

Minutes - July 10, 2012 - 7 PM

The Regular Meeting for the Town of Fowler & the Public Hearing for the Town of Fowler Community Development Block Grant Application 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, Joyce Mills, Aneita Hutton, Sherry Pittman, Jeremy Pittman, Jamie Knowles, Sharon Keyes, Legislator Alex MacKinnon, Mr. & Mrs. Chapin, Allan Hipps, Roger Price, Wayne Farr, Rachel Hunter of the Tribune Press, Joanne Orford, Bonnie Seaman, & Mike Macaulay.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order then proceeded with opening prayer & the pledge of allegiance.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to approve the June 12, 2012 Meeting minutes & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino opened the Public Hearing for the Town of Fowler Community Development Block Grant Application at 7:04 which will last for 1 hour.

Alan Hipps, Interim Director for North Country Housing Council explained the grant application process. The maximum amount is \$400,000.00 & may be used for housing rehabilitation, homeowner assistance, economic development. If grant is approved, the monies are to be used for low & medium income individuals which

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Have been determined through the census. The next step is to do a draft of the application, submit the final draft, & then in November the results of the grants approved will be available. Residents would submit applications after approval & work would start on the projects selected in the spring of, 2013.

Roger Price, President of R.T. Vanderbilt reported land that was mined has been reseeded & old buildings have been taken down on the Gouverneur Talc property. He is asking for the property assessment in Fowler to be lowered & would like to meet with the board to discuss this issue. The Board was in agreement to meet with them at a future date along with the Town Assessors & Town lawyer concerning this issue.

Legislator Alex MacKinnon reported that the County has decided to continue to maintain the Solid Waste Disposal Facility in Gouverneur as it has been & has installed a concrete curb to prevent people from falling into the dump trailer. He was glad to see that Fowler residents have formed an organization to support the repair of the Emeryville Bridge. The goal is to bring the bridge repair to a higher level of recognition with the County.

Supervisor Cappellino closed the CDBG Public Hearing at 8:04 PM. A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to close the CDBG Public Hearing & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he has issued 44 permits so far in this year which includes 16 permits in the month of June. He has been addressing fencing issues.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that she had the Beaver Patrol Report from Tim Prashaw. One beaver was disposed of in the last month on the Shantyville Road. Several dog issues were discussed.

Councilperson Randy Durham would like to see the dog ticket fine amounts raised.

Highway Report - Superintendent Williams reported that the pipes on the Smith Road are being replaced, cleaning road ditches, & roadside mowing has been done once & a second round of mowing is started.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that a letter has been received from Joyce Mills asking about getting her sluice pipe cleaned out. Superintendent Williams will address the issue.

JoAnne Orford thanked the Highway Department for doing a nice job on the Sylvia Lake Road.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she is working on getting the Town cell phones accounts straightened out. She would like to cancel the County Docket Reports that are sent by Mrs. Santamoor to the assessors at a cost of \$45.00 every 3 months as a cost saving measure. The reports are available free online. It was agreed by the board for her to cancel them. She is also working on getting

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More information on the website & would like to see it become completed. She would like to have a face to face meeting between the Board & Dave Schryver concerning the website.

Councilperson Rick Newvine congratulated Natalie Spilman on her diligence in accomplishing cost saving measures for the Town. He thanked Karen Simmons & Mike Macaulay for their work on the Grant Windshield Survey. He has an AMP resolution for the Town to consider which will be discussed at a future date.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that the auditors came last week & will be back 1 more day to finish up.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a letter of resignation from Lisa Bishop resigning from the Town Hall Custodian position as of July 2, 2012. A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine accepting Lisa Bishop's resignation & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED

It was discussed that the board will have a work session on July 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported that the next Board Meeting will be on August 14, 2012 at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #135 - #161 -

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\$13,127.10 & Highway Fund #97 - #113 - \$76,298.05.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. 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 Fowler, New York  
 INFORMATION SHEET ON  
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
 (CDBG)**

These grants are funded through the NYS Homes and Community Renewal. For Fiscal Year 2012 the grant ceilings under the Small Cities Program are:

**Annual Competitive Round**

***Town, Cities or Villages:***

Housing/Public Facilities \$400,000

Public Infrastructure (water/sewer only) \$600,000

***Counties:***

Housing/Public Facilities/Public Infrastructure \$750,000

***Joint Applications:***

Public Infrastructure (water/sewer only) \$900,000

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Proposed activities must be for the principal benefit of low and moderate income people. No less than 70 percent of grant funds must be for the principal benefit of low and moderate income persons.
- Projects proposed must directly impact on the applicant's identified need.
- Applications must be postmarked by August 17, 2012.

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

**EXAMPLES**

· Housing Rehabilitation	For rehabilitation of residential or commercial structures, modernization of public housing, code enforcement or historic preservation or mobile and manufactured home replacement
· Direct Homeownership Assistance	For subsidized interest rates and mortgage principal amounts, financing acquisition of housing, or guaranteeing mortgage financing; or assisting with down payment and closing costs.
· Creation of New Housing	Creation of new units through the conversion of existing structures for both owners and renters. New structures permitted on a limited basis.
· Economic Development	Acquisition of real property, site improvements, or grants and loans to private entities for the purposes of employment needs.
· Public Facilities Affecting Public Health and Safety	For water and sewer improvements, street improvements, or neighborhood facilities.
· Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property	For community development of deteriorated or underdeveloped property, preservation of historic sites, or conservation activities.

**INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND USES OF FUNDS:**

- Buildings used for conduct of government cannot be assisted with CDBG funds.
- General government expenses.
- CDBG funds cannot be used to fund facilities or equipment which is used for partisan political activities.
- Generally, purchase of equipment is ineligible.
- Purchase of construction equipment is ineligible.
- Generally, the purchase of furnishings and personal property is ineligible.
- Operating and maintenance expenses.
- Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of structures to be used for religious purposes.

It is the intention of the program to minimize displacement that may occur as a result of grant funding.