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## FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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 Clerk  
 Rhonda Feldpausch  
 DPW Employees  
 Vern Feldpausch  
 Brad Smith

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2024

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, January 9, 2024 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 (via phone), and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Rick Fink.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Sgt. Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff Department

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 regular meeting and December 29, 2023 public hearing and special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$54,447.35 from the General Fund, \$8,67.79 from the Local Street Fund, \$9,606.43 from the Major Street Fund, \$28,853.45 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$22,956.20 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt. Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff Department, was present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Personnel Committee presented information regarding wage and bonus history.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch provided the following project information:

- Meter replacements
- Continuing education classes
- Yearend reports
- Replace lighting in well house and building preventative maintenance

PERSONNEL POLICIES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to remove Personnel Policies from the agenda. Motion carried.

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE AUTHORITY  
AND SERVICE BUDGET

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the proposed Clinton Area Ambulance Service Budget projecting a \$1,050.00 Net Income and the Authority Capital Budget projecting a \$111,279.37 Final Balance. Motion carried.

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE PURCHASE  
FINANCE RESOLUTION

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben to adopt Resolution #2024-01, a resolution to authorize Clinton Area ambulance Service Authority to purchase and finance an ambulance.

Roll Call Vote: Schrauben – Aye, Rhynard – Aye, Schmitt – Aye, Porter – Aye, V. Thelen – Aye, Fink – Absent, Humphrey – Aye. Motion carried. .

WATER/SEWER/TRASH RATES

Council will consider water/sewer/trash rate increases for 2024.

ZERO TURN MOWER PURCHASE

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the purchase of a zero-turn mower not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion carried.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER

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

- The County BoC adopted a resolution approving a revised Greater Lansing Area Regional Stormwater Program memorandum of agreement. This program encompasses the southern part of Clinton County with the Lansing Metro area for stormwater management.
- Approved the blanket bond for the County Treasurer during the tax collection season.
- Broadband project will become clearer after the comment period which ends December 21st.
- BoC approved the contract to prepare the Parks and Greenspace Master Plan and the 5 year Plan. This needs to be in place to be eligible for the Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants. This may be very important in the park development of the Pratt Road property.
- The Board approved the St Johns Chamber of Commerce request to use Clinton Lakes park for three night hike events at Clinton Lakes park. The dates are Jan 25th, Feb 24th and Mar 25th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. It will be a 1 mile looped trek under the light of a full moon with someone from MSU Abrams Planetarium explaining some of the sights of the night sky. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family.
- The Commissioners approved participation with a State of Michigan cybersecurity services grant program.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- The Fowler Village Market will not continue.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk