

## **Town of Fowler- Special Meeting Minutes- June 30, 2015 at 7 PM**

A special 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 Mike Sweeney, Justice Paul Lamson, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Mike Macaulay, Debbie Tupper, Wanda Fayette, Tom Graves, Dan Moyer, Randy Durham, Jeremy Bowser, Jim Hanratty, and Albert Redmond.

Supervisor Michael Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The purpose of the special meeting was to open bids for the paving of the Chub Lake road and to appoint a new Dog Control Officer.

The new bids were opened and discussed. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to refuse all bids. It was decided to make some changes to the specifications and put it back out for bid. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to have all the new road bids for the paving of the Chub Lake road to come in by the Special Meeting on July 14, 2015. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

There were two candidates for the Dog Control Officer position- Jeremy Bowser and Dan Moyer at the meeting. The board was given a chance to question both candidates and then a motion was by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to go into executive session at 7:40 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. The board returned from executive session at 8:15 PM.

In a 3-2 vote, the board appointed Jeremy Bowser as the new Dog Control Officer. The board thanked Dan Moyer for applying for the job.

Highway Superintendent Mike Sweeney presented two bids for the trucking of the grader that the town bought in Rhode Island. The bids were discussed and a motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to accept a bid from Gardner trucking for \$2,100. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino spoke with Union Representative Mike Hammond about starting negotiations for the Town Highway Department. Mr. Hammond said he was very busy at this time. The contract runs out at the end of this year.

Jim Hanratty stated that there is a sluice pipe that needs to be cleaned out on the California road. It is right full of sand and he feels that the town needs to ditch around it so that the water has someplace to go because the water is going into his yard. Highway Superintendent Mike Sweeney will take a look at it.

Justice Paul Lamson asked when the town was going to get a new flag pole. After much discussion it was tabled.

Randy Durham asked the board who was responsible for paying for the lights in the parking lot at the Fowler school. He stated that the power to the school had been shut off but the lights in the parking lot were still coming on at night. Supervisor Cappellino will look into this matter.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer asked the board about the pay of her deputy clerk, Tami Gale. The lifeguards pay at Sylvia Lake Beach range from \$9 to \$12/hour while the deputy clerk only makes \$8.75/hour. She did not feel like this was adequate enough for the deputy. Councilperson Newvine stated that the board should review all salaries for all positions.

Councilperson Simmons stated she had spoken with Derek VanHouse, from Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, VanHouse, & Co., about the audit. After much discussion the board decided at this time they would wait until after the first of January to get an annual audit done. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Spilman to put money in the budget for an annual audit starting January 2016. ALL in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Spilman stated that she heard from Casey Canell from the Gouverneur Recreation Center. He complimented the beach and the lifeguards.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor

Natalie Spilman; Councilperson

Lynn Bishop; Councilperson

Rick Newvine; Councilperson

Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk