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## FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: AUGUST 8, 2023

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.  
 Present: Brad Rhynard, Rick Fink, Dan Schmitt, Melissa Humphrey, Codi Schrauben, John Rademacher and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Mike Porter.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Ken and Kathy Farley

AGENDA

Add: Deficit Elimination Plan – Unfinished Business

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve payment of \$61,193.60 from the General Fund, \$370.00 from the Local Street Fund, \$949.50 from the Major Street Fund, \$1,482.01 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$4,110.11 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve Zoning Permit #R2-2023-01 submitted by Clark’s Manufactured Homes on behalf of Ken & Kathy Farley. Motion carried.

The Accessory Buildings and Structures Permit submitted by Ken and Kathy Farley does not meet zoning requirements.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present from the Clinton County Sheriff’s Department.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission met today and discussed a zoning amendment. Also, commission appointments will be made.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch provided the following project information:

- GPS valves and water boxes
- Tree trimming

- Fink Field light project
- Sidewalk patching
- Asphaltting
- Water meter change outs
- Clean recycle site
- Catch basin cleaning

PERSONNEL POLICIES

Personnel Committee is working towards creating procedures for employee reviews. The goal is to ensure competitive wages and compensation packages. The efforts will benefit current and future employees.

DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN

The Water Fund Deficit Elimination Plan submitted to the State of Michigan was not accepted. A new plan will be drafted and the council will meet for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 to review and adopt.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

July

- The county was unsuccessful in obtaining a broadband grant.
- The 2022 audit report indicates a sound financial position.
- A request for additional funding for added record storage by the Historical Society has been approved.
- Funding to conduct internal and external cybersecurity penetration testing and an exercise to test the County Incident Response Plan in the event all or part of the IT system became unusable has been approved.
- An agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for health services for inmates has been approved.
- Deputy Administrator, Todd Campbell’s contract has been renewed

August

- Clinton Transit presented updated Articles of Incorporation which were adopted by the board.
- 2024 vehicle orders for the Sheriff and Drain office has been approved due to long wait time for delivery.
- Some retention and recruitment procedures have been approved as employing and keeping quality employees has become more difficult.
- Following a study of the County Prosecutors Office some recommended adjustments were made including hiring a discovery technician and an additional assistant prosecutor along with salary adjustments and some staff training.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Depot lighting
- Clem Sohn monument placement

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk