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## FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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 DPW Employees  
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 Brad Smith

DATE: MARCH 12, 2024

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

No one present.

VISITORS

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Commissioner

AGENDA

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey 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 February 13, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$50,804.74 from the General Fund, \$881.00 from the Local Street Fund, \$881.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$1,879.14 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$7,075.35 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

**BOARC ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve Permit #AB2024-01 submitted by Kory Wieber. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

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

No one present. No report provided.

FOIA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to table the updated FOIA Policies and Procedures document for further review. Motion carried.

WATER/SEWER/TRASH RATES

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to adopt Resolution #2024-02 to increase water and sewer rates. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Village Council may, by resolution, increase rates for water and sewer as deemed necessary to ensure sufficiency of revenues in meeting the expenses of the services provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Council for Village of Fowler hereby adopts the following utility fees for Ready to Serve and usage rates for Village residents;

- Ready to Serve Water \$50.00.
- Each additional 1000 gallons of water \$3.40/1000
- Irrigation \$4.25/1000
- Sewer rates 65% of Water rates
- Ready to Serve Sewer \$32.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Council for the Village of Fowler hereby adopts the rate of 1.5 times the regular residential rate for non-village taxpayers and non-village residents.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The new rates will take effect January 1, 2024 and begin billing April 1, 2024. Motion carried. Fowler Public Schools Superintendent, Patrick O'Rourke, will be invited to attend the April meeting to discuss improvements at the Field of Dreams Park which is on school property.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- Honorable Judge Schlegel requested approval of a Veteran's Treatment Court Program and it was approved.
- Recycling contracts with Granger were renewed as well as their contract for the special events collections.
- The State of Michigan has formally initiated the Materials Management Plan update. The last update to our Solid Waste Management Plan happened in 2000. The County BoC approved that the new plan will be managed at the County level as opposed to the State or a multi-county group. The County Board of Commissioners will be the "County Approval Agency" and plan to identify the Department of Waste Management as the Designated Planning Agency. The County will likely hire a consultant and will take up to three years to complete.
- The Remonumentation contracts and related appointments were approved. This is the work to reestablish the survey points for property descriptions.
- Board approval was given for Fairgrounds building repairs and Prosecutors office remodel.
- Still waiting on the State review for the Broadband project.
- Wind and Solar ordinance updates were tabled and will be reviewed by the BoC.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Auditors will be onsite May 6, 2024
- Software conversion with BS&A has begun

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk