

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: AUGUST 12, 2025

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM with President Pro-Tem Mike Porter presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch

VISITORS

Zach Rudat - 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 Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Schrauben, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$39,156.38 from the General Fund, \$8,050.95 from the Local Street Fund, \$375.00 from Major Street Fund, \$3,227.34 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$4,728.20 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.
None.

ZONING PERMITS

No one present.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

TREASURER REPORT

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Working on Comprehensive Development Plan update.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor reported on the following items:

- Streets to be re-striped soon
- 2025 street projects to begin in about 2 wks
- Hydrant and valve work to begin in a month or two
- State of Michigan lagoon inspection scheduled for August 13

RECYCLE SITE

Discussions continue with Granger regarding options.

DECORATIVE CONCRETE MAINTENANCE BID

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the \$8,000.00 contract with Platte Brothers Concrete for decorative concrete maintenance.
Motion carried

ZACH RUDAT – CLINTON
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

- Zach Rudat – Clinton County Commissioner, reported on the following issues:
- **ITC Lines:** Michigan Public Service Commission approved the construction of a 345 kV transmission line through our portion of the county, connecting a substation near Carson City to one near Grand Ledge. ITC wants to construct another 345 kV transmission line, connecting the Grand Ledge area substation to a proposed new substation near Fowlerville. The project area includes portions of Clinton County, including areas east of Jones Road and South of Pratt Road. Under state law, local and county elected officials get zero votes on this. These lines and routes are ultimately approved or denied by an unelected board of three Governor appointees in Lansing, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).
 - **Planning & Zoning:** We currently have a vacancy for a full-time planning and zoning director, and our deputy director is in the middle of a National Guard deployment. We’ve had a contract with OHM Advisors in the meantime to ensure the planning and zoning office continues operations, and this month we voted to extend that contract through the end of the year to ensure our Administrator has adequate time to hire a full-time Director. I think the county should continue to provide this service as long as the need exists for townships.
 - **Broadband:** So far, 252 locations across the county have access, with an additional 1,000 locations expected by the end of August. In total, nearly 3,300 sites will have broadband access once the project is completed in 2026.
 - **Recycling:** Clinton County is now down to one county-run recycling center in Fowler after the Maple Rapids site closed in March. The Fowler site generally costs the county \$50,000 annually to operate.
 - **Donation Policy:** The Board voted on amendments to our donation and disposal of property policies. Though rare, sometimes donations are made to the county for specific projects or services. (For example, a private donation was recently made to the Sheriff to establish a dive recovery team, and the 4-H Board recently contributed funds towards work on the fairground restrooms.) These updates clarify, simplify, and strengthen our policies and ensure we have proper oversight as a board.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN
DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk