

Town of Fowler

March 2012



4th of July Celebration

It's never too early to start planning for the summer and Fowler's 4th of July Celebration should be part of ALL of our summer plans!

This year the holiday falls on Wednesday and as a result there are some schedule changes that we would like to make our citizens aware of as soon as possible.

This year the celebration will begin on **Tuesday evening, July 3rd**, with the following activities:

Mr. and Miss Firecracker Contest

Dinner in the Shelter

Bounce Houses and Vendors Open

Movie in the Park

Party in the Park (Replacing the Street Dance)

The following events will be held on **Wednesday, July 4th**:

5K Run

Pancake Breakfast

Softball Tournament

Bake off and cooking contest

Parade

Cake Walk

Raffle

Dinner in the Shelter

Band before the fireworks

AND our Famous Fireworks Display

Exact times will be announced in our May newsletter and also on our website and Facebook page.

Additional events are being pursued and will be announced as they are confirmed.

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"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

Sir Winston Churchill

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December 29, 2011

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 29th day of December 2011 at the hour of 5:00 P.M., for a Special 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 and Fred Byers

ABSENT: Gerald Parker and Carole Hoff

Minutes Approved

Fred Byers motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed and John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Building Commissioner Position

Due to a lack of resumes, it was decided to again run the ad in local newspapers for the position of building commissioner for the Town of Fowler. This issue will be tabled until a later date.

Munson Manor Contract

The Munson Manor contract for the haunted house held the weekend of Halloween was motioned for approval by John Berry. Fred Byers seconded the motion and all were in agreement. The town attorney approved the two year contract (2011 and 2012) for \$1,000.00 each year.

Heating/Cooling Comfort Zones for Police and Council Room

It was decided to get more information concerning the separation of the two different areas. Two estimates were received and two different ways of separating the areas were presented. This issue will be tabled until another meeting

Remodeling of the Council Room

The updating of the council room has been tabled until the issue of the heating/cooling can be settled between the police and council room. Termite damage repair and insulation is the need for the council room remodel. Possible updating the electric, changing the lighting and floor covering are other items that will be reviewed at a later date. John Berry motioned to proceed with the estimates and the updating of the council room. Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rescinding Prior Quote for Lift Station at the Sewer Plant

During the December 19, 2011 meeting, John Berry motioned to go forward with the specs and solicit the best company as reviewed by the sewer superintendent and Key Engineering Group. Those two quotes were received as follows:

FJF	\$28,586.00
Fluid Thermal	\$27,524.25

Fred Byers seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes	Nays
John Berry	Gerry Parker
Fred Byers	
Linda Brouillette	

The motion passed. The bids were changed and were more identical in comparison to the make and model of pumps and other equipment related to the project. The new quotes are as follows:

FJF (Fred Flook)	\$23,862.00
Fluid Thermal	\$27,355.25

Linda Brouillette motioned to approve the FJF bid and John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Berry motioned to use \$23,862.00 of the EDIT Fund to purchase the lift station. Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Benton County Fact Book

Fred Byers motioned to advertise in the Benton Review's Benton County Fact Book with a full page ad for \$250.00. Linda Brouillette seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Fowler Park Board Member Appointed

John Berry motioned to appoint Gerry Parker as Park Board Member with his term expiring December 2015. Linda Brouillette seconded the motion. The motion passed.

January 3, 2012

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 3rd day of January 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 Kathy Schwartz, 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, Pat Claire and Stephen Rettig

ABSENT: None

Council Members Sworn In: The five newly elected town council members were sworn in by Clerk Treasurer, Kathy Schwartz.

President and Vice President Election: Presiding clerk treasurer, Kathy Schwartz, called for a motion to nominate the president of the town council. Fred Byers motioned to nominate Linda Brouillette. John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was turned over to the newly elected president.

Linda Brouillette asked for a motion to nominate a vice president. John Berry motioned to nominate Fred Byers. Pat Claire motioned to nominate Steve Rettig. Linda asked for a second for Fred Byers. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes Approved: John Berry motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed and Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rainy Day Transfer: Steve Rettig motioned to move 10% of the unused General Budget to the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$117,748.00. John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Appointments: John Berry motioned to appoint Linda Brouillette to the Northwest Solid Waste District Board. Pat Claire seconded the motion. The motion passed. Fred Byers motioned to appoint Steve Rettig as the alternate member. John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed. Steve Rettig motioned to appoint Fred Byers to the K-IRPC board. John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed. John Berry motioned to appoint Dave Eberhardt to the ABC Commission. Pat Claire seconded the motion, the motion passed. Steve Rettig motioned to appoint Bill Burton as Fire Chief and Pat Claire seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The department liaisons are as follows:

Street and Park – John Berry; Police – Steve Rettig; Sewer – Fred Byers; Fire and Water – Pat Claire

Superintendents are appointed as follows: Sewer – Alan Leuck; Street – John Budreau; Police Chief – Dennis Rice

Linda Brouillette motioned to appoint Todd Sammons as the town attorney. Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED: Resolution 2012-1, a resolution that sets meeting times, payments, etc. was motioned to approve by Fred Byers. John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Resolution 2012-2, a resolution that permits the VISA charge card was motioned to accept by John Berry. Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Park Board Members and Terms: Gerry Parker was appointed Park Board member during the last meeting. The members and their terms are as follows: Lana Barrett – expiring December 31, 2012

Laura Burton – expiring December 31, 2013

John Budreau – expiring December 31, 2014

Gerry Parker – expiring December 31, 2015

Advisory Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals: There are many vacancies on both boards that will be filled in the next few weeks.

ISO Report: The Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) recently conducted a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule survey. If the council sends a letter stating they would like to improve their classification for 1&2 family residential properties, they will help with a plan to get this accomplished. The council was in agreement to proceed with a letter to the ISO.

Citizen Request: A Fowler citizen building a new home inquired about the ownership and maintenance of the East Street Drainage ditch. The council recommended that he contact the Benton County Surveyor's Office.

Sewer Project Update: Pay request #7 was presented with a payment of \$58,011.16 and retainage of 6,445.68 for a total payment of \$64,456.85. Fred Byers motioned to proceed with the payment. John Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Swimming Pool Update: A letter of agreement on warranty work to be done on the new swimming pool in the spring, has been received from Hamstra Builders. It will be distributed to the council.

January 17, 2012

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 17th day of January 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 and Pat Claire

ABSENT: Stephen Rettig

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

Heating/AC Bids for Council Room/Police Department: Two bids for the separation of heating and air conditioning of the council room and police department were presented as follows:

Klentzer Heating Cooling Plumbing	\$5,182.62
Brouillette Heating, Cooling & Plumbing	\$4,047.00

After much discussion, John Berry motioned to accept the lower bid from Brouillette Heating, Cooling & Plumbing. Fred Byers seconded the motion. This will result in a cost savings to separate the two areas due to the low temperature maintained in the police department year round.

Resolution 2012-3, End of Year Transfer: End of the year transfers were motioned by Fred Byers to accept. John Berry seconded the motion and the following transfers will be made:

FOWLER PARK FUND:

PARK

FROM: Other Services and Charges

TO: Personal Services \$8,358.97

FOWLER GENERAL FUND

CLERK

FROM: Other Services and Charges

TO: Personal Services \$6,593.83

FIRE

FROM: Other Services and Charges

TO: Supplies \$1,214.38

FROM: Other Services and Charges

TO: Capital Outlay \$12,688.00

Building Commissioner Position: There was discussion of the Building Commissioner position that town employee Jeff Copas currently holds. There will be an executive session Monday, January 23rd at 5:30 pm to begin interviews. A special meeting will be held following the executive session to approve the preliminary plans for the council room update.

Resolution 2012-4, A Resolution to Void Outstanding Checks: According to Indiana Code 5-11-10.5, all checks outstanding and unpaid for a period of two years as of December 31 each year shall be declared void. John Berry motioned to declare void the following checks:

Sewer Fund

12/31/06	\$30.00	check #7593
12/31/06	\$15.00	check #9001

Water Fund

12/31/06	\$22.13	check #8424
12/31/06	\$12.41	check #8590
12/31/06	\$ 1.96	check #8694

Pat Claire seconded the motion. The motion passed.

January 23, 2012

The Town Council of the Town of Fowler met in the Town Hall, Fowler, Indiana, on the 23rd day of January 2012 at the hour of 5:30 P.M., for an executive session and special 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, Pat Claire and Stephen Rettig

ABSENT: None

Executive Session

An executive session permitted by IC 5-14-1.5-2(f) states that it is allowed to receive information about and interview prospective employees. An interview was held for the position of Building Commissioner. The executive session adjourned and the special meeting was called to order.

Special Meeting

Steve Rettig motioned to hire Brad Lane as the building commissioner. Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sewer Immediate Needs Assessment

A letter submitted to the council by the Sewer Superintendent, Alan Leuck, requested an evaluation of the status of the sewer plant. Many minor repairs are escalating into bigger problems. There are three pumping stations that were built in 1962 that have a lot of pipes and valves that are showing age and will need replacement in the near future. The cost of the assessment would be \$1,500 to \$2,000. Steve Rettig motioned to proceed with the evaluation and Fred Byers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NIPSCO Contract

NIPSCO rates are increasing for the 600 series electric rates. These contracts are for water and sewer pumping stations that require 3 phase electric. The council tabled the signing of these contracts until there is more information.

Rate Study for Water and Sewer

O.W. Krohn and Associates have submitted an estimate for the water and sewer rate study for \$2,500 to \$3,000 per utility. The decision to approve the estimate has been tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment

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

Fowler Unemployment Rate looking Better

According to the December 2011, Statistical Data Report released February 2012, Fowler's unemployment rate has dropped to 6.9% from the December 2010, high of 9.9%. The National Jobless rate in December 2011 was 8.5%.

Definitely a huge gain for our Fowler Families!

2012 Town of Fowler Holiday Schedule

Fowler Town Hall and all Departments will be closed the following days in observance of the below Holidays.

January 2, 2012- New Year
January 16, 2012- Martin Luther King Day
February 20, 2012- Presidents Day
April 6, 2012- ½ day Good Friday (Town Hall Closed)
May 8, 2012- Primary Election
May 28, 2012- Memorial Day
July 4, 2012- Independence Day
September 3, 2012- Labor Day
November 6, 2012- Election Day
November 12, 2012- Veterans Day
November 22 and 23, 2012- Thanksgiving
December 25, 2012- Christmas Day



HOLIDAY Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Veolia Solid Waste has advised us of the following date changes due to upcoming Holidays:

Date of Holiday: May 28th; Our pick-up day will be **Thursday**, May 31st

Date of Holiday: July 4th; Our pick-up day will be **Thursday**, July 5th

Date of Holiday: September 3rd; Our pick-up day will be **Thursday**, September 6th

Date of Holiday: December 25th; Our pick-up day will be **Thursday**, December 27th

New Building Commissioner

The Fowler Town Council recently appointed Bradley Lane to the position of Building Commissioner! Bradley is a native of Fowler and is the son of Dave and Janet Lane.

Bradley graduated from Benton Central in 2007 and Vincennes University in 2010 with an associates degree in Construction Technology. He currently holds the following certifications: Weatherization Energy Auditor, Basic Heating Systems and Lead Safe Work Practices & Mold Awareness. He has also received training from Thermal Pride in Advanced Gas and Oil Systems.

Bradley will be available for inspections Monday thru Friday, after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends.

As in the past, building permit applications are available at Town Hall and on our website at www.townoffowler.com

WELCOME BACK

The Town of Fowler is pleased to welcome back Steve Rettig and Pat Claire back to the Town Council! Both Steve and Pat were elected back into office during our November election and began their terms in January. Steve was elected to a three year term and Pat to a one year term.

Congratulations to both of them!

The Fowler Park & Recreation Board is currently accepting applications for the Pool Manager & Assistant Pool Manager. Applications can be picked up at the Fowler Town Hall, 307 E. St. Fowler IN, 47944 or are available on our website at www.townoffowler.com. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 27th.

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Town Council Meeting @ 6pm Recycle Pick-up	6	7 Trash Pick-up	8 	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Begins	12 Recycle Pick-Up	13	14 Trash Pick-up	15	16	17 
18	19 Town Council Meeting @ 6pm Recycle Pick-up	20 	21 Trash Pick-up	22	23	24
25	26 Recycle Pick-Up	27	28 Trash Pick-up	29	30	31

FARMERS' ALMANAC
GROW YOUR LIFE



March 2012

1st-3rd. Fair; moderating temperatures.

4th-7th. Thunderstorms rapidly roll east through Wisconsin, Michigan, then clearing.

8th-11th. Fair, then unsettled, especially Great Lakes.

12th-15th. Fair, windy.

16th-19th. Showers, heavy thunderstorms, particularly over Great Lakes, then colder 20th-

23rd. Cold, with snow/flurries for Great Lakes. Changeable elsewhere.

24th-27th. Potent storm sweeps through; heavy precipitation, strong winds, then clearing.

28th-31st. More stormy weather arrives by month's end.

This and That



Do-Ahead Breakfast Bake

- 1 cup diced fully cooked ham (6 oz)
- 2 boxes Betty Crocker® Seasoned Skillet® hash brown potatoes
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped (1 cup)
- 1 tablespoon dried chopped onion
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 oz)
- 1 cup Original Bisquick® mix
- 3 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 4 eggs

- 1: Grease 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish with shortening or cooking spray.
- 2: Layer ham, potatoes, bell pepper, onion and 1 cup of the cheese in baking dish. In large bowl, stir Bisquick mix, milk, pepper and eggs until blended. Pour into baking dish; sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese. Cover; refrigerate at least 4 hours but no longer than 24 hours.
- 3: Heat oven to 375°F. Bake uncovered 30 to 35 minutes or until light golden brown around edges and cheese is melted. Let stand 10 minutes.



What kids have to say.....

Who's the boss around your house?

- My mom doesn't want to be the boss, but she has to because my dad's such a goof-ball.
- Mom. You can tell by how she does room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
- I guess my mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than my dad.

Perks Of Being Over The Hill

- There is nothing left anymore to learn the hard way.
- Things that you buy now won't wear out.
- You no longer think of the speed limit as a challenge.
- Your investment in health insurance is finally paying off.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them anyway.
- Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the guy on the television.
- Your eyes won't get too much worse.
- Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- You can get into a heated argument about pension plans.
- You can eat dinner at 4:00 in the afternoon.
- In a hostage situation you are the most likely to be released first.
- No one expects you to run -- anywhere.
- You are no longer viewed as a hypochondriac.

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Current Resident

- “All of your dreams come true, if you have the courage to pursue them.”
 - “Only Love can be divided endlessly, and still not diminish”.
- “It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”
 - “If you wouldn’t write it and sign, don’t say it.”
 - “Live so that your friends can defend you but never have to.”
 - “It’s never too late to be who you might have been.”

