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DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.
 Present: Brad Rhynard, Mike Porter, Dan Schmitt, Melissa Humphrey, Codi Schrauben, John Rademacher and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Rick Fink.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sgt. Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sherriff Department and Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 regular meeting and August 16, 2023 Special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve payment of \$49,125.70 from the General Fund, \$5,582.64 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$13,228.49 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve Zoning Permit #R2-2023-02 which replaces R2-2023-01 submitted by Clark’s Manufactured Homes on behalf of Ken & Kathy Farley. Motion carried.

The new permit was submitted to account for attaching the accessory building to the principal structure.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt Scott Clarke was present and discussed the proposed Clinton County ORV ordinance. Sgt Clarke also reported about a larceny at Dollar General.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben, to accept the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to reappoint Ross Feldpausch and Pam Fink to the Planning Commission Board. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben, to reappoint Mike Porter as Chair of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch provided the following project information:

- GPS valves and water boxes
- Welcome Signs
- Read water meters
- Clean recycle site
- Asphaltting
- Water meter replacements
- Catch basin cleaning
- Valve maintenance at Third St. and S. Main St.

PERSONNEL POLICIES

Personnel Committee is working towards creating procedures for employee reviews. The goal is to ensure competitive wages and compensation packages. The efforts will benefit current and future employees.

BECKER BRIDAL

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve request from Cory Pung - Becker Bridal to block traffic on Main Street from Second Street to First Street Sunday, October 8, 2023 from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner sent correspondence outlining the following issues:

- United Way report addressing the data for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE).
- ITC electrical transmission line update involves parts of Lebanon, Dallas, Westphalia and Eagle Township as well as a small part of North Plains Township in Ionia County.
- A public hearing will be held on October 31 for the purpose of possibly adopting an ordinance authorizing and regulating ORVs.
- Board has approved two amendments to the Granger Solid Waste agreement.
- An agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health services for inmates has been approved.
- Approved an amendment to the buy-sell agreement for the Pratt Road proposed park property which will withhold some proceeds until some work is completed.
- 2024 vehicle orders for the Sheriff and Drain office has been approved due to long wait time for delivery.
- Board interest in a new broadband initiative; Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD).
- Request for support to have Edwin Parks added to Clinton County Veterans Memorial as a Civil War Veteran.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve playground equipment purchase in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for Field of Dreams. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Fowler Pickleball group

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Unlicensed vehicles

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhyndard moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk