



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: MAY 12, 2020

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum reported. Present: Codi Schrauben, Mike Porter, Brad Rhynard, John Rademacher, Rick Fink, Melissa Humphrey, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: None: Dan Schmitt.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Diane Simon, Shelley Mueller and Neil Hufnagel.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$39,266.30 from the General Fund, \$480.30 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, \$575.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$575.00 from the Local Street Fund and \$1,165.22 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve Zoning Permit #F2020-01 submitted by Val Johnson and Zoning Permit #AB2020-03 submitted by Kyle Schmitt. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission met May 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Discussions included condominium development and a solar energy ordinance.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Lawn care and park maintenance
- Hydrant flushing
- Asphalt patching
- Crack sealing
- Hydrant and catch basin maintenance
- Street sweeping and striping scheduled
- Summer help has started
- EGLE has requested the use of the wellhouse for a training video

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve appointment of Mike Porter to the 1 year Planning Commission Chair position and Pam Fink and Ross Feldpausch to a 3 year Planning Commission position. Motion carried.

PROPERTY PURCHASE Work in progress.

DOWNTOWN POST FIRE REHABILITATION Points of discussion regarding downtown post fire rehabilitation:

- Acuity Insurance wanted to close the fire claim, so a check was issued to the Village for the final payment which is for the fire wall removal and final grading. Once the work is done, the village will issue a check to Miller Brothers Excavating.
- Final excavation and storm project will begin May 12.

SEWER EXTENSION – NORWAY DRIVE **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the Norway Drive sewer extension project contingent upon State of Michigan EGLE permit and approval. Motion carried.

STAMPED CONCRETE MAINTENANCE A bid for maintenance on the stamped concrete downtown was received. Another bid is expected.

2020 MILLAGE RATE **BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve an 8.0 rate for 2020. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner submitted the following information:

- Local State of Emergency extended until late May
- Early jail releases related to Covid-19
- Approval of 911 phone surcharge reduction from \$2.75 to \$1.50/line
- Budget amendments related to Covid-19 impacts
- 9% health insurance increase
- Child Care Fund which includes Health and Human Services and Juvenile Court Fund operating below budget cost

Neil Hufnagel – Superintendent/High School Principal Fowler Public Schools emailed a “huge thank you” for the village participation and coordination of the 2020 Fowler Senior class boulevard banner project.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Neil Hufnagel reiterated appreciation for the 2020 senior boulevard banners. He also spoke about the tennis court and pickleball court renovation. The school bond issue will go to vote in August.
- The car show scheduled for July 23 has not been cancelled yet.
- Shelley Mueller, Becker’s Bridal, was present to discuss reopening plans.
- The township can add the ambulance service increase to tax bills.
- Meetings will continue to take place on Tuesdays.
- Members were reminded that the Planning Commission still has an open seat.
- Condominium development.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk

UNAPPROVED