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DATE: APRIL 9, 2024

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.

Present: Codi Schrauben, Brad Rhynard, Rick Fink, Mike Porter, Dan Schmitt, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Melissa Humphrey.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner and Daryl Hyland

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$50,880.57 from the General Fund, \$2,501.90 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$924.50 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor reported on the following items:

- Wellhouse and depot bathroom floor painting
- Park spring clean up
- Winter equipment removal and storage
- Lawn mowing
- 2024 street improvements estimated cost \$124,000.00
- Cell #2 sampling & dumping
- Welcome to Fowler sign – lighting and landscape
- Hydrant flushing
- Street sweeping

FOIA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to adopt the updated FOIA Policies and Procedures document. Motion carried.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Fowler Public Schools Superintendent, Patrick O'Rourke, was not present to discuss improvements at the Field of Dreams Park which is on school property.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- Clinton Area Transit Service (CATS) presented the Annual Report. CATS was one of the few if not the only rural transit service in the State that has increased ridership since the pandemic and the use is continuing to increase. The CATS Board requested and the County Board of Commissioners approved placing a millage request of 0.70 mills for 4 years on the August 6th ballot. The previous approved millage was 0.6924 mills.
- Clinton County received notice that the county was awarded the Robin grant of 15 million dollars to provide fiber optic broadband to unserved and underserved homes, farms and business that are currently unserved or underserved. The county contributes 2.5 million and Frontier 8 million.
- BOC approved the Courthouse boiler replacements which are now 25 years old. Cost up to \$500,000.
- An updated solar energy ordinance was approved by the BOC.
- Approved personnel request to add a couple of dispatchers for training as there are two pending retirements this year.
- Renewal of the County Health Care plan with an increase of about 3%. A couple of specialty weight loss drugs may have a larger copay.
- The juvenile court system did some reorganizing after a longtime employee resigned.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Donation request from The Friends of Fred Meijer Trail.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Household fee for Clinton Area Ambulance will be on at the August ballot
- Clem Sohn monument dedication will be April 25 at 2:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk