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DATE: JULY 11, 2023

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM with President Pro Tem Mike Porter presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sgt. Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff's Department.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$37,326.07 from the General Fund, \$1,841.00 from the Local Street Fund, \$1,841.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$8,994.92 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$5,143.03 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff's Department was present and discussed a situation that occurred in which a county resident was scammed out of \$20,000.00. Suspects were arrested in Ionia County. Ionia and Kent Counties are keeping Clinton County posted on whether or not they can link the suspects to the scam in Clinton County.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission will meet in August.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch provided the following project information:

- GPS valves and water boxes
- Tree trimming
- Meter replacements
- Sidewalk patching
- Playground equipment maintenance
- Water testing
- Clean recycle site

- Catch basin cleaning
- 2024 replacement of zero turn mower
- Subdivision lift station alarm issue

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

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to adopt Ordinance No. 54. An Ordinance affirming the sale by the Village of Fowler of its parcel of real property described as COM. 50 FT NLY OF SE CORNER, BLOCK 16, FOWLER, THEN W 100 FT, N 24 ½ FT, E 100 FT, S 24 ½ FT, TO BEG. EXCEPT A PARCEL 5 INCHES WIDE AND 100 FT DEEP ON S SIDE, Village of Fowler, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, to S & J Quality Flooring, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, Clinton County, Michigan, for the purchase price of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS (\$17,860.00), with down payment in the amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00), and the balance payable upon closing. Roll Call Vote: Schrauben – Yea, Rhynard – Yea, Schmitt – Yea, Porter – Yea, Fink – Yea, Humphrey – Yea. V. Thelen – Absent. Motion carried.

CLEM SOHN MONUMENT

Dean Feldpausch has submitted a proposal to donate a monument honoring Clem Sohn – a previous Fowler resident nicknamed “America’s First Batman”. The council graciously accepts Mr. Feldpausch’s generous donation and will work with him on monument placement and dedication details.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- There may be an initiative placed on the 2024 ballot regarding a \$60/\$75 per year, per household fee for ambulance services. Dallas Township and Village of Fowler currently pay a \$12.00 per capita fee to Clinton Area Ambulance Authority. This initiative would replace the cost to the municipalities. This is an effort to retain EMS employees and bring wages and benefits in line with similar positions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk