

**TOWN OF FOWLER – TRANSFER MEETING MINUTES –**

**DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 AT 5PM**

The Special Year- End Transfer Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all board members present, excluding Councilperson Spilman and Councilperson Bishop. Also present was Deputy Town Clerk Tami Gale, Highway Superintendent Elect Randy Durham, Councilperson Elect Dustin Fayette, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Bookkeeper Elect Barb Finnie, Justice Paul Lamson, Debbie Tupper, Breanna Clement, and Anita Clement.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Bookkeeper Higgins explained the purpose of the meeting and the year-end transfer of funds. The largest share of the transfers was due to the assessment loss of \$33,000, a large portion was due to the building renovations on the Town Hall and Town Barn, the position of Deputy Town Clerk was over budget, as well as the attorney bill was higher than the prior year. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the 2015 budget transfers. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Bookkeeper Higgins reported that he had an Amendment to make to the Town of Fowler Fire District Fund Budget for the board to consider. After discussion, a motion was made by

Councilperson Karen Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine to pass the amendment. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported that the board had the opportunity to appeal the tax-cap. A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that due to the weather, Michelle Durham of CDBG was not able to attend the meeting. He reported that there have been no release of funds as of yet. Highway Superintendent elect Randy Durham asked if the Town will have more input on who receives the grants. Supervisor Cappellino stated that there is some flexibility but he will talk to Michelle Durham in regards to how much.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that the Town of Fowler was asked to change the month of its annual rabies clinic by St. Lawrence County Public Health. It will be changing from May to August.

Supervisor Cappellino addressed the request for an increase in pay for Data Collection services by two of the Town's Assessors. Councilperson Simmons stated that the budget has been passed and it can't be changed. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he would check with the Real Property office in Canton on the quantity and quality of the data collection cards turned in.

Councilperson Rick Newvine stated that he had asked for an itemized bill for the data collection, and that the request will need further discussion.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the contract with Zachary Risk Management had ended in July 2015. Highway

Superintendent Elect Randy Durham stated that he would look into what specifics a new contract would cover.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons to adopt Resolution #16 for 2015. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The bills audited for the General and Highway Fund are #440-#470, the General Fund total is \$60,562.01, and the Highway Fund total is \$15,638.95, for a combined total of \$76,200.96.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino, Supervisor      Tami Gale, Deputy Town Clerk

Rick Newvine, Councilperson      Karen Simmons, Councilperson

Natalie Spilman, Councilperson      Lynn Bishop, Councilperson