

## **FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Position	Name
President	Vernon J. Thelen
Treasurer	John C. Rademacher
President Pro-Tem	Mike Porter
Clerk	Rhonda Feldpausch
Trustees	Codi Schrauben
Trustees	Brad Rhynard
Trustees	Rick Fink
Trustees	Melissa Humphrey
DPW Employees	Vern Feldpausch
DPW Employees	Brad Smith
DPW Employees	Dan Schmitt

### **DATE: MARCH 10, 2026**

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and a quorum reported.

Present: Brad Rhynard, Rick Fink, Codi Schrauben, Melissa Humphrey, and Mike Porter.

Absent: None.

### **VILLAGE PERSONNEL**

Vern Feldpausch, Dan Schmitt and Rhonda Feldpausch

### **VISITORS**

None

## **AGENDA**

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

## **MINUTES**

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

## **BILLS**

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$62,281.46 from the General Fund, \$4,431.04 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$4,657.57 from the Water O & M Fund and \$474.00 from the Major Street Fund. Motion carried.

## **ZONING PERMITS**

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve permit #R-2026-01 submitted by Peter Platte. Motion carried.

## **CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

No one present from the Clinton County Sheriff Department.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve 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:

O&M Manuals

Consumers Confidence Report

File updates

Meter maintenance and replacements

Meter reads

Lagoon testing and dumping

Yard clean up

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## **ITC UPGRADE**

West Wood Estates, LLC, property owners along Tyler Drive, and village personnel met with ITC on March 6, 2026 at 8:30 AM at the village office. ITC reported that replacements for the poles (structures) on the north side of properties between 11220 Tyler Drive and 11350 Tyler Drive will be installed 30' north of their current location. The project will continue as planned through the woods west of these properties.

## **CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE BUDGETS**

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the proposed 2026-2027 Clinton Area Ambulance Service Budget projecting a \$750.00 Net Income and the Authority Capital Budget projecting a \$15,223.00 final balance. Motion carried.

## **DNR GRANT SPECIAL MEETING DATE**

The council has offered dates of March 25 or March 27 at 5:00 PM for a meeting to review the DNR Trust Fund Grant Application. These dates will be provided to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

## **10705 E THIRD STREET ZONING**

Due to parcel combination the following zoning classification action was taken:

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Rhynard, to zone the newly formed parcel (#041-110-004-001-60) for 10705 E Third Street Residential. Motion carried.

## **WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY**

Michigan Rural Water conducted a rate study and recommended a 3% rate increase.

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to adopt Resolution #2026-02; a Resolution to Increase Water and Sewer Rates which 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 \$51.53

Each additional 1000 gallons of water \$3.61/1000

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Irrigation \$4.38/1000

Sewer rates 65% of Water rates

Ready to Serve Sewer \$33.49

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.

The new rates will take effect January 1, 2026 and begin billing April 1, 2026.

Voting for: Schrauben, Rhynard, Porter, V. Thelen, Fink, Humphrey

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION**

Vacant Trustee position.

Bill Goerge, 437 S Main St., zoning inquiry.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk