

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: JUNE 10, 2025

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.

Present: Dan Schmitt, Brad Rhynard, Mike Porter, John Rademacher, Melissa Humphrey, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Codi Schrauben and Rick Fink.

Vern Feldpausch.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Zach Rudat - Clinton County Commissioner, Dean Schmitz, Dylan Schmitz, Chris Schmitz

VISITORS

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

AGENDA

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Schmitt moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$47,314.40 from the General Fund, \$3,247.39 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$1,645.11 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Porter to approve P-2025-01 submitted by Audrey & Andrew Casler. Motion carried.

No one present.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

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

TREASURER REPORT

Working on Comprehensive Development Plan update.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor reported on the following items:

- State of Michigan infrastructure and documentation inspection went well
- Loader tractor sold
- Reliability Study update in progress
- Lagoons in good condition – green algae is heavy

Update from Kate Neese – Clinton County Waste Management:

The department will assist in creating a service contract for co-mingled services.

RECYCLE SITE

Point Broadband provided a Request for Assignment Consent and Waiver of Assignor Liability dated May 20, 2025 with a proposed response date of May 30, 2025. Council has asked for further clarification. No action was taken.

POINT BROADBAND
(CASAIR)

ZACH RUDAT – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- Grange Road is open again as of Friday, May 30th.
- County audit's findings: revenue was 7.2% higher than expected, and spending was 5.2% lower than budgeted. The auditor had recommendations for the County Treasurer to strengthen internal control and improve operating efficiency.
- The County Opioid Settlement Advisory Steering Committee recommended and the Board approved awarding a portion of those funds to 5 recipients: The Tri-County Community Mental Health Authority, Recovery Worx, Clinton County Journey Court and Veterans Court, and the Bath Township Library. It's expected that Clinton County will receive \$3.3 million over 18 years, \$950k of which we've received to date. Any organization in our County that's active in addressing opioid prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or recovery may be eligible to apply for these funds in the future.
- This year's county budget mistakenly left out 4 items in the Capital Improvements Budget that are ordinarily included. The missing items, totaling \$40k, are typically used for building and grounds maintenance at Motz Park and Clinton Lakes Park. The Board approved a budget amendment to add these 4 line items back into the budget.
- Our County's Pre-Trial Services program monitors defendants awaiting trial, ensuring they are compliant with any conditions attached to pretrial release (drug/alcohol testing, tethering, or any other conditions imposed by the court). Right now, we only have one Case Manager for the program. At the recommendation of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, the Board of Commissioners approved the hiring of a second Case Manager.
- This month, we held an Infrastructure Committee Meeting to discuss the County Jail. Upon further discussion with fellow Commissioners, there's a general consensus that remodeling the existing structure makes more sense than a rebuild at this time. The Board directed Hobbs and Black to develop a remodel concept plan for further consideration.
- Our Facilities Director is crafting a 20-year Fairgrounds Master Plan. To assist with creating this plan, the board approved a Fairgrounds Facility Conditions Assessment. I want to thank Zach Wagner for his leadership on this discussion, as he's helped to get the fair community engaged and involved in this process.
- Our County Planning & Zoning Director has resigned to accept another position with a different jurisdiction. This is on top of our Assistant Planner being gone for a 14-week deployment with the National Guard. The Board had already approved contracting with "OHM Advisors" last month for temporary services during our Assistant Planner's Deployment. This month, we approved expanding that contract to cover both positions.

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk