



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: JANUARY 10, 2023

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.
 Present: Brad Rhynard, Rick Fink, Mike Porter, Dan Schmitt, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Codi Schrauben and Melissa Humphrey.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff Department and Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner.

AGENDA

Add: Snow Plow Bids and Clinton Area Ambulance Capital and Operating Budgets

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting and December 27, 2022 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$41,508.63 from the General Fund, \$51,793.61 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$49,116.85 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt. Scott Clark – Clinton County Sheriff Department stated that catalytic converter thefts continue to be an issue.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

A meeting took place January 10, 2023 at 4:45 PM. 2023 meeting schedule was established and a Solar Energy Zoning Amendment was addressed.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following topics:

- GPS valves and water boxes
- Continuing Education Classes
- Meter replacements and maintenance
- Countertop installation at wellhouse

- Update computer files and water service leads
- Truck blade installation
- Year end reports and Consumer Confidence Report

PERSONNEL POLICIES

Personnel Committee is working towards creating procedures for employee reviews. The goal is to ensure competitive wages and compensation packages. The efforts will benefit current and future employees.

PROPERTY SALE

John Rademacher will continue to work towards the sale of village property located downtown.

WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE RESOLUTION

BOARD ACTION Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to adopt RES 2023-01 that reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES

WHEREAS the Village Council may, by resolution, increase rates for water and sewer as deemed necessary to ensure sufficiency of revenues in meeting the expenses of the services provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council for Village of Fowler hereby adopts the following utility fees for Ready to Serve and usage rates for Village residents;

- Each additional 1000 gallons of water from \$2.87/1000 to \$3.00/1000
- Irrigation rate from \$2.87/1000 to \$4.00/1000
- Sewer rates are 70% of water rates creating an automatic increase

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council for the Village of Fowler hereby adopts the rate of 1.5 times the regular residential rate for non-village taxpayers and non-village residents.

The new rates will take effect January 1, 2023 and begin billing April 1, 2023. Motion carried.

SOLAR ENERGY ZONING AMENDMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to adopt the following zoning amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission:

THE VILLAGE OF FOWLER ORDAINS:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FOWLER REGARDING NON-COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AS ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES UNDER CHAPTER 3; SPECIAL LAND USES UNDER CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5.3, THE ORDINANCE IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 3

SECTION 3.2 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

D. Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems – Residential Districts

1. In accordance with Chapter 19, Section 2.

Chapter 5

R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

SECTION 5.3 SPECIAL LAND USES

The following Special Land Use is amended:

N. Commercial Solar Energy Systems in accordance with Chapter 19. [AMENDED 08/11/20]

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schrauben, Humphrey

Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner provided the following information:

- Commissioners approved an agreement with the Michigan Public Safety Communications System.
- Agreement with LEAP for economic development work in Clinton County.
- Clean community event April 29th and October 7th.
- New generator purchased for the Courthouse.
- January Ways & Means agenda item – ITC powerline proposal.

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to adopt the Clinton Area Ambulance Capital Budget with a bottom line of \$66,102.75 and Operating Budget with a bottom line of \$5,400.00. Motion carried.

SNOW PLOW BIDS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the \$8,880.20 purchase of a snow plow from Lansing Welding. Motion carried.

REZONING APPLICATION – KEN & KATHY FARLEY

Will be addressed at the February 14, 2023 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Community day care needs

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk