

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Brad Rhynard
Melissa Humphrey
Rick Fink
Scott Martin

Treasurer
Dan Schmitt
Clerk
Rhonda Feldpausch
DPW Employees
Vern Feldpausch
Brad Smith

DATE: JULY 14, 2026

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM with President Pro-Tem Mike Porter presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.
Present: Brad Rhynard, Rick Fink, Codi Schrauben, Melissa Humphrey, and Scott Martin.
Absent: Vernon Thelen.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Dan Schmitt and Rhonda Feldpausch

VISITORS

Zach Rudat – Clinton County Commissioner and Scott Clarke – Clinton County Sheriff Dept.

AGENDA

Planning Commission Chairperson Appointment

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Martin, to approve payment of \$57,160.96 from the General Fund, \$2,622.00 from the Local Street Fund, \$2,000.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$5,254.05 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$26,227.69 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Scott Clarke - Clinton County Sheriff Department was present to answer questions and informed the council of calls regarding neighbor disputes.

TREASURER REPORT

Dan Schmitt, Treasurer is researching investment options.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission will meet June 16 and will continue work on the Comprehensive Development Plan update.

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor was not present.

**PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON
APPOINTMENT**

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to nominate Mike Porter for the Planning Commission Chairperson position. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schrauben moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to appoint Mike Porter to the Planning Commission Chairperson position. Motion carried.

SIREN

A \$32,754.00 quote for an additional siren and installation was received. Vern Feldpausch will contact West shore Services, Inc. to verify the quote is the correct equipment.

ITC UPDATE

ITC has indicated they will be clearing an additional 15 feet north of the power lines on West Wood Development, LLC property. Rhonda Feldpausch will contact Tim Fair – Clinton County Catalyst for possible assistance with ITC.

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**ZACH RUDAT – CLINTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONER**

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

- Reminder that early in-person voting for the August Primaries is available to Clinton County voters from July 25th to August 2nd, with two available locations at DeWitt and Bingham Township Halls. Hours are 8 am to 4 pm (11 am to 7 pm on the 29th and 30th).
- In May, private developers submitted an application to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for the “Walker Road Solar Farm” project in Bingham Township. The Township is zoned by the County, but developers can supersede local zoning authority for renewable energy projects under state law. As part of the MPSC application process, the project is required to provide a grant to impacted local units of government for legal representation and intervention in the case before the MPSC. Clinton County and Bingham Township will both receive these funds totaling \$150k. To be as efficient as possible with these dollars, the county and township have approved a legal services agreement with Foster Swift for joint representation. The public can follow this case before the MPSC and submit their own public comments.
- We’ve received word from Frontier that the County ROBIN Grant broadband project installation is on track to be completed by the end of July. Once completed, roughly 3,600 locations across the county will have new broadband access. ROBIN grant locations for this project were determined by the state. Though this project doesn’t get us to 100% internet coverage across the county, it does significantly close the gap and addresses the largest voids. Remaining locations in the County without internet access should gain access in the coming years through the state BEAD Program, which will provide funds directly to internet service providers to close service gaps through additional fiber expansion and satellite internet services.

CORRESPONDENCE

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

- Direct deposit for payroll
- Parks Rd property use
- Committee assignments
- Dollar General lawn
- Car Show/Story Time at the Depot/Run Club

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk