

## **Town of Fowler- Special Assessor Meeting Minutes- January 20, 2015 at 6 PM**

The Special Meeting with the Assessors for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all board members present. Also present were Town Clerk Kelly Harmer, Justice Paul Lamson, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Assessor Robert Fuller, Assessor Robert Andrews, Assessor Doug Turner, and Mike Macaulay.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. He stated the purpose for the meeting was to discuss the Hollow Dam Assessment, Veteran's Exemption and the Data Collection.

After discussion with the Assessors, the board and the assessors agreed to have the lawyer, Mr. Leader, draw up a proposal to the Hollow Dam Power Corporation, to lock in a full value assessment of \$1.2 million, retroactively, as well as going forward for the next 5 years.

Supervisor Cappellino explained that when we passed the local law for the Veteran's Exemption for Land Taxes that we failed to specify the Assessment reduction that was to be allowed under that law. A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop to use the same percentage as the County uses for the Veteran's Exemption. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Assessors are going to get together to discuss how they want to do the data collecting. New Assessor Doug Turner presented the board with a letter to be sent to the tax payers requesting information about their property. This should help with the data collecting.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons for a resolution to repeal the override of the 2% tax cap for 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried. This will be Resolution No.3 for 2015.

There was discussion and a proposal submitted for a voice over system for the Town Hall. After much discussion, the board decided not to go with the voice over system and decided to look into getting a fax line separate from the phone. A motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman and seconded by Rick Newvine for a new fax line. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Supervisor Cappellino discussed getting an administrator for Retired Town Clerk Sherrie Williams and Retired Highway Superintendent Gary Williams Cobra Insurance Plan. Currently we are getting the insurance bills and then Sherrie and Gary are sending in a check to cover their Cobra insurance for the month to us and then we are sending out a payment to cover their insurance. It would be a 2% administration fee in order for the insurance company to bill directly. The board discussed this matter and decided that there was no need for an administrator.

Supervisor Cappellino brought to attention that there will be a Local Government Conference at Jefferson Community College on March 26, 2015 if anyone would like to attend any of the Informational Workshops.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop for Resolution No.2 of 2015 to compensate Councilperson Karen Simmons for her time spent working as the Town Clerk after the unexpected resignation of past Town Clerk, Sherrie Williams on November 18, 2014. Councilperson Karen Simmons was aware of the duties of the Town Clerk and had the time to temporarily assist the Town until a suitable replacement was found. Roll call vote showed Supervisor Cappellino; YES, Lynn Bishop; YES, Rick Newvine; YES, Natalie Spilman; YES, Karen Simmons; abstain. MOTION CARRIED

Councilperson Karen Simmons stated that Peter Devine from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council will attend the February 3, 2015 meeting for a public hearing to start the process for applying for the next CDBG grant for the Town of Fowler.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine at 8:28 PM to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor

Natalie Spilman; Councilperson

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