

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL



President
Vernon J. Thelen
President Pro-Tem
David Klein
Trustees
Roy Smith
John Childers
Mike Porter
Rick Fink
Greg Halfmann

Treasurer
John C. Rademacher
Clerk
Rhonda Feldpausch
DPW Employees
Vern Feldpausch
Brad Smith

DATE: JULY 11, 2016

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM with and President Pro Tem David Klein 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: Greg Halfmann, Rick Fink, John Childers, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Roy Smith and Vernon J. Thelen.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Ken and Kathy Farley

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to approve payment of \$ 34,159.01 from the General Fund, \$2,827.35 from the Water O & M Fund, and \$1,540.80 from the Sanitary O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve zoning permit #AB 2016-01 submitted by Jerome and Ann Pohl and AB #2016-02 submitted by Ken and Jamie Lacksheide. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting August 8, 2016 to review Special Use Permit Application for Wieber Lumber.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

On the subject of 11368 W. Kent Street, Clerk Feldpausch contacted legal counsel regarding the proper procedure involved that would meet land transfer/combination rules and zoning rules. Legal counsel was made aware that the Village Council was in favor of the transaction providing compliance with Village of Fowler ordinances. Counsel stated that an argument could be made for or against the transaction; but given the Village Council desire to allow, while unusual, would be supported by legal counsel. At the time the Simons sell the 3+ acres to the Beckers, wording provided by legal counsel will be included on the deed for the 18+ acres and a copy will be provided to the village. Approval for the transaction was granted and the Land Combination/Transfer document was signed by the Zoning Administrator.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Meter replacements
- Lagoon maintenance – weeds and phosphorous
- Recycle site clean up
- Sewer lining
- Tower Inspection
- Fink Field water fountain replacement
- Maple Street project

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Work in progress.

TRAILHEAD PROJECT

Foundation and flatwork to be completed soon. Framing to begin in August.

PA 152

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to adopt Res #2016-01 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 next succeeding 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 next succeeding year; 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.

Motion carried.

BUDGET PROCEDURES

John Rademacher, Treasurer, will provide a spreadsheet providing information outlining yearly costs of village operations versus special projects.

SIDEWALK AND SIDEWALK BIDS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Childers, to accept sidewalk bids from Antes Concrete in the amount of \$2.67/sq ft for 4" and \$3.13/sq ft for 6". Motion carried.

Note: Per Fee Schedule: a 15% material charge will be added to bid price at time of billing.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve sending sidewalk installation notifications to Community Developers, Francis Thelen, Derek Koenigsknecht, Brett Thelen, Jerome Pohl, Erwin Pline, Jodie Watts and Mike Schaefer. Motion carried.

BILL SIMMON REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Childers moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to deny reimbursement request from Bill Simmon due to lack of prior approval. Motion carried.

BLIGHTED PROPERTIES ORDINANCE WORDING

Council will conduct further review of sample ordinance wording for blighted properties provided at the June meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Glenn Thelen

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Free lending library
- Complaint regarding motorist disregarding stop signs
- Funeral flower fund collection from council members
- Car show on July 28 from 5:30-8:30

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk