

FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: MAY 13, 2025

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, May 13, 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, Rick Fink, John Rademacher, Melissa Humphrey, and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Codi Schrauben.

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 Fink moved, supported by Trustee Humphrey, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 regular as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$229,983.52 from the General Fund, \$4,511.75 from the Local Street Fund, \$1,838.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$5,921.51 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$3,796.56 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

ZONING PERMITS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Fink, to approve Zoning Permit #RD 2025-04 Scott and Krista Martin, #P 2025-01 submitted by D&N Construction on half of Nicole Thelen, and #AB 2025-03 submitted by Brett and Nickie Thelen. Motion carried.

No one present.

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

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

- Lift station motor failure
- State of Michigan infrastructure and documentation inspection
- Loader tractor still for sale
- Summer help begins in June

Update from Kate Neese – Clinton County Waste Management:

Granger has not responded to the email about switching site to the single stream collection. The county must collect the funding from local municipalities for the PA 69 funding initiative. Time is needed to review potential costs and whether or not the \$15 per household works for changes in the recycling collection frequency/program.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT – KIRT WRIGHT

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Porter moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to accept the recommendation by Planning Commission to approve, with stipulations, the Special Use Permit submitted by Kirt Wright for a proposed Commercial Storage Warehouse Facility on property located on Edgewood Drive; property ID #041-011-300-027-00. Motion carried.

ZACH RUDAT – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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

- The Grange Road replacement culvert replacement currently scheduled for May 14th.
- The board authorized Judge Schlegel to apply for the Opioid Settlement Grant to expand the 29th Circuit Court's Adult Drug Journey Court, and the Veterans Treatment Court.
- Our County Veterans Affairs Department received a County Veteran Service Fund Grant from the State of Michigan. A mid-year recalculation resulted in a significant reduction in the amount awarded.
- The Board approved a \$10,000 sponsorship for the Clinton County RESA annual Career Expo.
- The County Equalization Department provides updated equalization values each year. This recommendation is based on a compilation of Equalization Studies in the previous year resulting in assessed values increased by 8.93% for 2025.
- At the request of Central Dispatch, the Board authorized the "Clinton County Freedom Application User Agreement for Fire and Emergency Medical Service Agencies," which will enable the final phase of the mobile communication project.
- The Board also approved Central Dispatch's request to purchase Fire Priority Dispatch System Protocols (EFD) software.
- The Sheriff's Department will replace 3 vehicles.
- The board adopted resolutions recognizing National Police Officers Week on May 15th, and National Correctional Officers and Employees Week on May 4th.
- The Lead Telecommunicator with Central Dispatch is retiring from her position effective January 2026 after more than 2 decades of service in the department.
- The Board received updates from the Planning and Zoning Department, County Juvenile Court and Mid-Michigan District Health Department.

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

- Banners
- Summer Market
- Flowers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk