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FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

DATE: JUNE 9, 2026

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, June 9, 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

Vern Feldpausch, Dan Schmitt and Rhonda Feldpausch

VISITORS

MaLissa Schutt – Clinton Transit

AGENDA

Addition: Clinton Transit

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

MINUTES

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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BILLS

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Fink moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$31,434.80 from the General Fund, \$960.00 from the Local Street Fund, \$19,081.00 from the Major Street Fund, \$3,165.01 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$17,651.91 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

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

DPW REPORT

Vern Feldpausch, DPW Supervisor reported on the following items:

- Catch basin cleaning and repairs/ valve box repairs
- Salt building
- Asphalt patching
- Sidewalk and curb patches/repairs
- Meter reads – second quarter
- Water testing
- Crack sealing
- Meter replacements
- PFAS negative status
- Sludge removal efforts more successful than anticipated

CHIP SEALING

BOARD ACTION: Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Martin, to accept the \$35,780.00 bid from Clinton County Road Commission to chip seal Elm Street from North Drive to Clinton Street; Clinton Street from Elm Street to Main Street; Maple Street from Second Street to Sixth Street; Victor Street from Second Street to Fifth Street; and Fifth Street from Victor Street to Main Street. 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.

NEWSLETTER

Rhonda Feldpausch and Dan Schmitt are looking for input for newsletter content. The newsletter will be mailed with the property tax bill.

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.

CLINTON TRANSIT

MaLissa Schutt – Executive Director Clinton Transit reported on services provided, pricing, usage etc. September 26 is the 25th anniversary for Clinton Transit.

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**ZACH RUDAT – CLINTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONER**

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

- **Property Tax** - This August, there will be a ballot question to reauthorize the constitutional millage for Clinton County (5.8 mills), our general law townships (1.0 mill), and our intermediate school districts (0.2 mill). Under the Headlee Amendment, local millage rates automatically reduce when total taxable values (excluding new builds) grow faster than the rate of inflation. This ensures local governments do not collect a massive windfall in property taxes simply because real estate values skyrocket. Clinton County voters have reauthorized the original tax limitation proposal every 4 years since 1994. Headlee rollbacks have been minor since the last 2022 reauthorization, varying across the townships from .0030-.0258 mill (\$7.42-\$10 a year for a property with a taxable value of \$100,000).
- **Planning and Zoning** - In May the BOC approved a staffing restructure that puts planning and zoning under the same umbrella as the building department through a community development model.
- **County Audit** - We recently received our independent audit report and were given an unmodified opinion, meaning our financial statements were fairly presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. County revenue in 2025 was higher than expected though lower than 2024 due to the end of federal covid dollars. County expenditures came under budget as well in all budget categories, and pensions and retirement healthcare plans are fully funded.

CORRESPONDENCE

Most Holy Trinity Church 5k Run/Walk Sponsorship

- Ambulance services fees

10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk