

Minutes - September 11, 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, Tim Prashaw, Joanne Orford, Barb Sullivan, Bonnie Seaman, & Mike Macaulay.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order then proceeded with a moment of silence for the people who lost their lives at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, opening prayer & the pledge of allegiance.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the August 14, 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. Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she did not provide the Town Clerk with the correct resolution supporting a Veterans Hospital & Nursing Home at Ogdensburg, NY before it got sent out & would like the Amendment Resolution approved by the board to be sent out. A motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to approve Amendment Resolution No. 9 of 2012 Supporting a Veterans Hospital & Nursing Home at Ogdensburg, NY & 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.

Barb Sullivan asked the board about using the downstairs of the Town Hall for card parties. The board had no problem with it.

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Nelson Bice stated that he would be interested in the vacant Dog Warden position. Many dog issues were discussed. Consensus of the board was to put an ad in the newspaper advertising for a new Dog Warden & stating the letters of interest are to be in by October 3, 2012 at 3:30 PM.

Supervisor Cappellino reported on the recent inspection of the Emeryville Bridge & that there has been a committee formed to try to get bridge repaired.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he has issued 73 permits so far in this year which includes 13 permits in the month of August. He has 1 complaint to address & the Town Hall septic system will be started soon.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that she had the Beaver Patrol Report from Tim Prashaw. No beavers were taken in August & grates have been checked and cleaned.

Dog Control - Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that 2 calls concerning dog issues were received & 1 complaint concerning an aggressive dog.

Highway Superintendent Williams reported that the Highway Department has been cutting shoulders back, equipment maintenance, & the sand/salt barn is full.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has the proposed Gouverneur Fire Department Contract & the issue will be discussed further at a later date.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a letter from David Syrek from the Sylvia Lake Association requesting \$350 toward the 2013 water testing of Sylvia lake & the results of the last water testing.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he talked to a contactor concerning the data collection which would cost \$30,000 & would be done in a year. The County will do it for free plus mileage & it would take about 5 years to have them do it. An ad will be constructed to be put in the paper asking for bids for data collection.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she talked to Sherri Barnhart who is interested in creating & updating the Town Website. The cost would be \$500 for a homepage & 3 content pages and \$100 quarterly for updating the website. The board will meet with her at a future date.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that Tim Knowlton of BOCES is offering the services of the BOCES kids to do many repairs & improvements up to the Sylvia Lake Beach. Mike Macaulay is contacting businesses for donation of materials for the projects.

Several issues concerning the Sylvia lake Beach were discussed.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that there recently has been vandalism at the Hailesboro ball park.

The porch upgrade was discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to hire Wayne Serviss to build handrails for the front porch for \$2,800.00 & 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. Prices will be obtained for porch stonework.

Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported that the next Board Meeting will be on October 9, 2012 at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. There will also be work sessions on September 19, 2012 at 6:30 PM concerning future road work & September 27, 2012 at 6:30 concerning the Town Website.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to pay Rick Whitford \$10.00 per hour for his work which will be broken down by department & 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.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #185 - #203 \$7,513.13 & Highway Fund #135 - #147 - \$99,336.87.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. 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

TOWN OF FOWER
87 LITTLE YORK ROAD
GOUVERNEUR, NY 13642

September 11, 2012

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2012

SUPPORTING A VETERANS HOSPITAL AND NUSING HOME
AT OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Operation Veterans, an Ogdensburg based veterans group is seeking endorsements from municipalities, organizations, businesses and the general public to support their desire to bring needed health care service to veterans in the North Country, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 244 veterans living in the Town of Fowler and over 9,000 veterans living in St. Lawrence County that are required to receive medical attention at hospitals as far away as Syracuse, and

WHEREAS, representatives of Operation Veterans have already toured the NYS Office of Mental Health owned Pritchard Building on the grounds of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, and

WHEREAS, this building would be suitable for the medical care of veterans after cleanup and alterations, and

WHEREAS, the distance to the VA hospital in Syracuse takes a toll on many of our older veterans and overcrowding in the Hospital means that some veterans are being cared for in the hallways, and

WHEREAS, with the war continuing in Afghanistan and wounded veterans coming home from overseas every day causing additional overcrowding in our veterans hospital the need for additional beds is evident, and

WHEREAS, the location on the banks of the St. Lawrence River would aid in the recovery of wounded and ailing veterans, and

WHEREAS, Operation Veterans has suggested the former St. Joseph's Home in Ogdensburg would be an ideal location for a veteran's nursing home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Fowler Board supports Operation Veterans proposal to locate a veteran's medical hospital at Pritchard Building and a Veteran's Nursing Home in Ogdensburg, and urges our elected officials on the Local, Federal, and State levels to endorse Veterans Service Centers in the North County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Governor Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand; U.S. Senator Charles Schumer; U.S. Senator Elizabeth O'c Little; Senator Patty Ritchie; Senator Joseph Griffo; Assemblywoman Addie Russell; Assembly Ken Blankenbush; Congressman Bill Owens; and the New York State of Veterans Affairs.