

## **Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2016 at 7PM**

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, Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer, Assessor Sherry Geer, Judge Paul Lamson, CEO Rick Whitford, Vicky Cappellino, Mike Macaulay, Eugene Mullaney, Cindy Carr, Connor Bishop, Jessica Bice, Roni Fuller, Connie Bishop, Debbie Tupper, Wanda Fayette and Brad Charlton with the St. Lawrence County Housing Council.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the April 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the April 18, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

There were 3 Winter Maintenance Sand Bids opened.

Cooke Sand & Gravel - \$7.80/ cy with a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate

Cullen's - \$11.20/ cy with a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate

French's- \$8.19/ cy with a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to accept Cooke Sand & Gravel's bid. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

There was one bid for the Grader from Michael J. Crowner. It was for \$2,275, he did not have a non-collusive bidding certificate. Eugene Mullaney, from BOCES, wondered why the town didn't donate the grader to his BOCES class. The Town of Fowler had borrowed BOCES's

bulldozer several times at no charge. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to donate the grader to BOCES. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Brad Charlton, St. Lawrence County Housing Council, reported that there were 2 grants that had been finished and 1 in progress. They have been busy with auditors but he hopes to get out soon and start more projects.

Assessor Sherry Geer presented the board with a quote for a new computer system for \$1,656.99. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to purchase the new computer for the Assessors. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer stated that she had collected 72.37% of the tax warrant, which is almost \$1.5 million. She had 5 FOIL requests to do, 33 dog licenses, and a few hunting and fishing licenses for April. She attended a Notary Public workshop and will be taking her exam in Syracuse soon.

Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer got a call at 2:30 AM one morning about 2 dogs on State Highway 812 that were running in the road. He caught one and had it in the kennel all weekend. He recently attended a 10-day Dangerous Dog Workshop.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had spoken to Attorney Henry Leader about the Code Enforcement Officer and Dog Control Officer issuing tickets. Mr. Leader would like to talk to them both before any tickets are issued.

Dan Moyer reported for the Beaver Control. He turned in 2 sites that were completed. He stated that he got 6 beavers between the Shantyville Road and the Byrns Road. He is now working on the Stone

Road and he has gotten one beaver there so far. There was a question about a culvert on the Country Club Road that needed to be cleaned out and if it was in the right of way. Highway Superintendent Durham was going to take a look at it. Councilperson Bishop asked Dan Moyer if he had a nuisance permit. Dan Moyer stated that the town does and also Maria Leslie, his business partner does as well.

Historian Karen Simmons stated that she had received a call from a lady in Culpeper, Virginia about a genealogy that she has started working on. She is still going through Marjorie Farr's old scrapbooks. She is looking for recipes for a lady in Fowler, Illinois who is putting together a cookbook for their 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he had issued 10 building permits for April. He has been pretty busy. He also had a FOIL request to do. He stated that Continental Construction was almost done with the work on the Town Hall and Town Barn.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham wanted to thank the Town of Gouverneur for sending a rock pounder for the Gulf Road. He stated that the Village of Gouverneur was going to send up a team of guys with a truck to cut off the high limbs on the roads that are being constructed. He reported that Enbridge had come in and given a Dig Safety Class. He stated that he had been in contact with Bob Gore and Dave Spilman about the project at Kilkarney Courts. They are still not sure what they want to do for the storage building. Kilkarney Courts will be having a meeting in 2 weeks and will hopefully figure it out then. Eugene Mullaney, from BOCES, stated that BOCES would be able to do the job for Kilkarney Courts in September. Highway Superintendent Durham put in 18 culverts on the California Road, leaving just one to finish it off. He stated that the road was very rough but that he would

get up there to smooth it all out and do some patching. He stated that they have gotten 3 miles of road ready for paving.

Councilperson Simmons asked Highway Superintendent Durham if he had found a new safety person for the Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he had not. He said that Edwards and Russell do their own. Supervisor Cappellino asked who does it for the County. Highway Superintendent Durham said he would find out because they may share their safety person with us. Supervisor Cappellino asked if the Highway Department had picked up the road sides. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that they had gone around and picked up the big stuff. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that we may be getting summer help in a month and if so, they could possibly pick up the road sides.

Councilperson Bishop informed Highway Superintendent Durham that he received a complaint that there was a tree sticking out into the road on Mill Street in Hailesboro. There was concern that it may scratch some vehicles. Highway Superintendent Durham said he would check it out. Councilperson Bishop asked if we had gotten the truck back from Spilman's Garage and what was wrong with it. Highway Superintendent Durham said that the power steering was leaking and it needed to have new seals put in.

Councilperson Newvine reported back about the Gouverneur Area Development Corporation meeting that he had attended. He stated he had been trying to get the permit ready for the Sylvia Lake Beach. It will open on June 27, 2016 and close on August 30, 2016. He stated that he only had two lifeguards returning from last year. It was the consensus of the board to put an ad in the paper for lifeguards. Councilperson Newvine asked Highway Superintendent Durham if he could help put

the ropes out at the beach. Highway Superintendent Durham stated they would be able to on the following Thursday. Councilperson Newvine stated that the traffic has been bad in Hailesboro since the bridge in Gouverneur is being repaired. He also stated that they would be getting together to discuss the Fowler Home Days that they would like to have.

Councilperson Simmons stated that she had received an email from the Auditors stating that they would do an agreed upon procedure for the Bookkeeper and the Town Clerk's Departments. It would cost around \$2,000- \$2,500. A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to contact the Auditors to schedule a time to do the audit. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to pass a resolution to make an amendment to the Code of Ethics, Resolution No. 2 of 2013. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. This would be Resolution No. 4 of 2016.

A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to hold a public hearing at the next regular board meeting to discuss Local Law No. 1 for the Sylvia Lake Beach. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino asked Councilperson Bishop if he had gotten any new information on the mosquito spraying or the solar panels. Councilperson Bishop stated that he hadn't got anything yet on the solar panels. As far as the mosquito spraying, he read that there are a lot of side effects and one being an increased chance of autism. It is also very expensive so it was the consensus of the board that it was a dead issue.

There was a discussion about posting the town roads for weight limits. There have been heavy trucks using the side roads. Highway Superintendent Durham said he would look into it.

Eugene Mullaney, from BOCES, wanted to thank the board for supporting BOCES.

Kathy Moses, from the Kiwanis Backpack Program thanked everyone for their generous donations. She stated that she will be moving but someone will be here to collect the food donations every month.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #131-#166 with a total of \$114,179.95.

The next regular board meeting will be held on June 7, 2016 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to close the meeting at 8:28 pm. All in Favor.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor

Dustin Fayette; Councilperson

Lynn Bishop; Councilperson

Rick Newvine; Councilperson

Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk