

# FOWLER VILLAGE COUNCIL

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DATE: DECEMBER 9,  
2025

The Fowler Village Council met Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM with President Vernon J. Thelen presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported.  
Present: Brad Rhynard, John Rademacher, Dan Schmitt, Melissa Humphrey, Mike Porter and Rhonda Feldpausch. Absent: Codi Schrauben and Rick Fink.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

Vern Feldpausch

VISITORS

None

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion regarding appointment of Dan Schmitt to Treasurer should read effective January 1, 2026 instead of January 1, 2025.

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Rhynard moved, supported by Trustee Schmitt, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried.

## BILLS

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey moved, supported by Trustee Rhynard, to approve payment of \$34,599.17 from the General Fund, \$1,725.96 from the Sanitary Sewer O & M Fund, and \$1,192.20 from the Water O & M Fund. Motion carried.

None.

## ZONING PERMITS

## CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF

No one present.

## TREASURER REPORT

**BOARD ACTION:** Trustee Humphrey 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:

- Lagoon – EGLE paperwork
- Clean building
- Update all files
- 2026 Budget
- Wash and wax equipment
- Install doors at well house and sewer plant
- Paint filter vessels in well house

## ITC UPGRADE

West Wood Estates, LLC and other property owners along Tyler Drive would like a meeting with ITC representatives. The Village Council will request another meeting with ITC.

## RECREATION ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE JANUARY PRESENTATION

The Recreation Assessment Committee has asked the Council to schedule a Special meeting in January, 2026. The Committee is required to present a five year recreation plan to the Council for approval. The plan must be available to the public for 30 days prior to Council review. These requirements cannot be completed by the regular January meeting date. The Council has agreed to meet January 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM to review and possibly adopt the plan.

## ZACH RUDAT – CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Zach Rudat, Clinton County Commissioner, provided the following information:

- ITC will be holding a meet and greet for landowners along the Nelson/Oneida transmission line that will be running through western Clinton County. The meet and greet will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd, from 3-8 pm at the Portland VFW Hall (1324 E. Bridge St.) Landowners along the transmission line route are invited to ask questions, review maps, and learn more from ITC team members.
- We currently have two vacancies on our County Planning Commission and are seeking applicants. The Planning Commission is a 7 member body of individuals from across the county who make recommendations to the County Commissioners on multiple issues, including Comprehensive Plan updates, Site Plan review, Special Use Permits, Zoning Map Amendments and Zoning Ordinance Amendments
- As a reminder, the County currently has a contract with the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) to provide economic development services to businesses in Clinton County. The contract is set to expire at the end of this year, and a 3-year renewal contract failed at October's Ways and Means Committee on a 3-3 vote. During our November full board meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to add a 3-year LEAP renewal contract to the agenda. The renewal contract passed

on a 4-2 vote with one member absent. I opposed the renewal contract and do not like that this was added to the agenda on the spot without giving the public an opportunity to engage. Fortunately, the contract still provides the ability to revise or terminate in the future if one of the four supporters changes their minds in the future. I will keep you posted if that happens.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## 10 MINUTE OPEN DISCUSSION

## ADJOURNMENT

None.

- Website upgrade
- Medical insurance rate renewal increase of 13.14%

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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Rhonda Feldpausch, Village Clerk