



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: JANUARY 12, 2021

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:03 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum reported. Present: Codi Schrauben, Mike Porter John Rademacher, Rick Fink, Dan Schmitt, Brad Rhynard, Melissa Humphrey, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: None.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2021 BUDGET

No one present.

Public Hearing closed at 7:04 PM.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$52,481.44 from the General Fund, \$17,234.45 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, \$15,390.60 from the Water O & M Fund and \$5,656.55 from the Major Street Fund, and \$4,309.92 from the Local Street Fund, and \$2,619.86 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Working on wording to include condos in the Zoning Ordinance.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Year-end figures and state reports - water & sewer
- Ranger maintenance
- Snow removal
- Meter replacements
- Water treatment plant new vessel & generator
- Backhoe repair

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the April 2021 to March 2022 Clinton County Ambulance Capital Budget projecting a \$53,540.00 year-end balance and the Clinton County Ambulance Service Budget projecting a \$99.00 surplus. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to adopt RES #2021-01 which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fowler is an incorporating municipality of the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority ("CAASA"); and

WHEREAS, CAASA has certain anticipated capital purchases/improvements for its upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year, including, but not limited to, the "Capital Improvements"; and

WHEREAS, CAASA has an aging fleet of major equipment that is soon to be obsolete and no longer usable including cots, monitors, etc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XVI ("Financing the Authority") and Article XVIII ("Capital Improvements") of CAASA's Articles of Incorporation, incorporating municipalities may provide funding for CAASA's capital purchases/improvements, in amounts greater than each incorporating municipality's financial contribution as provided for in Article XVI, Paragraph A of CAASA's Articles of Incorporation, if such additional funding is approved by the affirmative vote by resolution of each municipal board of all incorporating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the above named municipality desires to approve such additional funding for CAASA's anticipated Capital Improvements at the rate of \$6.00 per capita based on their municipality's population, for CAASA's 2021-2022 fiscal year only.

WHEREAS, the above named municipality desires to approve such additional funding for CAASA's equipment replacement fund at a flat rate of \$1,000.00 for CAASA's 2021-2022 fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Village of Fowler hereby approves the above funding for CAASA's 2021-2022 fiscal year only,
2. The Village of Fowler approval of additional funding for CAASA's anticipated Capital Improvements, as provided herein, is voluntary.
3. The Village of Fowler also approves of the voluntary additional funding for CAASA's equipment replacement fund, as provided herein, and is to be applied towards the purchase of major equipment expenses such as cots, monitors, etc.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be, and the same are, hereby rescinded.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Schrauben, Rhynard, Schmitt, Porter, V. Thelen, Fink, Humphrey

Nays: None

Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, moved to adopt RES #2021-02 which reads as follows:

Whereas: The Village of Fowler is a municipality which is a member of the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (hereafter referred as CAASA); and

Whereas: Each member municipality contributes \$3.00 per capita for capital expenses/improvements including the acquisition of new ambulances; and

Whereas: CAASA intends to purchase one (1) ambulance and related equipment (the "Property") from Kodiak Emergency Vehicles, Grand Ledge, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000), and to enter into an installment purchase agreement (the "Installment Purchase 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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) through an Installment Purchase Agreement at an interest rate not to exceed three percent (2.65%) per annum over a period not to exceed 2 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 an acquisition/capital expense.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Fowler does hereby approve of CAASA to enter into an Installment Purchase Agreement in order to finance the purchase of the Property described above.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Schrauben, Rhynard, Schmitt, Porter, V. Thelen, Fink, Humphrey

Nays: None

Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY CATALYST
AGREEMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the three year Agreement for Services of Clinton County Economic Alliance. Motion carried.

2021 BUDGET

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Porter, to approve the following 2021 budget:

General Fund - revenue \$502,150.00 and expense \$469,780.00

Local Street Fund - revenue \$76,000.00 and expense \$78,700.00

Major Street Fund - revenue \$100,000.00 and expense \$63,500.00

Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund - revenue \$99,500.00 and expense \$68,750.00

Water O & M Fund - revenue \$146,750.00 and expense \$470,000.00. Motion carried

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONER

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

- The 911 upgrade on target for December 2021 completion.
- Mid-Michigan District Health Department Covid report.
- County not successful in Natural Resource Trust Fund grant application for park development on Pratt Rd. but is considering re-applying.
- Board reorganization meeting January 5, 2021.
- County employee representation on county redistricting for 2022 election.
- Yearend retirements total two hundred years of experience.

WATER RATE STUDY

Information regarding the water rate study conducted by Mike Engel of Michigan Rural Water was presented to the council. As suspected, the study indicates the need to increase rates. The cost of the mandated water treatment plant, which went online in 2008; was \$805,000. The cost to add a vessel to the plant, necessitated by increased water usage; in 2021 is approximately \$500,000.

CASAIR AGREEMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to consent to the Assignment and Assumption of Lease Agreement transferring the Communications Site Lease Agreement between the Village of Fowler and Crystal Automation Systems, Inc. d/b/a Casair, Inc. to Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk