



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: MARCH 9, 2021

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 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

Dennis Simon.

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 Mike, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 regular as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$39,251.50 from the General Fund, \$4,440.87 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, \$4,263.28 from the Water O & M Fund, and \$495.07 from the Major Street 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

Nothing new.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Well house filter project and generator
- Ranger brakes and transmission work
- Remove and store snow removal equipment
- Meter replacements
- Lagoon sampling and dumping
- Meter installs & wiring for condos
- Meter reading
- Hydrant flushing
- Lawn care – stones and sod repair

FINK FIELD FENCING

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the Fink Field fencing project at a total cost of \$4,500.00 and village obligation of \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to table agenda item Fraud Risk Management Policy. Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD POLICY

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben, to increase the credit card limit from \$1,000.00 per card holder to \$3,000.00 per card holder. Motion carried.

WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE RESOLUTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to adopt RES #2021-03; a resolution to increase water and sewer rates that reads as follows:
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;
Quarterly ready to serve water rate from \$39.00 to \$50.00
Quarterly ready to serve sewer rate from \$27.30 to \$35.00
Each additional 1000 gallons of water from \$2.05/1000 to \$2.87/1000
Irrigation rate from \$2.05/1000 to \$2.87/1000
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, 2021 and begin billing April 1, 2021.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Schrauben, Rhynard, Schmitt, Porter, V. Thelen, Fink, and Humphrey
Nays: None

TAX COLLECTION 1% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adopt RES #2021-04; a resolution to establish a 1% Property Tax Administrative fee that reads as follows:
WHEREAS, PA 503 of 1982 and MCL 211.44 allows villages to establish by resolution a 1% Property Tax Administrative Fee; and
WHEREAS, the Property Tax Administrative Fee may be used by a collecting unit to offset costs incurred in collecting the property tax levies.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fowler Village Council that a 1% Property Tax Administrative Fee be charged for Village taxes.
Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Schrauben, Rhynard, Schmitt, Porter, V. Thelen, Fink, and Humphrey
Nays: None

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- COVID 19 update.
- Clinton County Waste Management, appointment only hazardous and electronic waste collection April 24th. Location and details to be determined and subject to cancellation.
- Contracts for the continuation of the remonumentation grand were approved. The project is just under 75% complete.
- Smith Hall was approved as a possible location for COVID vaccination clinics.
- The County approved a 5-year audit contract.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Spring Cleanup May 22, 2021
- Visit to Phoenix – Becker’s Bridal addition and Village appreciation

- Fink Field reservation waiver
- Ice rink
- Damage at depot

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk