



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: JANUARY 14, 2019

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, January 14, 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 were: David Klein, Greg Halfmann (departed at approximately 8:00 PM), Brad Rhynard, Codi Schrauben, Rick Fink, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Mike Porter.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner, Shelley Mueller – Becker's Bridal, Curt & Tami Rademacher, Dennis & Diane Simon, Ken & Kathy Farley, Sgt. Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff Department.

AGENDA

Remove – Trail Magazine Advertisement and Add – 2018 & 2019 Budget

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 Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 regular meeting and December 27, 2018 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard to approve payment of \$56,796.08 from the General Fund, \$16,454.55 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, \$7,512.85 from Major Street Fund \$20,294.85 from the Local Street Fund, and \$12,872.51 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt. Scott Clark - Clinton County Sheriff Department was present. Sgt. Clarke reported that things have been relatively quiet and that an additional deputy has been hired.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018 and November 12, 2018 Planning Commission meetings. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Vern and Brad have acquired L-2 license
- Meter replacements
- Cross connections inspections
- Yearend numbers
- Vac truck pump maintenance
- Water tower paint project
- DEQ inspection on water system 1-16-19
- Update computer files

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Work in progress.

DOWNTOWN POST FIRE REHABILITATION

Points of discussion regarding downtown post fire rehabilitation:

- Fire is still under investigation
- Materials will be tested for asbestos and lead
- Clean up ~\$95,000 if not contaminated; potentially double the cost if contaminated
- Becker's Bridal and Mother's Studio foot traffic is ~70,000 people per year
- Should candle production have been allowed in downtown district?
- Owner of 148 S. Main (rented to Kandle Shack) did not have insurance
- Becker's Bridal and Mother's Studio options to relocate or rebuild and/or expand
- Create committee to facilitate communication, pool resources, and collaborate
- Contact MEDC
- Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner, involvement
- Village of Fowler Council and Planning Commission strong commitment to assist in rehabilitation

LOAD BANK TEST CONTRACT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the five year Planned Equipment Maintenance Agreement submitted by Cummins Sales and Service in the amount of \$8,554.20 for load bank testing. Motion carried.

MOWER BID

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the purchase of a SKAG mower from Midstate Sales & Service for an amount not to exceed \$12,800.00. Motion carried.

MERS CONTRIBUTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Rhynard, to table MERS Contribution. Motion carried.

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE FINANCING

No action required.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- 911 Reverse Sign Up flyer
- Michigan Indigent Defense Fund
- Dr. David Minnick – new medical examiner
- Dave will be the new CMH liaison
- MSP equipment on Taft Rd. Tower

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE AUTHORITY CAPITAL BUDGET AND AMBULANCE BUDGET

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the April 2019 to March 2020 final balance of \$6,986.27 for Clinton

Area Ambulance Authority Capital Budget and income of \$47,330.00 for Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority. Motion carried.

2019 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to increase General Fund revenue to \$487,550.00, increase Sanitary Sewer Fund revenue to \$86,600.00 and increase Water Fund revenue to \$138,000.00. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE WAGE RESOLUTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to adopt Resolution #2019-01, a resolution to adjust compensation for Village of Fowler Office of President and Trustee and reads as follows:
WHEREAS, the Fowler Village Council deems that an adjustment in the salary of the Office of President and Office of Trustee is warranted;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2019, the salary of the Office of President shall be \$3,600.00 annually along with \$70.00 per meeting attended and Office of Trustee shall be \$70.00 per meeting attended along with a \$50.00 per month stipend.

Voting for: C. Schrauben, B. Rhynard, V. Thelen, R. Fink, D. Klein

Voting against: None

Absent: G. Halfmann, M. Porter

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clinton County Sheriff Department regarding Tri-County Metro Narcotics Unit donation

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Good discussions regarding downtown rehabilitation.
- Ken Farley expressed his disappointment in council decision to decline advertising in Michigan Trails Magazine

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk