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DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2024

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.

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

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

No one.

AGENDA

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink 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 September 10, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$35,926.28 from the General Fund, \$66,894.75 from the Major Street Fund, \$23,879.50 from the Local Street Fund, \$3,826.12 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$2,959.38 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve permit #AB2024-05 submitted by Jim Werner and PUD2024-01 submitted by Sierra Homes. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

TREASURER REPORT

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

Year to date financial reports were made available to the Council.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor reported on the following items:

- Lagoon sampling and dumping
- Haul piles of cement, asphalt and dirt out of recycle site
- Meter maintenance
- Lead materials inventory for State of Michigan – 589 sites
- Hydrant flushing

- Asphalt patching
- Catch basin cleaning

MERS CONTRIBUTION

MERS will be contacted regarding the impact additional contributions will have on the pension funding ratio.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- A preliminary budget was discussed at a special meeting Sept 12th. The board approved adding 2 additional positions to the uniform division above the 1 that the Sheriff had requested. This adds 1 to each shift which enhances the safety of the road patrol and better availability for public safety. The Sheriff spoke of his desire to create a stronger presence in the schools. The pension fund and the retiree health care fund continue in a well-funded position. The proposed budget is 4.5% to 5% increase from the 2024 revised budget.
- Facility maintenance issues include the in-floor heating repairs @ \$30,000 and a new generator for the Courthouse @ \$1,060,000. This new generator will operate the whole Courthouse. The previous system was designed to maintain the 911 system with little additional capacity.
- Approved the 2025 agreement for Extension Service provided by Michigan State University at a 3% increase.
- Discussion was held on reestablishing the Farmland Preservation Committee. No action taken.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend regulations for medical hardship housing and regulate accessory dwelling units.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend regulations for mineral extraction use by special land use.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Roof repair scheduled for Oct. 18
- Traffic congestion at Kent St and Sorrell St

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk