



TOWN OF FOWLER JANUARY 2013

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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COMING SOON

NEW "TOWN OF FOWLER" WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating our Town website. The website will be full of valuable information regarding the Town, the history, upcoming events, contacts, bill payment options, and much more!!

December 3, 2012

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 3rd day of December 2012 at the hour of 6:00 P.M., for a meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by Linda Brouillette, who presided. On call of the roll the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Linda Brouillette, John Berry, Fred Byers, Stephen Rettig and Pat Claire

ABSENT: None

Minutes Approved

Steve Rettig motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed and Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Salary Ordinance

The council signed the Salary Ordinance for 2013.

Christmas Stroll Update

Laura Burton, Community Development Coordinator, gave the update on the festivities held over the weekend in Fowler.

\$ 960.00 Monetary donations from Businesses and individuals

\$ 349.56 The Town of Fowler paid out through the Community Development Budget to cover the additional expenses.

\$1,309.56 Expenses for prizes, carriage rides, movie, advertising and Santa's candy canes.

The council thanked Laura for another job well done.

Shop Fowler First

Jenny Rettig and Mark Dorsey, involved in the revitalized Chamber of Commerce, updated the council on their forum to Shop Fowler First. The Benton Community School Corporation adopted a policy that they would shop local first to help save dollars in travel and time. The town council agreed that shopping Fowler first is a priority.

GIS Mapping Update

The computers have been updated, the mapping software has been installed, but the mapping has yet to be completed. Council President, Linda Brouillette, will make contact with the engineers and update the council via email.

Building Commissioner Update

Brad Lane presented a partial update for the building code to get council approval. As soon as he has completed his input and council approves, it will be sent to the town's attorney for further approval.

IDEM Update for the Damaged Water Pipe.

IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) has deemed it detrimental to replace an 8" pipe located in the Fowler Water Plant within 30 days. The "new" piping does not have to be put into service, but ready in case the corroded pipe "blows". The water operator, Chris Keeslar, suggested putting the pipe into service ASAP and not wait for an incident to happen. The council was in agreement.

Pond Treatment Contract

ASAP Aquatics sent the 2013 Lake and Pond Care contract for approval. The savings to pay now is \$295.00. Fred Byers motioned to pay the \$5,605.00 contract and pay the invoice now. Steve Rettig seconded the motion. The motion passed. This treatment is for the algae and submersed weeds within the Fowler Pond.

MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) Update

John Budreau stated that Greg Silvers will be off work for at least another month or more due to the impending shoulder surgery. November 7, Greg fell while picking up leaves causing injury. John asked the council permission to continue with the part time help of Mike Cain during this period. John also asked to give Mike Cain a raise to \$13 per hour. Steve Rettig motioned to retain Mike Cain as part time and raise his pay to \$13 per hour effective Dec 1, 2012. Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed. An amended salary ordinance for 2012 will be presented for signature at the next meeting.

Fire Department Update

Fire Chief, Bill Burton, requested permission to purchase 177 Mark-a-Hydrants for \$1,300 with shipping. John Berry motioned to purchase the hydrant reflectors and Pat Claire seconded the motion. The motion passed. Steve Rettig abstained due to being a member of the fire department.

Bill Burton next requested to purchase a new laptop computer for \$960.00. Pat Claire motioned to purchase the laptop and Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed. Steve Rettig abstained due to being a member of the fire department.

Another purchase request was for a 35mm digital camera. Pat Claire motioned to purchase the camera and John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed. Steve Rettig abstained due to being a member of the fire department.

Claims and Adjournment

A motion to pay all payroll and vendor claims were motioned by Steve Rettig and second by Pat Claire for approval. The motion passed.

There being no further business presented to the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting thereupon adjourned.

December 17, 2012

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 17th day of December 2012 at the hour of 6:00 P.M., for a meeting pursuant to call in accordance with the rules of the Council. The meeting was called to order by Linda Brouillette, who presided. On call of the roll the members of the Council were shown to be present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Linda Brouillette, John Berry, Fred Byers, Stephen Rettig and Pat Claire

ABSENT: None

Minutes Approved

Pat Claire motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed and Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Police Car

Dennis Rice presented a quote for a state bid police car.

2013 Dodge Charger	\$23,667.00
Equipment (lights, etc.)	\$ 4,699.00
Markings	\$ 450.00
Mobile Video Camera w/install	<u>\$ 5,325.00</u>
	\$34,141.00

Funds Available:

Vehicle	\$26,250.00
Equipment	\$25,566.00

Fred Byers motioned to purchase the new car and equipment. John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The used car will be auctioned at a later date.

Water and Sewer Rates Approved

The Water and Sewer Ordinances, 2012-7 and 2012-8 respectively, were motioned by Steve Rettig and second by John Berry for final approval. The motion passed. The public hearing was held December 10th with no objections presented. The new rates will be implemented on the January billing that will be due February 10th.

Street Department Purchases

John Budreau, Street Superintendent, requested permission to purchase a tool box for his shop. The estimates are as follows:

NAPA	\$1,000.00
Dorsey	\$1,400.00
Deno Home Center	\$1,200.00

Estimates for cost saving lighting for the street shop are as follows:

Deno Home Center	\$1,554.84
Kirby Risk	\$1,716.72

John Berry motioned to accept the NAPA bid for the tool box and the Deno Home Center bid for the new lighting. Pat Claire seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Town Attorney Chosen

Pat Claire motioned to have Jud Barce as the town's attorney. Linda Brouillette seconded the motion. The motion passed.


Town Hall Meeting



TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED

JANUARY 21ST CLOSED

FEBRUARY 18TH CLOSED



THE TOWN WILL BE PICKING UP CHRISTMAS TREES . PLACE THE TREE BY THE STREET AND THE TOWN WILL BE AROUND TO PICK THEM UP. THANK YOU

Water Bill Payment Options

There are several ways you can pay your water bill:

- ◆ Stop in at Town Hall during business hours with your payment & bill stub & the friendly ladies in the office will give you a receipt.
- ◆ Drop your payment & bill stub in the drop box on the side of Town Hall in the Alley.
- ◆ Pay online by credit card!! Go to www.townoffowler.com and click on paygov.us on the right hand of the screen.

(Please keep in mind that there is a fee to use this feature but you will be made aware of the exact fee amount prior to submitting your payment.)

- ◆ Pay by Direct Debit. On the 10th of every month we will automatically debit your current balance for your water bill out of your bank account. There are no extra fees for this transaction & you will never be late paying your bill!!

- ◆ WATER BILLS ARE DUE BY THE 10th OF EACH MONTH

- ◆ DISCONNECT/SHUT OFF DAY IS ALWAYS THE

4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Utility Rates For 2013						
Fowler Municipal Utilities						
Rates as of January 1, 2013						
Includes 7% Sales Tax						
Units	Water	Tax	Sewage	Trash	Total	Units
0	\$17.99	\$1.26	\$16.08	\$10.00	\$45.33	0
1	\$17.99	\$1.26	\$23.80	\$10.00	\$53.05	1
2	\$17.99	\$1.26	\$31.52	\$10.00	\$60.77	2
3	\$21.79	\$1.46	\$39.24	\$10.00	\$72.49	3
4	\$27.04	\$1.89	\$46.96	\$10.00	\$85.89	4
5	\$33.29	\$2.33	\$54.68	\$10.00	\$100.30	5
6	\$38.95	\$2.73	\$62.40	\$10.00	\$114.08	6
7	\$44.61	\$3.12	\$70.12	\$10.00	\$127.85	7
8	\$50.27	\$3.52	\$77.84	\$10.00	\$141.63	8
9	\$55.93	\$3.92	\$85.56	\$10.00	\$155.41	9
10	\$61.59	\$4.31	\$93.28	\$10.00	\$169.18	10
11	\$66.57	\$4.66	\$101.00	\$10.00	\$182.23	11
12	\$71.55	\$5.01	\$108.72	\$10.00	\$195.28	12
13	\$76.53	\$5.36	\$116.44	\$10.00	\$208.33	13
14	\$81.51	\$5.71	\$124.16	\$10.00	\$221.38	14
15	\$86.49	\$6.05	\$131.88	\$10.00	\$234.42	15
16	\$91.47	\$6.40	\$139.60	\$10.00	\$247.47	16
17	\$96.46	\$6.75	\$147.32	\$10.00	\$260.53	17
18	\$101.43	\$7.10	\$155.04	\$10.00	\$273.57	18
19	\$106.41	\$7.45	\$162.76	\$10.00	\$286.62	19
20	\$111.39	\$7.80	\$170.48	\$10.00	\$299.67	20
21	\$115.73	\$8.10	\$178.20	\$10.00	\$312.03	21
22	\$120.07	\$8.40	\$185.92	\$10.00	\$324.39	22
23	\$124.41	\$8.71	\$193.64	\$10.00	\$336.76	23
24	\$128.75	\$9.01	\$201.36	\$10.00	\$349.12	24
25	\$133.09	\$9.32	\$209.08	\$10.00	\$361.49	25
26	\$137.43	\$9.62	\$216.80	\$10.00	\$373.85	26
27	\$141.77	\$9.92	\$224.52	\$10.00	\$386.21	27
28	\$146.11	\$10.23	\$232.24	\$10.00	\$398.58	28
29	\$150.54	\$10.53	\$239.96	\$10.00	\$411.03	29
30	\$154.79	\$10.84	\$247.68	\$10.00	\$423.31	30
31	\$159.13	\$11.14	\$255.40	\$10.00	\$435.67	31
32	\$163.47	\$11.44	\$263.12	\$10.00	\$448.03	32
33	\$167.81	\$11.75	\$270.84	\$10.00	\$460.40	33
34	\$172.15	\$12.05	\$278.56	\$10.00	\$472.76	34
35	\$176.49	\$12.35	\$286.28	\$10.00	\$485.13	35
36	\$180.83	\$12.66	\$294.00	\$10.00	\$497.49	36
37	\$185.17	\$12.96	\$301.72	\$10.00	\$509.85	37

Preparing for Winter Driving - How to Drive in Snow and Ice



The three key elements to safe winter driving are:

- Stay alert;
- Slow down; and
- Stay in control

It is best to winterize your vehicle before winter strikes. **Schedule a maintenance check-up for the vehicle's tires and tire pressure, battery, belts and hoses, radiator, oil, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers and ignition system.** Keep your gas tank sufficiently full – at least half a tank is recommended. Depending upon where you drive, you may consider using winter tires or tire chains.

Winter driving conditions such as rain, snow, and ice dramatically affect the braking distance of a vehicle. The driver's capability to complete a smooth and safe stop is severely limited due to reduced tire traction. In order to stop safely, **the vehicle's wheels must maintain traction by remaining on contact with the road surface while rolling**, referred to as "rolling traction." When handling slippery winter roads, the keys to safety are slower speeds, gentler stops and turns, and increased following distances. It is recommended that drivers reduce their speed to half the posted speed limit or less under snowy road conditions.

Don't try to stretch more miles from your tires during the winter months. If your tread depth is getting low, it can have serious effects on dry pavement, but those effects are multiplied in wet and snowy conditions. When in doubt, get new tires.

Tire pressure **usually lowers itself in winter** and raises itself in summer. Under-inflated tires can cause a car to react more slowly to steering. Every time the outside temperature drops ten degrees, **the air pressure inside your tires goes down about one or two PSI.** Tires lose air normally through the process of permeation. Drivers should check their tire pressures frequently during cold weather, adding enough air to keep them at recommended levels of inflation at all times.

Sand and salt play a big role in keeping roads safe. The spreading of road salt prevents snow and ice from bonding to the road surface, which is why salt is usually spread early in a storm to prevent snow build-up and to aid in snow removal operations.

Unlike salt, **sand does not melt and therefore helps by providing traction on slippery surfaces.** Sand is often used when temperatures are too low for salt to be effective or at higher temperatures for immediate traction, particularly on hills, curves, bridges, intersections and on snow-packed roads.

Caution must be used when snowplows are on the roadways as snowplows and salt and sand trucks travel much slower than regular traffic. Passing a snowplow can be extremely dangerous as sight lines and visibility near a working snowplow are severely restricted by blowing snow.

Roads are typically cooler in shady areas and drivers may encounter another extremely dangerous element known as "black ice." **Always slow down your vehicle when you see shady areas** under these types of conditions.

HERE ARE SOME SAFE-DRIVING TIPS THAT WILL HELP YOU WHEN ROADS ARE SLICK WITH ICE OR SNOW:

- Get the feel of the road by starting out slowly and testing your steering control and braking ability. Avoid spinning your tires when you start by gently pressing your gas pedal until the car starts to roll. Start slowing down at least three times sooner than you normally would when turning or stopping.
- Equip your vehicle with chains or snow tires. Chains are by far the most effective, and they should be used where ice and snow remain on the roadway. Remember that snow tires will slide on ice or packed snow so keep your distance.
- Reduce your speed to correspond with conditions. There is no such thing as a "safe" speed range at which you may drive on snow or ice. You must be extremely cautious until you are able to determine how much traction you can expect from your tires.
- When stopping, avoid sudden movements of the steering wheel and pump the brake gently. Avoid locking of brakes on glazed ice as it will cause a loss of steering and control. Every city block and every mile of highway may be different, depending upon sun or shade and the surface of the roadway. (Check your vehicle owner's manual, if the vehicle has anti-lock brakes, you may apply steady pressure to the brake pedal.)
- Maintain a safe interval between you and the car ahead of you according to the conditions of the pavement. Many needless rear-end crashes occur on icy streets because drivers forget to leave stopping space. • Keep your vehicle in the best possible driving condition. The lights, tires, brakes, windshield wipers, defroster, and radiator are especially important for winter driving.
- Keep your windows clear. Don't start driving until the windows are defrosted and clean - even if you're only going a short distance.
- Watch for danger or slippery spots ahead. Ice may remain on bridges even though the rest of the road is clear. Snow and ice also stick longer in shaded areas.

Correctly operating windshield wipers and defrosters are essential to safety while driving in snow and ice conditions. Properly maintained windshield wipers are a must; there are also special blades available that are better equipped to assist in the removal of snow from the windshield. Defroster effectiveness is essential in the initial clearing of snow and ice from the windshield – and in some instances the rear window when a vehicle is so equipped – and should be checked well in advance of need. In certain cases, a change of the vehicle thermostat will restore appropriate heat to the defroster system.



January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Town Hall Closed New Year's	<i>2</i> Trash Pickup	<i>3</i> Recycling Pickup	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Town Council Meeting @ 6pm	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Trash Pickup	<i>10</i> Recycling Pickup Water Bills	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Trash Pickup	<i>17</i> Recycling Pickup	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Town Hall Closed Martin Luther King Day	<i>22</i> Town Council Meeting @ 6pm	<i>23</i> Trash Pickup	<i>24</i> Recycling Pickup	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Water Disconnect	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Trash Pickup	<i>31</i> Recycling Pickup		

January 2013

8th-11th. More snow showers and even a few snow squalls Great Lakes.

12th-15th. Steadier snows from the west move across Michigan and Ohio.

16th-19th. Wet, then clearing and colder.

20th-23rd. Heavy snow – up to 8 inches – over the Great Lakes; lesser amounts to the south.

24th-27th. Fair and cold.

28th-31st. More snow, especially around the Great Lakes.



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