



# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: NOBEMBER 12, 2024

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

ROLL CALL

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

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch.

VISITORS

Alison Bremer, Sgt Scott Clarke and 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 Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$62,898.36 from the General Fund, \$2,938.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$13,250.00 from the Local Street Fund, \$4,035.26 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$2,648.89 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sgt Clark was present to answer questions.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Payroll Committee will meet with employees. Further discussions will follow.

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Year to date financial reports were made available to the Council.  
 No report.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor reported on the following items:

- Install winter equipment and store summer equipment
- Lagoon sampling and dumping
- Wash and wax all equipment
- sidewalks
- 2025 budget
- Meter replacements
- Clean main lift station and shop
- Water/sewer parts inventory

SPEED INDICATOR SIGNS

Alison Bremer, 631 S Main St., was present to report on a speed indicator sign the Clinton County Sheriff Department placed in front of her home. She noticed a marked difference in traffic speed reduction and is asking the village to purchase similar signs. Pricing will be obtained.

BUDGET HEARING MEETING

A Special Meeting and Public Hearing will be held on December 27, 2024 at 1:00 PM. The milage rate will be part of the budget discussion.

MERS CONTRIBUTION

Council was provided information from MERS regarding the impact additional contributions will have on the pension funding ratio. YE information will to be used to make a final decision at a December meeting.

DAVE POHL – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- The 2025 Budget was adopted with just under 4.45% increase over the 2024 budget. Much of this is due to the effects of the compensation study implemented in 2024 and adding 3 additional road patrol personnel.
- Approved the annual recycling service plan. Our Materials Management Plan update includes engaging a consultant to maximize efficiency and effectiveness in waste and recycling operations. This plan is to be developed over the next 3 to 5 years.
- The BoC approved the participation in the tri-county application for brownfield remediation and Management
- Clinton County is engaging Guidehouse (currently Adam Smiddy) to provide Project Management services for the Broadband expansion project. With a project of this magnitude the County needs this to protect the County interests.
- Renewed the Central Dispatch director employment agreement.
- Approved elected official salaries. Those being the Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Drain Commissioner and Prosecutor. These are based on information from comparable counties.
- The BoC will soon be having discussions seeking further clarification regarding local zoning ordinances and regulations under the Public Service Commission. Stay tuned.
- I would encourage participation in the Clinton County Township Officers Association. The next meeting is at the Road Commission facility on Nov. 19th at 7pm. This is a great place to get to know the fellow township officials and share experiences.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Ambulance funding
- Tree lighting December 1

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk