

Town of Fowler Emergency Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2017 at 10 AM

The Emergency Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all Board Members present. Also present were Deputy Town Clerk Tami Gale, Assessor Sherry Geer, Rachel Hunter from the Tribune Press, Mike Macaulay, and Rick Whitford.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM, and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a new Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Fowler. Supervisor Cappellino stated that Town of Fowler resident Glen Besaw had been offered and had accepted the position.

Councilperson Bishop asked Supervisor Cappellino if the next Code Enforcement Officer would have more input concerning the housing grants. Councilperson Newvine asked former Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford if the new appointed Code Enforcement Officer's training could begin immediately. Mr. Whitford replied that the training must begin with the first course first, and there are 7 courses to take to become qualified.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had spoken with Mr. Whitney Russell, NYS Division of CE Administration for the Capital District and Northern NY, and that there is a school for Mr. Besaw to attend in 2 weeks in Malone, and that he is awaiting further information regarding the training from Mr. Russell.

Councilperson Simmons asked if someone was going to help train Mr. Besaw. Rick Whitford stated that he did not know how much training Mr. Besaw has.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that there was no choice but to put him in the job.

Councilperson Newvine asked if the Town had Code books for the new Code Enforcement Officer. Rick Whitford stated that the Code books are down stairs in the Code Enforcement Office.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to approve the appointment of Glen Besaw as Town of Fowler Code Enforcement Officer. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the Town needed to hold a Public Hearing to close out the 2014 grant. Supervisor Cappellino asked that Town Clerk Kelly

Harmer advertise for the Public Hearing to be held at the regular scheduled Town Board Meeting on June 6th, 2017.

Councilperson Newvine asked what was going to be done with the \$38,000 that is remaining in the 2014 grant account. Councilperson Simmons asked where the Town stands with the Housing Council, and if someone was going to come to the Public hearing on June 6th, 2017 to represent the Housing Council and to explain where the \$38,000 left from the 2014 grant is going to be used. Supervisor Cappellino stated that Annette Bowman of SLCHC, is on vacation for 3 weeks, and the Town would be communicating with Michelle Durham at the Housing Council. Councilperson Fayette asked where the Town stands with Michelle Durham of the Housing Council.

Councilperson Newvine stated that the Town should get in touch with the other towns such as Madrid, who presently have grants being administered by the Housing Council to see how they are progressing. Councilperson Newvine stated that maybe they could save the \$38,000 to cover the projects that are not done correctly. Supervisor Cappellino stated that the issues with inspections have to get taken care of. Councilperson Simmons asked which grant Supervisor Cappellino was referring to. Supervisor Cappellino stated that both the 2014 and 2015 grants.

Councilperson Simmons asked where the Town stands with Scott Burto. Councilperson Fayette stated that he had been in contact with Town of Fowler attorney Henry Leader and that a meeting is going to be scheduled to discuss exploring the Town's options of having Scott Burto take over the 2015 grant administration.

After discussion, a meeting was set for Thursday May 11th at the Town Hall at 5PM, where the Town board, Town Attorney Henry Leader, and Scott Burto will be present to discuss the matter.

Councilperson Simmons asked what the Town is going to do regarding the grants that are completed and have not been inspected by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer. Rick Whitford stated that there are 3 completed grants that have not had

certificate of occupancy issued. Mr. Whitford further stated that if the Town had listened to his concerns with the Housing Council it would have been a lot easier than going through this. Mr. Whitford asked Supervisor Cappellino to step down from his position as Town of Fowler Supervisor for not doing his job.

Councilperson Newvine stated that he needed help with the beach this year, referencing misplaced paperwork. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to offer Town Clerk Kelly Harmer a compensation of \$10.00 an hour to help with the work. The board stated that if Town Clerk Kelly Harmer was not interested that Natalie Spilman would be a good candidate to ask.

Assessor Sherry Geer addressed the Board concerning the Town of Fowler Data Collection. She stated that Tami Gale, as well as herself, would be interested in completing the Data Collection for the Town. Assessor Geer stated that she has taken the Data Collection class and is certified. After discussion, it was decided that only parcels that are completely finished, correctly completed, and input by the Real Property Office, would be paid. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to approve the Data Collection Team of Sherry Geer and Tami Gale. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Councilperson Fayette stated that he would like to get the Board back on track moving forward, Councilperson Bishop agreed. A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 AM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Tami Gale; Deputy Town Clerk