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## FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

Treasurer  
 John C. Rademacher  
 Clerk  
 Rhonda Feldpausch  
 DPW Employees  
 Vern Feldpausch  
 Brad Smith

DATE: JUNE 20, 2023

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, June 20, 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, John Rademacher and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Mike Porter, Codi Schrauben, and Vern Feldpausch.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

None.

VISITORS

None.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$57,189.02 from the General Fund, \$730.83 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$1,305.00 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve Zoning Permit #F2023-01 submitted by Kyle Schmitt and #PUD2023-01 submitted by Sierra Homes of Michigan. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission reviewed a Site Plan submitted by Wieber Lumber.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch was not present but provided the following project information:

- GPS valves and water boxes
- Tree trimming
- Meter replacements
- Discharge chamber valve replacements
- Meter reading
- Valve replacement Third St. and S. Main St.
- Fink Field lighting repairs
- Storm drain maintenance and catch basin cleaning

PERSONNEL POLICIES

- PM work in wellhouse

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.

PROPERTY SALE

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the Purchase Agreement with S & J Quality Flooring, LLC for parcel #19-041-000-016-015-00 in the amount of \$17,860.00. All taxes and special assessments will be paid by the Village of Fowler and all recording fees and title insurance costs will be paid by S & J Quality Flooring, LLC. Motion carried.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTRACT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to enter into a three year contract (2023-2025) for \$2,080.00/year with Hometown Decoration and Display, LLC for Christmas decorations. Motion carried.

PICKLEBALL MAINTENANCE

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the request from the Fowler Pickleball Group for \$950.00 in 2023 and \$1,000.00 per year beginning in 2024 for court maintenance. Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner provided an email with the following information:

- Broadband update: grant response expected early June.
- HVAC study of the Greenhaven facility approved.
- Clinton County Summer Property Tax levy is 5.7189 mills which is the same as last year.
- Planning Commission and a special committee will review the solar and wind energy ordinances.
- Doug Riley, Planning & Zoning Director, has retired. McKenna will provide services until the search is completed for a full time Planner.
- Board approved a proposal to do an Employee Classification & Compensation Study. The last study was done six years ago.

WATER FUND DEBT REDUCTION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to adopt Resolution #2023-02; a Resolution to Adopt the Water System Fund Deficit Elimination Plan which reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE WATER SYSTEM FUND DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS** Village of Fowler’s Water System Fund has a \$211,633 deficit fund balance on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS** 1971 PA 140 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Village of Fowler’s legislative body adopts the following as the Village of Fowler’s Water System Fund Deficit Elimination Plan (to recognize the \$300,000 loan from the Sewer System Fund to the Water System Fund as an advance as it won’t be paid back within the following year; therefore, the current assets are greater than

current liabilities):

**Village of Fowler  
Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Funds  
December 31, 2021**

	<b>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</b>		
	<b>Sewer System</b>	<b>Water System</b>	<b>Total Enterprise Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Cash and investments	\$ 253,879	\$ 48,304	\$ 302,183
Receivables	70,797	46,600	117,397
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>324,676</b>	<b>94,904</b>	<b>419,580</b>
<i>Noncurrent Assets</i>			
Advance to Other Funds	300,000	--	300,000
Capital assets not being depreciated	31,043	430,999	462,042
Capital assets being depreciated, net	145,638	787,339	932,977
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>801,357</b>	<b>1,313,242</b>	<b>2,114,599</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
Accounts payable	3,046	5,284	8,330
Accrued interest	--	1,253	1,253
Current portion of long-term debt	--	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>46,537</b>	<b>49,583</b>
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities</i>			
Advance from Other Funds	--	300,000	300,000
Long-term debt	--	195,855	195,855
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>542,392</b>	<b>545,438</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	176,681	982,483	1,159,164
<i>Unrestricted</i>	621,630	(211,633)	409,997
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 798,311</b>	<b>\$ 770,850</b>	<b>\$ 1,569,161</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fowler Village Clerk submits the Water System Fund Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Fowler held on June 20, 2023, adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Trustee Fink and supported by Trustee Humphrey.

Voting for: Rhynard, Schmitt, Thelen, Fink, Humphrey

Voting against: None

Absent: Schrauben, Porter

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

MHT 5K Run/Walk donation request.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

CIS Trail – dangerous conditions

Clem Sohn Monument

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk