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## FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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 Rhonda Feldpausch  
 DPW Employees  
 Vern Feldpausch  
 Brad Smith

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2023

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.  
 Present: Brad Rhynard, Mike Porter, Dan Schmitt, Melissa Humphrey, Codi Schrauben, John Rademacher, Rick Fink and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: None.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Bonnie Thelen

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSUMERS  
 ENERGY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

No comments.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$45,411.81 from the General Fund, \$37,941.76 from the Local Street Fund, \$2,625.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$1,620.00 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$342.00 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission met to address Zoning Amendments.

2024 meeting Schedule:

- January 9, 2024
- May 14, 2024
- August 13, 2024
- October 8, 2024

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch provided the following project information:

- GPS valves and water boxes
- Lagoon sampling and discharge
- Tree trimming, stump clean up and restoration
- Clean recycle site
- Sidewalk patches
- Water meter replacements
- Wash/wax all equipment and store summer equipment
- Welcome sign installation

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.

CONSUMERS ENERGY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to adopt Ordinance No. 55. An ordinance, granting to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the Village of Fowler, Clinton County, Michigan for a period of thirty years. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AMENDMENTS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben, to adopt resolution #RES-2023-04 which reads as follows:

**WHEREAS** Clinton County ("County") has adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan ("Plan") under the authority of 1994 PA 451, Part 115 ("Part 115") as amended; and

**WHEREAS** Part 115 requires the Plan to be periodically updated in light of changing circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 29, 2023, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners adopted a Plan Amendment in Resolution 2023-16; and

**WHEREAS** Part 115 requires review and approval of the Plan Amendment by at least 67% of the municipalities located within Clinton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Fowler has reviewed the Plan Amendment and finds that it promotes and protects the solid waste needs and interests of the citizens living therein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Fowler approves the proposed Plan Amendment to the Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Clinton County Department of Waste Management at 100 East State Street, Suite 1500, St. Johns, MI 48879 and may be included as a matter of record in the Appendix of the Solid Waste Management Plan or its Plan Amendment.

Roll Call Vote:

Schrauben – Aye, Rhynard – Aye, Schmitt – Aye, Porter – Nay, V. Thelen – Aye, Fink – Nay, Humphrey – Aye. Motion carried.

ZONING AMENDMENT: CHAPTER 3

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to adopt the following Zoning Amendment:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF FOWLER REGARDING MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE UNDER CHAPTER 3; SECTION 3.2.B.2, THE ORDINANCE IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Chapter 3**

**SECTION 3.2 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

B. Detached Accessory Buildings and Structures – Residential Districts or Uses

2. The lot coverage shall not exceed the maximum lot coverage as noted within each Zoning Ordinance section for all principal and accessory buildings on a parcel.

Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER

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

- Clinton County was just notified that subject to a comment period by other broadband providers that we were successful with a Broadband grant for part of the proposed project.
- The BoC approved an ordinance allowing ORV on certain County Roads.
- Clinton County approved a letter of commitment for participation with Ingham and Eaton to apply for an EPA grant to support Regional Brownfield Redevelopment.
- The County Board approved a Youth Outreach program offered by (Community Mental Health) CMH to get involved with youth who seem to be struggling with stress, anger or other emotional issues. This is a preventative effort and it also engages the parents or guardians.
- The BoC approved the Waste Management requested renewal of the Rural Recycling program for 2024.
- The Clinton County Township Officers Assn. will be holding their November meeting at the new Road Commission facility and will include a public tour from 4 to 6 facilities on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Will be a ribbon cutting. The meeting will follow at 7 pm. Mark your calendar.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clinton County Catalyst Flyer (Formerly Clinton County Economic Alliance)

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Halloween Hours – 6 PM to 8 PM

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk