



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: MARCH 10, 2020

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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: Codi Schrauben, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, Rick Fink, Melissa Humphrey, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Dan Schmitt and Brad Rhynard.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Scott Clark – Clinton County Sheriff Department, Daryl Hyland, Dave Pohl and Dennis Simon.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve payment of \$30,795.25 from the General Fund, \$170.47 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$349.85 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt Scott Clarke was present and reported on illegal activity on the south end of the county. Theft of catalytic converters and scrap metals.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting is in April.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Equipment bids
- GPS info for all infrastructures
- State of Michigan reports
- 2020 street and sidewalk projects
- Recycle site issues
- Lawn work
- Meter reading/meter replacements
- Hydrant flushing
- Lagoon isolation & treatment

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE
RESOLUTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben, to approve cement saw purchase of \$1944 and water main saw purchase of \$1760. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #2020-03, a resolution to approve additional funding for Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority 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 2020-2021 fiscal year, including but not limited to the "Capital Improvements"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XVI (Financing the Authority") and Article XVII ("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 Village of Fowler desires to approve such additional funding for CAASA's anticipated Capital Improvements at the rate of \$3.00 per capita based on the Village of Fowler's population, for CAASA's 2020-2021 fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Village of Fowler hereby approves additional funding for CAASA's anticipated Capital Improvements at the rate of \$3.00 per capita based on the Village of Fowler's population, for CAASA's 2020-2021 fiscal year only.
2. The Village of Fowler's approval of additional funding for CAASA's anticipated Capital Improvements, as provided herein, is contingent on the approval of such additional funding by the affirmative vote by resolution of each municipal board of all CAASA's incorporating municipalities.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolution insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be, and the same are, hereby rescinded.

Roll Call: Schrauben – Aye, Schmitt – absent, Porter – Aye, V. Thelen – Aye, Fink – Aye, Humphrey – Aye. Rhynard – absent. Motion carried.

CAFETERIA PLAN

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to adopt the Village of Fowler Employee Benefits Cafeteria Plan which will be on file at the Village Office. Motion carried.

DOWNTOWN POST FIRE
REHABILITATION

Points of discussion regarding downtown post fire rehabilitation:

- Quality Carpet is in the process of being purchased.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve a not to exceed amount of \$8,000.00 for the downtown storm sewer project. Motion carried.

AREA MEETING

The Area Meeting will take place in Pewamo on Monday, March 23 at 7:00.

SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben to allow one year from date of invoice for resident sidewalk reimbursement payment. Motion carried.

REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITY RESOLUTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Fink supported, to adopt Resolution #2020-02 regarding participation in MEDC Redevelopment Ready Community which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has established the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program to empower communities to shape their future and maximize economic potential; and

WHEREAS, RRC is a program that provides technical assistance to and certifies Michigan communities who actively engage stakeholders and plan deliberate, fair, and consistent processes; and

WHEREAS, Village of Fowler staff has taken Redevelopment Ready training; and

WHEREAS, the RRC program is now a component for grant applications through the MEDC and Michigan State Housing Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fowler recognizes the value of the RRC Program and seeks to improve its development readiness via a detailed review of its development processes, including its Comprehensive Master Plan, Downtown Development Plan and Zoning Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the RRC Certification is a multi-year process. The pace of adoption of best practices will be based on the Village’s capacity and therefore no deadline is established.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Fowler Village Council hereby authorizes the Village of Fowler to participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Redevelopment Ready Community Program. The Village of Fowler hereby commits to the RRC Best Practices and evaluation process and that will lead to further development in our community for the benefit of all.

Roll Call: Schrauben – Aye, Schmitt – absent, Porter – Aye, V. Thelen – Aye, Fink – Aye, Humphrey – Aye. Rhynard – absent. Motion carried.

BACKHOE BID

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve a backhoe purchase from AIS in the amount of \$89,313 (includes trade in). Motion carried.

SEWER EXTENSION – NORWAY DRIVE

John Rademacher, Community Developers, Inc., presented preliminary construction plans for sewer extension on Norway Drive. Plans will need to be updated and presented again, however; the council is in support of the project.

MICHIGAN TRAILS ADVERTISEMENT

A request from Michigan Trails Magazine to purchase and advertisement was reviewed. No advertisement will be purchased for the 2020 magazine. Vern Thelen will canvas local residents and business regarding a 2021 advertisement.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- Re-monumentation project continues
- Kyle Thornton is the new Greenspace Coordinator
- Building permits will be stored digitally

- Trust Fund Grant for Pratt Rd. property - application
- Clean Community Event at Road Commission – April 25

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Dennis Simon recommended a village tour for new council members.
- Water/sewer rate review
- Contractors equipment value increase for insurance

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk