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DATE: MAY 14, 2024

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, May 14, 2024 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, John Rademacher, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Melissa Humphrey, Codi Schrauben and Rick Fink.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner and Sgt. Scott Clark – Clinton County Sheriff

AGENDA

Addition: 2024 Streets and Sidewalks

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$62,189.49 from the General Fund, \$1,260.00 from the Local Street Fund, \$1,260.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$3,678.21 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$3,795.67 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve permit #AB2024-02 submitted by Chris Schmitz and #RD2024-01 submitted by Nick and Kara Pohl. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt Scott Clarke was present and reported on training and vehicle break-ins.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

DPW REPORTP

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor reported on the following items:

- Winter equipment removal and storage
- Lawn care
- Drain maintenance
- Cell #2 sampling & dumping
- Welcome to Fowler sign – lighting and landscape
- Hydrant flushing
- Lead and copper testing

MILLAGE RATE

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to set the 2024 Village tax millage rate at 8.0 mills. Motion carried.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Equipment purchased for Field of Dreams will be installed soon. A grant application for Fink Field equipment has been submitted.

2024 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Sidewalk repairs will be completed throughout the village.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the Michigan Asphalt bid of \$89,193.00 for 2024 streets. Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- Still awaiting formal announcement of the Broadband Grant Award. Documents are being finalized between the State and Frontier.
- Sheriff’s office requested approval to use forfeiture funds and other non-budget sources to purchase new duty firearms for road patrol, court security, and corrections transport staff. The current duty weapons are approximately 15 years old.
- Received a report from the “Building Stronger Communities Council” with emphasis on the homeless in Clinton County. It does exist though much more “under the radar” than some larger communities. It can be evident as couch surfing, sleeping in vehicles, camping or other low visibility methods. Resources are available to help people resolve most housing issues.
- The Board of Commissioners approved revised rental agreements for the 4-H Fairgrounds and the buildings of the property. Also insurance requirements were updated.
- The BoC approved the Parks and Greenspace recommendation to name the Pratt Rd park property “Clinton Trails County Park.”
- Renewed the agreement with Clinton Transit for Veterans Transportation for a 5 year term.
- An updated wind ordinance was adopted.
- Received childcare fund and Greenhaven updates. At this time these are reasonably close to budget projections.
- Just an FYI, I did not file to run for Commissioner for the next term. Two individuals have filed and I’m sure more information will be forthcoming.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Audit nearly complete
- Clerk duties documentation
- BS&A accounting software transition complete by mid-June

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk