

Minutes - August 14, 2012 - 7 PM

The Regular Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all members present. Also present was Town Clerk Sherrie Williams, Highway Superintendent Gary Williams, Assessor Tim Geer, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford, Justice Paul Lamson, Joyce Mills, Legislator Alex MacKinnon, Lillith Griffith, Tom Conklin, Dianna Johnson, Barb Sullivan, Assessor Robert Fuller, Nancy Fuller, Jeff Hill, Robbie Tuttle, Chair of Operations Veterans Joe Consentino, Vicki Cappellino, Rachel Hunter of the Tribune Press, Joanne Orford, & Mike Macaulay.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order then proceeded with opening prayer & the pledge of allegiance.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the July 10, 2012 Meeting minutes & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes. All in Favor.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Chair of Operations Veterans Joe Consentino reported about all the problems that the north country veterans are facing when going to the Syracuse Hospital for care. There is very poor parking & the hospital is so overcrowded that veterans are in the halls of the hospital. He is looking for support for a veterans hospital in Ogdensburg for north country veterans for closer and better care, and asked for an endorsement from the Town of Fowler for the goal of providing a veterans hospital in the north country for veterans in Ogdensburg. The buildings are there & vacant at this

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time. The board thanked him for his report.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he had a resolution for the support of the Alliance for Municipal Power for the board to consider. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Resolution #6 of 2012 Alliance for Municipal Power Resolution & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Randy Durham to pass Resolution No. 8 of 2012 Endorsing the Efforts of Operation Veterans to secure the Pritchard Building & the old St. Joseph's nursing home as Veterans Service Centers of the North Country & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a letter from Dale Gardner of St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility asking for support from the board for them to obtain a new "Live Fire Burn Simulator" at the training center in West Potsdam, NY. This simulator is used to train the local fire personnel in the skills necessary to enter a burning structure, make a rescue if needed and extinguish an interior fire. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve a resolution to send a letter of support for the new "Live burn fire simulator" in the

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he had Resolution #7 of 2012 authorizing submission of the Community Development Block Grant Application & authorizing Supervisor Michael Cappellino to sign the application for the board to consider. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons for approval of Resolution #7 of 2012 Community Development Block Grant Application & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that she went around with Dave Bush visiting some homes concerning the grant application. The board thanked Karen Simmons, Mike Macaulay, & Randy Durham for their time spent doing the canvassing for the grant application.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has Resolution #5 of 2012 Justice Grant Resolution that give the Town Justice permission to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the board to consider. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to approve Resolution #5 of 2012 Justice Grant Resolution & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in

Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that Town Clerk Sherrie Williams has asked the board to appoint Nellie Dimon as her 2nd Deputy Town Clerk. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to appoint Nellie Dimon as 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Town Clerk & seconded by Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Legislator Alex MacKinnon reported that the County is going to vote to override the tax cap, & on August 27, 2012 at 5:30 PM at the County meeting, he will ask the County to pass a resolution to add the Emeryville Bridge to the counties bridge list & repair the bridge.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he has issued 61 permits so far in this year which includes 11 permits in the month of July.

Chair Robert Fuller asked the board about the progress of the data collection & reported about 1/2 of the information is on the assessment cards. Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that Darren Colton of St. Lawrence County has offered 20 days of free help on the data collection plus mileage costs.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that Brad Cox has resigned from the Dog Warden position. She has been in charge of the phone & Kyle Hubbard has been helping out on dog issues.

Kyle has agreed to do the Dog Warden job for \$200.00 a month plus mileage. Councilperson Karen Simmons made a motion to accept the resignation of Brad Cox from the Dog Warden position & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. After a discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to appoint Kyle Hubbard as temporary Dog Warden for a 6 month probationary position at \$200.00 per month plus mileage & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that she had the Beaver Patrol Report from Tim Prashaw. No beavers were taken in July due to the low water level.

Highway Superintendent Williams reported that the Highway Department has been replacing pipes on the Smith Rd., ditching, repairing equipment, mowing roadsides, & the Sylvia Lake Road is done.

Tom Conklin of the Gouverneur Fire Department submitted a 3 year contract proposal to the board, reported on the fire departments activities, calls, youth program, & equipment. The Board will consider the increase to the fire contract.

Councilperson Randy Durham asked the board if they wanted to make an Ethics Board for the Town. Lillith Griffith volunteered to be on the Ethics Board & Councilperson Randy Durham will be

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the board member on the board. An ad will be in the paper advertising for another member of the Ethics Board.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she would like to switch the Town cell phones to Verizon for better reception & cost savings. Consensus of the Board was for Natalie to go ahead & switch the Town cell phones to Verizon.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a letter from the union concerning the Highway employee contract & will set up a Meeting.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that a number of applicants submitted letters of interest for the Town Hall Custodian position. After a discussion, a motion was made from Councilperson Karen Simmons to appoint Rick Whitford as the Town Hall Custodian as advertised until the end of the year & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; abstain, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Several issues concerning the Sylvia lake Beach were discussed.

Supervisor Cappellino asked about the progress on the front porch upgrade. The Board discussed the issue.

Robbie Tuttle asked if the Hull Road could be patched. Superintendent Williams will address the issue.

Lillith Griffith asked if the Rt. 58 railroad crossing is going to be improved.



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JoAnne Orford thanked the Highway Department for doing a nice job on the Sylvia Lake Road.

Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported that the next Board Meeting will be on September 11, 2012 at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #162 - #184 \$9,698.17 & Highway Fund #114 - #134 - \$20,838.63.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor    Sherrie Williams; Town Clerk

Rick Newvine; Councilperson    Randy Durham; Councilperson

Karen Simmons, Councilperson    Natalie Spilman; Councilperson

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Resolution #5 of 2012  
Justice Grant Resolution

The Town of Fowler Board at it's Board Meeting held on August 14, 2012 has approved the Town Justice to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

|                                  | In Favor | Not in Favor |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Michael Cappellino<br>Supervisor | <u>X</u> | —            |
| Rick Newvine<br>Councilperson    | <u>X</u> | —            |
| Randy Durham<br>Councilperson    | <u>X</u> | —            |
| Karen Simmons<br>Councilperson   | <u>X</u> | —            |
| Natalie Spilman<br>Councilperson | <u>X</u> | —            |

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Resolution #6 of 2012  
Alliance for Municipal Power Resolution

**Whereas** the Town/Village of Fowler is a member for the Alliance for Municipal Power (AMP), and

**Whereas** the Town/Village of Fowler is very interested in seeing the North Country Power Authority begin its work to create a municipal electrical utility with the AMP communities, and

**Whereas** the first step in doing that is to have a full board of directors appointed as directed in the legislation governing the North Country Power Authority.

**Now be it Resolved** that the Town/Village Board of Fowler Authorizes the Supervisor/Mayor to Sign the letter of support for the North Country Power Authority to the Governor and to AMP State Representatives.

**MOTION CARRIED**

TOWN OF FOWLER  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION  
OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Upon a motion made by Councilperson Karen Simmons, seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham, and unanimously carried it was

RESOLVED that the Town Board of Fowler has identified housing and assisting low/moderate income homeowners, as its most severe community development need, and

WHEREAS, the proposed program area is hereby defined as having many substandard structures occupied by low/moderate income families, Substandard is defined as:

A structure or dwelling unit which has one or more major structural defect, but can still be repaired for a reasonable amount

WHEREAS, the only affordable means of financing a program designed to meet these needs is to secure funding from the NYS Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program.

WHEREAS, due to the sparsely populated character of the proposed program area with homes scattered over a large geographical area, a non-target methodology is to be employed to assist only low and moderate income persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fowler authorizes Supervisor, Michael Cappellino to sign and submit an application to the Office of Community Renewal for a community development program for housing rehabilitation and to act in connection with the submission of the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Country Housing Council will perform administrative services under contract with the Town of Fowler and act as subrecipient for the Community Development Block Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Fowler has adopted the following: Citizen Participation Plan, Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, Excessive Force Policy, Lead Based Paint Plan, and the Housing Rehabilitation Program Policy and Procedures, and that they are on file at the Town Hall.

NOTION CARRIED on August 14, 2012

Vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes. All in favor