



# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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 DPW Employees  
 Vern Feldpausch  
 Brad Smith

DATE: DECEMBER 14,2021

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM with President Pro Tem Mike Porter presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sgt. Scott Clarke – Clinton County Commissioner

AGENDA

Addition: 2022 Employee Wages

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$97,095.19 from the General Fund, \$4,318.84 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$4,330.80 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt. Clarke – Clinton County Sherriff Dept. was present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

No meeting in December due to lack of business.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch reported on the following issues:

- Well house filter work & generator installation
- Wash and wax all equipment
- Shop cleaning
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- 2022 budget work
- Electrical work for lagoons
- Water system I.S.O rating
- Snow removal

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner, provided an email addressing the following issues:

- Rehmann IT Solutions working to provide a National Security Standards and Technology risk assessment.
- 911 full conversion scheduled for January 11, 2022.
- Lansing Economic Area Partnership received 184 eligible applications for the Small Business Relief Grant Program.
- There is a significant potential for some modest compensation to the county from the OPIOID litigation.
- County Board of Commissioners approved an environmental evaluation of a couple of properties for possible future park development.
- MSU Extension has greatly expanded use of their website.

LAGOON SLUDGE REMOVAL PROPOSAL

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve a proposal from Clearbrook Industries in the amount of \$14,000.00 per year for sludge removal. Motion carried.

PA152

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to adopt RES #2021-06; a resolution to exempt the Village from the requirements of Public Act 152 for the next succeeding year that reads as follows:

WHEREAS Public Act 152 of 2011, passed by the legislature and signed into law by the governor, was designed to lessen the burden of employee health care costs on public employers; and

WHEREAS, communities are given four options for complying with the requirements of Act 152, depending on the impact of the Act on the employees of each community; and WHEREAS, the four options available to the village are:

- 1) apply the hard cap (capped dollar amount each government employer may pay towards an employee’s health care costs;
- 2) adopt by majority vote the 80%-20% cost-sharing model;
- 3) elect not to follow the act;
- 4) opt out of (exempt itself from) the cost-sharing model as set forth in the act and revisit it prior to the next plan year.

WHEREAS, the Village Council has decided to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council recognizes that such exemption requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Village Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council for Village of Fowler hereby exempts itself from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council for the Village of Fowler acknowledges its responsibility to revisit its options and responsibility under Public Act 152 of 2011 in one year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Schrauben, Rhynard, Schmitt, Porter, Fink, and Humphrey

Nays: None

Absent: V. Thelen

BUDGET MEETING DATE

The Public Hearing and Special Meeting for the 2021 budget adjustments and 2022 budget will take place December 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM.

2022 EMPLOYEE WAGES

Trustee Rhynard – Personnel Committee Chair recommends a 3% raise for full time employees for 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Village Christmas Tree Lighting overview
- 2022 budget

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk