meeting will take place in Pewamo on Monday, March 23 at 7:00.

SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben to allow one year from date of invoice for resident sidewalk reimbursement payment. Motion carried.

PA 152 RESOLUTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #2020-01 regarding PA 152 which reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT THE VILLAGE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 152 FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING YEAR

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 of 2020;

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: Schrauben – Aye, Schmitt – Aye, Porter – Aye, V. Thelen – Aye, Fink – Aye, Humphrey – Aye. Rhynard – absent. Motion carried.

DPW LIGHTING PROPOSAL

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the lighting upgrade for the DPW garage submitted by M&H Electric in the amount of \$1,191.42. Motion carried.

BANNERS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve a not to exceed amount of \$5,000.00 to replace boulevard banners. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN TRAILS ADVERTISEMENT

A request from Michigan Trails Magazine to purchase and advertisement was review. Vern Thelen will gather additional information.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you from Roy Witgen.
- Granger re: Spring Clean Up

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Pickleball restoration campaign for matching funds through Patronicity and funds provided by Michigan Economic Development Corporation.
- Condo development.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk

UNAPPROVED