

DATE: APRIL 8, 2025

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.

Present: Dan Schmitt, Brad Rhynard, Mike Porter, Rick Fink, John Rademacher, Codi Schrauben, Melissa Humphrey, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: None.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Zach Rudat - Clinton County Commissioner

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 regular as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve payment of \$21,263.51 from the General Fund, \$4,770.13 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$2,283.88 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve Zoning Permit #RD 2025-02 submitted by Sierra Homes of Michigan on behalf of Jake & Maddie Schmitt, #RD 2025-03 submitted by Sierra Homes of Michigan on behalf of Andy Weber and #AB 2025-02 submitted by Brock Hughey. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Working on Comprehensive Develop Plan update.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor reported on the following items:

- Cell #2 sampling and discharge round one and two
- Turn water fountains on at all parks
- Consumers Confidence Report per State of Michigan
- Hydrant flushing and water sampling for PFAS
- Fink field bathroom upgrades and drinking fountain repair
- Spring lawncare
- Remove and store winter equipment
- Door installation @ sewer plant

RECYCLE SITE

More information will be obtained from Kate Neese – Clinton County Waste Management regarding the next steps regarding the recycle site.

PARKS ROAD PROPERTY

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to table post "No Hunting" and "No Trespassing" signs on the Parks Road Property. Motion carried.

ZACH RUDAT – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Zach Rudat – Clinton County Commissioner reported on the following issues:

- Informational only infrastructure meeting to discuss the County Jail. The county budget needs to be thoroughly vetted for possible waste that could be cut and used to invest towards a solution. Also, look to make the jail profitable again and use those profits to build a rainy day fund for maintaining the jail moving forward. If a solution includes a millage increase proposal that ask of the public needs to be as low as possible.

- In Ways and Means, we received an update from our County Medical Examiner Michelle Fox. In the first 3 months of 2025, Clinton County has already seen half the suicides for the entire year of 2024.
- The Board approved pre-funding for our share of the Homeland Security Grant Program and authorized Ingham County to serve as the fiduciary for our region. We also approved the purchase of new evidence software for the prosecutor's office and the participation of the Tri-County regional aerial photography project. These photos are used by various departments (law enforcement, central dispatch, drain department, etc), and will be accessible to local units and the public this fall.
- The Board approved revisions to the Smith Hall / Fairgrounds Use Agreement and Fee schedules.
- The 2026 budget calendar has been formally adopted.
- The Board approved a special land use petition to construct a cell phone tower on Hollister Road near Sleepy Hollow State Park.
- The Board approved the addition of a Deputy Treasurer position, the hiring of a road patrol position, and the part-time hiring of an intern in the Prosecutor's office.
- The board authorized public entity membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool for a 3 year period for county employee healthcare benefits.
- Board received annual reports from Drain Commissioner Phil Hanses and the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Office.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

Summer run club.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk