

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: APRIL 14, 2026

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:03 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

Zach Rudat – Clinton County Commissioner, Scott Martin

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 and March 25, 2026 special meetings and the March 10, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$47,526.25 from the General Fund, \$1,887.60 from the Local Street Fund, \$1,887.60 from the Major Street Fund, \$4,655.74 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$4,889.70 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

None.

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:

- Lawn care
- Water sampling PFAS, Tritium
- Painting filter vessels @ wellhouse
- Gutter sweeping/cleaning
- Valve replacement – Main Street
- State champ sign updates
- Lagoon testing and dumping
- Hydrant flushing
- Spring & summer project work line up

DNR GRANT APPLICATION

Two DNR Trust Fund grant applications were submitted on March 31, 2026. One for improvements/upgrades to Field of Dreams and one for Fink Field.

ZACH RUDAT – CLINTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONER

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

- The board of commissioners hosted a special meeting in March and the board passed a motion to preserve P&Z indefinitely on a 4-3 vote, which I supported. Immediately after, the board passed a motion to begin charging townships for P&Z on a 4-3 vote. Since that meeting, county lawyers have confirmed that the county must continue to provide P&Z services as long as the county is zoned, even if a township doesn't pay such a fee.
- The county planning commission hosted a public hearing for a data center moratorium on April 9th at 6 pm at the county courthouse.
- County jail rebuild/remodel has been an ongoing discussion on the board for years. Last month the board approved new RFPs with a narrower scope to the jail's greatest need, the booking area.
- The county currently has a service agreement with Ingham County Veterans Affairs. Services are available during regular business hours, but walk-ins are limited to only Thursdays. Last month, the board approved an updated agreement that will expand walk-in availability to 3-4 days a week once fully implemented.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Dallas Township Planning Commission – data center discussions

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk