



FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The Fowler Village Council met Monday, September 11, 2017 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: Rick Fink, David Klein, Brad Rhynard, John Rademacher, Mike Porter, Roy Smith, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Greg Halfmann.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Ken and Kathy Farley, Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner and Ken Lacksheide.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve payment of \$27,477.00 from the General Fund, \$47,282.87 from the Water O & M Fund, and \$366.69 from the Sanitary O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Klein, to approve Zoning Permit # AB-2017-05 submitted by Mark Myers, #F-2017-02 submitted by Neil & Rose Hafner, and #RD-2017-01 submitted by Eric and Mary Feldpausch. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Next meeting is in November.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Clean catch basins
- Fink Field drinking fountain
- M-21 Project
- Continuing education classes
- Stop sign and street sign replacements
- Meter reads

- Landscaping
- Tree trimming
- Water system asset management
- Drain repairs on First Street & Bath Street

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Work in progress.

TRAILHEAD PROJECT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve a budget of \$2500.00 for the remainder of 2017 for the purchase of additional items for the Fowler Depot Welcome Center. Motion carried.

SPEEDING ISSUES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Kline moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to install stop signs for traffic traveling east and west at Cedar Trail and Blue Spruce and at the intersection of Blue Spruce and Norway Drive. Motion carried.

CAMERA UPGRADE PROPOSAL

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve a not to exceed amount of \$5,000.00 for surveillance camera system upgrades. Motion carried.

PA 152 RESOLUTION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Klein moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to adopt Resolution # RES-2017-03 as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT THE VILLAGE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 152 FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING YEAR

WHEREAS Public Act 152 of 2011, passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor, was designed to lessen the burden of employee health care costs on public employers; and

WHEREAS, communities are given four options for complying with the requirements of Act 152, depending on the impact of the Act on the employees of each community; and

WHEREAS, the four options available to the village are:

- 1) apply the hard cap (capped dollar amount each government employer may pay towards an employee's health care costs;
- 2) adopt by majority vote the 80%-20% cost-sharing model;
- 3) elect not to follow the act;
- 4) opt out of (exempt itself from) the cost-sharing model as set forth in the act and revisit it prior to the next plan year.

WHEREAS, the Village Council has decided to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the next succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council recognizes that such exemption requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Village Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council for Village of Fowler hereby exempts itself from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for the calendar of 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council for the Village of Fowler acknowledges its responsibility to revisit its options and responsibility under Public Act 152 of 2011 in one year. Motion carried.

FOSTER ENGINEERING PLANNING CONSULTANT PROPOSAL

Due to unresponsiveness, a notification of contract cancellation will be sent to Brett C. Wittenberg of Planning Consultant Services. A proposal for services from Foster Engineering was presented to the council for review. This is the same firm used by Dallas Township which would be beneficial.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner was present and reported on the following issues:

- Equalization Director retiring in 2018
- Review of retiree health care

- Clean Community Event scheduled for September 30 at Wood Street, Lansing
- Patrol vehicle totaled in accident at Maple Rapids Rd. and BUS 27
- Review of Ottawa County process of connectivity between local units of government
- Tri-County Planning currently working on a 25 year plan
- Digitization of Clinton County News for historical purposes

CENTRAL MICHIGAN MANAGEMENT FIRE SUPPRESSION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to bill Central Michigan Management for a 2" water hook up instead of a 6" for their fire suppression system. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Trustee Porter will be moving out of the village while his home is being built. Advice of legal counsel will be sought regarding the possibility of the need for his resignation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk