

## **Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2017 at 7 PM**

The Regular Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all Board Members present. Also present were Town Clerk Kelly Harmer, Highway Superintendent Randy Durham, Assessor Sherry Geer, Bookkeeper Barb Finnie, Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer, Vicky Cappellino, Rachel Hunter from the Tribune Press, Al Redmond, Lisa Durham, Debbie Tupper, Lillith Griffith, Mike Macaulay, Tami Gale, Stephen Gale, Rick Whitford, Cynthia Carr, Dave Spilman, Frank Wujcik, Shelly Dodds, and Andy Miller.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7 PM then proceeded with the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Councilperson Newvine stated that there was an error on the amount that Storm Stella cost the Town on the 4/11/17 Meeting Minutes. He stated that it needed to be changed to \$12,088.78. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the April 11, 2017 meeting minutes after that change was made. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to approve the April 25, 2017 meeting minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Simmons stated that she wanted to congratulate Councilperson Newvine and his wife for being named Business of the Year by the Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to go into Executive Session at 7:03 PM to discuss the Housing Council contract and the Beach. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:59 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to accept with regret the resignations from Rick Whitford as Code

Enforcement Officer, Planning Board Chair, Custodian, and Buildings and Grounds. The board all stated that he will be missed. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to accept the resignation from Mike Macaulay as a member of the Board of Appeals. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham stated that he was rewriting his request for the \$50,000 grant to repair River Drive to send to Patty Ritchie's office. A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to apply for the grant to fix River Drive. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Durham stated that the State has approved the request for a speed limit reduction on the California Road from County Route 22 to County Route 24. The signs for the 45 MPH speed limit have been posted. Mr. Durham stated that the roads are being prepped for paving. He stated that the Jones Road is almost done. He stated that the Bids for the paving of the roads will be in at the June 6 meeting. Councilperson Newvine stated that the Island Branch Road is much better than it was.

Historian Karen Simmons stated that it has been quiet in the Historian's Office. She stated that Supervisor Cappellino and her had been up to the Fullerville Cemetery to help someone find a few lots there. She stated that her map that she has doesn't match what is there and that it is going to be hard to try to figure it all out.

Councilperson Simmons reported for Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer because Mr. Moyer had to leave. She stated that Mr. Moyer had found 2 dogs on the Chub Lake Road earlier that day. Mr. Moyer called Town Clerk Kelly Harmer and she ran the tags and the dogs were returned to the owners on the North Woods Road.

Councilperson Simmons reported for the Beaver Control. She stated that they had got 3 beavers on the Sylvia Lake Road and that the site was now finished. They are currently working on the Country Club Road.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she had issued 40 dog licenses, \$235.00 in fishing licenses, and 5 death certificates. She stated that she has collected 83.58% of the tax warrant. She asked Supervisor Cappellino and the Board what she is supposed to do with Code Enforcement issues until the Town appoints a new CEO. Supervisor Cappellino said to have them call him with any questions or concerns. He stated that he will call the applicant.

Assessor Sherry Geer stated that the Tax Roll is in and that the dates that she will be here to sit with the roll have been posted. She stated that if anyone would like to meet to discuss their assessment, they can call and make an appointment with her.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to continue with three elected Assessors. Assessor Sherry Geer will continue as the sole Assessor until next January. Anybody interested in the 2 vacant Assessor positions will run in the Fall election. Newvine; yes, Bishop; yes, Fayette; yes, Simmons; yes Cappellino; no. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Newvine stated that Johnny Lafaver had done a good job mowing and he thinks he will continue to do a good job. Mr. Newvine discussed getting a quote for the back section of the fence at the Hailesboro Ball field. He will get a figure and contact the other Council Members by phone. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he would like a gate put in the back section to get equipment through.

Councilperson Bishop asked Highway Superintendent Durham if he started hauling gravel for the shoulders. Mr. Durham stated that he going to use millings for the shoulders this year. Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Durham if he had appointed a Deputy yet. Mr. Durham stated that he has not decided yet but he will.

Supervisor Cappellino asked the Board members if any of them would be interested in being on the Bridge Committee for the Emeryville bridge. He stated that he had been accused of violations of Ethics and that he will not be on the committee any longer. Councilperson Newvine asked what that entails. Supervisor Cappellino stated that the purpose of the committee was to meet with the new

owners of Hampshire Paper Company and the County to come up with a way to have the bridge opened back up. Councilperson Newvine stated that he would be on the committee.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to appoint Tami Gale as the new Custodian. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on June 6, 2017 at 7 PM.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #137- #165, with a total of \$36,827.18.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to end the meeting at 9:31 pm. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk