

Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for August 2, 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, Justice Paul Lamson, CEO Rick Whitford, Assessor Sherry Geer, Lillith Griffith, Tami Gale, Stephen Gale, Art Hayden, Richard Clement, Robert Allen, Brenda Allen, Wanda Fayette, Debra Tupper, Bruce Dusharm, Jacob Dusharm, and Frank and Patricia Wujcik.

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

Supervisor Cappellino asked for approval of the July 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Councilperson Newvine wanted it noted that there were some changes to be made in the minutes of July 5, 2016. The changes were as follows- the Surplus Equipment Bid should read that it was awarded to the highest bidder, also Ralph Undercoffler was from the Sylvia Lake Association and he had asked if alcohol was permitted on the beach which the board agreed that alcohol is not permitted on any town property. Also, note that the board went into Executive Session at the July 5, 2016 meeting to discuss the CDBG grants. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the July 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham reported that the highway department had laid 7,000 tons of asphalt on 6.56 miles of road. He stated that he had 1,983 tons of gravel mulch mixed up. He had already laid 700 tons down for the shoulders of the roads. He stated that he would need 900 tons out of that amount to do the California Road

shoulders. He stated that the Town of Fine and the Town of Clifton have been helping out the Town of Fowler with putting shoulders down. He will have the highway employees go around and fix the divots after finishing up all of the shoulders. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he will start the California Road shoulders tomorrow and then will finish the shoulders on the Gulf Road. He reported that the 96 truck is up and running after they put in a new transmission. Highway Superintendent Durham had a discussion with the board about keeping one of the seasonal employees for the winter. After much discussion, the board stated they would like to wait to see if either of the two highway employees that are out on disability will be back by the winter. Highway Superintendent Durham presented the board with a quote for a new plow truck that would replace the 93 truck. The quote was for \$173,882.40, which is \$43,470.60/ year for 4 years with a 2.63% interest rate. Councilperson Fayette stated that he thinks that they are “over specing it” and he thinks that we could get it at a lower price. Councilperson Fayette will look over the specs before Highway Superintendent Durham makes any decision. Highway Superintendent Durham discussed doing 2.2 miles of the Hull Road and some of the Island Branch Road for next year. Supervisor Cappellino stated that the board needed to repass Local Law NO.1 of 2016 pertaining to the Sylvia Lake Beach because the first time it wasn’t filed in the time allotted. A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to pass Local Law NO. 1 of 2016. Fayette- yes, Newvine- No, Simmons- yes, Bishop- yes, Cappellino- yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the St. Lawrence County Housing Council would like all Town employees that work with the grant to sign

a Confidentiality Contract. After some discussion, Supervisor Cappellino will speak to the Town's Attorney to see if this is something we should sign.

Assessor Sherry Geer stated that she hopes to be certified by next July. She discussed the agreement that the Assessors made with St. Lawrence Zinc Company. The agreement was to combine and reduce the properties 1.2 million dollars over a 3-year period.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she issued 23 dog licenses, 2 death certificates, a marriage transcript and 2 marriage licenses. She issued \$200 in hunting and fishing licenses. She stated that hunting licenses and doe tags are now available.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported for Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer. She stated that there had been a complaint about a dog on the Country Club Road that is constantly barking and running at large. Mr. Moyer spoke to the owner and told them that they would get a ticket next time it happened. There is a dog in the kennel and the owner was located. The owner will pick the dog up on Monday.

Historian Karen Simmons stated that she had been getting things situated after the Fowler Family Day. She thanked Tami Gale for helping her clean up the Historian's Office. She also thanked Steve Gale, Tami Gale, Lillith Griffith, Judge Paul Lamson and the Highway Department for all their help carting things up and down from the Historian's Office for the Fowler Family Day.

CEO Rick Whitford stated that he issued 12 permits for the month of July. He stated that he had some issues with residents putting in

swimming pools and the electrical not being set up correctly. He stated that a swimming pool must be on its own breaker.

Councilperson Bishop stated that Sheehan's did a good job and that the roads look nice. He stated that he and Councilperson Newvine discussed the solar panels and he said it seems pretty complicated.

Councilperson Fayette stated that the Fowler Family Day was great. He hopes that a lot more people hear about it and will attend next year.

Councilperson Newvine reported that there has been 500 people so far this year at the Sylvia Lake Beach. There was an issue with dogs at the beach and the lifeguard did not handle that properly. Councilperson Newvine will have a new sign put up out front of the beach stating that there are NO PETS ALLOWED.

Councilperson Newvine presented the board with two letters that he composed. One of the letters was to Don Chambers, St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent, concerning the excess traffic on River Drive due to the detour of the William Street Bridge in Gouverneur. It is a formality to send it to the County first and once it is rejected by the County we will send it to NYSDOT. The other letter was to Senator Patty Ritchie asking about the Lawrence Davis property across the road from the Town Hall. He was wondering if there were any funds available to clean it up so the Town could possibly use the property for a playground.

Councilperson Newvine stated that the Fowler Family Day was a great event. He mentioned what a great worker Rick Whitford's wife Joanne was. He had spoken with someone about getting the company that provides rides and games for the St. James Carnivals for next year's

Fowler Family Day. He would like to get power put on the side of the building. Councilperson Newvine spoke with a resident that would like to get Time Warner Cable to expand their services further down the Farm to Market Road.

Councilperson Simmons wanted to remind everyone that there is a Rabies Clinic on August 18, 2016 from 6-8 pm at the Fowler Town Barn. She stated that the Fowler Family Day event expenses were \$1,969.01 and the revenue was \$3,092.18. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he would talk to Bookkeeper Barb Finnie to see if we could keep all of the revenue and take the expenses out of the recreation budget. The date for next year's Fowler Family Day is July 29, 2017 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Supervisor Cappellino thanked several people for helping with the Fowler Family Day.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that Derek VanHouse, from the auditors, will be here Wednesday, August 3, 2016, to discuss the findings of the audit with Councilperson Simmons, Supervisor Cappellino, Bookkeeper Barb Finnie and Town Clerk Kelly Harmer.

Judge Paul Lamson asked if the board had considered doing any work to fix the drainage problem in the basement of the Town Hall.

Supervisor Cappellino asked CEO Whitford what he suggested doing to it. CEO Whitford stated that we should get an engineer to take a look at it.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #261-297 with a total of \$466,484.24.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 6, 2016 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to adjourn 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