

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: MAY 9, 2016

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM with and 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 were: Roy Smith, Greg Halfmann, Rick Fink, David Klein, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: John Childers.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sgt. Clarke – Clinton County Sherriff Department, Phil Hanses – Clinton County Drain Commissioner and Alfred Halfmann.

AGENDA

Add: Gene Goerge – Retirement Benefit Cost of Living Clause

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Smith moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve payment of \$20,791.06 from the General Fund, \$1,568.90 from the Major Street Fund, \$1,384.70 from the Local Street Fund, \$7,210.05 from the Water O & M Fund, and \$1,401.63 from the Sanitary O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve zoning permit #RD2016-01 submitted by William J. Koenigsknecht/Clare Koenigsknecht POA. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt. Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff Department was present and reported on the following issues:

- Abandoned vehicle removal
- Fireworks laws

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing new.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to approve the engagement letter from Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. for a not to exceed cost of \$7,000.00 for 2015 auditing services. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- FEMA grant application regarding drain project on south side of town currently being held up by FEMA. Also, land condemnation process in preparation stages. Phil Hanses – Clinton County Drain Commissioner, is hoping to at least begin part of the project yet this year.
- SOM to do mill and fill project on M-21
- Well #8 clean and online
- Sewer lining
- Crack sealing
- Lawn spraying and mowing
- 2016 water sampling

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY	Work in progress.
TRAILHEAD PROJECT	Working with Clinton County Building Department on permitting.
PA 152	Clerk provided information regarding the option to apply a hard cap amount each employer may pay towards on employee's health care costs. Action regarding a PA 152 resolution will be taken at a later date.
BUDGET PROCEDURES	John Rademacher, Treasurer, will provide a spreadsheet providing information outlining yearly costs of village operations versus special projects.
TITLE VI NON-DISCRIMINATION PLAN	<u>BOARD ACTION:</u> Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to adopt the Village of Fowler Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan as presented. Motion carried.
PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS	<u>BOARD ACTION:</u> Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to appoint Neil Hufnagel to a 3 year Planning Commissioner term. Motion carried. <u>BOARD ACTION:</u> Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Porter, to appoint David Klein to the Planning Commission Chair position for a one year term. Motion carried.
2016 TAX RATE	<u>BOARD ACTION:</u> Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to set the 2016 millage rate at 8.0. Motion carried.
GENE GOERGE – RETIREMENT BENEFIT COST OF LIVING CLAUSE	<u>BOARD ACTION:</u> Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to deny the request made by retiree Gene Goerge for a cost of living clause to be added to his retirement benefits. Motion carried.
CORRESPONDENCE	None.
10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to property owners regarding lawn mowing • Blighted property • Unapproved Spicer Zoning Permit
ADJOURNMENT	<u>BOARD ACTION:</u> Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk