

## **Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2017 at 7 PM**

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, Assessor Sherry Geer, Bookkeeper Barb Finnie, CEO Glen Besaw, Vicky Cappellino, Rachel Hunter from the Tribune Press, Debbie Tupper, Lillith Griffith, Richard Clement, Tami Gale, Jeff Andrews, Tim Conboy, Mike MacDonald, Dave Spilman, Attorney Henry Leader, and Michelle Durham from 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 June 6, 2017 meeting minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he needed Bookkeeper Finnie to make a Budget amendment for the 05 Truck. Ms. Finnie stated that she would need the invoice first before any amendment could be made. Mr. Durham said that he would like the Board to make the 93 Truck excess equipment. He stated that it needed a lot of repairs. Councilperson Bishop asked if maybe we should keep it for parts. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Durham would take the 93 Truck off the road, take the insurance off of it and keep the truck for parts.

Mr. Durham stated that he would like to move the seasonal sign on the Stone Road 3/10's of a mile back toward Fullerville. He stated that there were no residents between those spots and that there was already a turn-around place for the school buses. It was the consensus of the Board to move the seasonal sign on the Stone Road.

Mr. Durham presented the Board with a quote from Walldroff Equipment for a New Holland TS6.120 Tractor with a Tiger BB18 Boom Mower for the sum of \$116,606.75. He stated that he would use it to trim the trees and brush. There was some discussion about financing the truck. A motion was made by

Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to buy the Tractor outright without financing it. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Durham stated that paving will start on July 17, 2017. He told the Board that it would cost \$14,400 just to cap River Drive. He suggested waiting for the grant money to fix the sluice pipes first before capping or paving it. It was consensus of the Board to just patch it with hot patch to fix parts of it now while we wait for the grant.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to go into Executive Session at 7:28 PM to discuss legal issues with Attorney Leader. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to close the Executive Session at 8:14 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Cappellino stated that there was discussion on the litigation of the Beach and also a personnel matter.

Tim Conboy from Krueger Energy, and Mike MacDonald, from their Power Plant in Emeryville, discussed their interest in putting solar panels on the 53 acres of land that they own on County Route 22. They stated that they would like a PILOT program to help with the taxes. They brought it to the board because they would like to have a good relationship with the community. Supervisor Cappellino asked what is the life span on this project. Mr. Conboy stated that the operating life is about 30 years. They will keep us posted on the progress of the project.

Michelle Durham, St. Lawrence County Housing Council, reported that the final report for the 2014 grant will be in next week. Councilperson Newvine asked where the \$1,300 balance that was left went to. Ms. Durham stated that it had went toward extra work at a previous project. She reported that the 2015 funding that has been expended was \$81,300 and there was \$111,000 committed. One project is complete, there are 3 under contract and 3 that have been income qualified but the bids have not been awarded yet. Town Clerk Kelly Harmer stated that her records again did not match the Housing Council's. Mr. Newvine stated that there were two draws that had come to him that Mrs. Harmer did not have

for her records. After some discussion, Supervisor Cappellino told Ms. Durham that Town Clerk Harmer needed to be kept in the loop as she needs the paperwork for her records. Councilperson Newvine stated that he would like reports from the weekly meetings between Supervisor Cappellino and Ms. Durham.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she had issued 29 dog licenses, \$155.00 in fishing licenses, and one death certificate.

Assessor Sherry Geer stated that the Final Roll was in. She stated that she would be going to a class in Ithaca in July and that she would then be certified. She stated that the Data Collection was going very well and that Tami Gale was doing a wonderful job. Ms. Geer questioned how Ms. Gale and herself were going to get paid and after some discussion it was decided that they would both get paid by parcel after the County inputs the cards. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he would call the Real Property Office to push them to get them input so they would be paid faster. It was also decided that they would be paid mileage.

Historian Karen Simmons reported that it had been pretty quiet in her Office. She has been thinking about what she wants to put in the display for the Family Day on July 29. She stated that she had been to the Hailesboro Cemetery meeting and that there had been a discussion on having pets cremated and buried in the lot with their owners. Supervisor Cappellino stated that it reminded him of something that he had learned at the March Seminar at JCC. He stated that if anyone opened a Mausoleum in the Town and they were unable to fund it that the Town would then be responsible for the maintenance of it. The Board then stated that it is something that should be put in our Land Use Policy.

Councilperson Simmons also reported for the Dog Control Office stating that Mr. Moyer had received a call from the Sheriff's Office about an issue with a dog on Mill Street. Mr. Moyer is having a hard time catching the owner at home but will keep trying.

Councilperson Simmons also reported for the Beaver Control. She stated that Moyer's Wildlife Control had been working on the Stone Road, Shantyville Road,

Fullerville Road and also the Country Club Road. Supervisor Cappellino asked Mr. Durham if Mr. Moyer is supposed to clear the culverts out or is the Town. Mr. Durham stated that he was not sure. Supervisor Cappellino will call Mr. Moyer and have him clear the culverts.

Code Enforcement Officer Glen Besaw reported that he had issued 11 permits, and handled one complaint about garbage. Mr. Besaw also stated that there are 118 permits that are still open that go back to 2012. He will contact Whitney Russell, with the State, to see what he can do with them.

Councilperson Simmons stated that the signs coming into Fowler from the surrounding towns are starting to look dingy and she suggested that they should be painted and possibly have flower boxes added to them. She also stated that the handicap ramp, the stairs, and the railings at the back entrance of the Town Hall should be stained or painted. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he could have the summer help work on staining everything. Ms. Simmons will talk to Mr. Besaw about the flower boxes. Custodian Tami Gale stated that the Town Hall really needs to be pressure washed as well.

Councilperson Newvine reported that the Beach had been opened and he thanked Mr. Durham and Town Clerk Harmer for all of their help. Mr. Newvine stated that Mrs. Harmer did a tremendous job helping. He reported that the fence at the Ball Field is done and that they did a super job. He reported that it cost less than \$2,000 to fix.

Councilperson Newvine reported that the plans for the Fowler Family Day on July 29, 2017 from 10 AM to 4 PM are coming together. He asked Mr. Durham if he could hang the banner up. He gave an overview on what would be taking place at the Fowler Family Day. Mr. Newvine stated that we would need volunteers to help set up the playground equipment the week of August 14, 2017. Councilperson Simmons reminded everyone of the Rabies Clinic being held at the Fowler Town Barn on Thursday, August 17 from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Councilperson Bishop asked about getting a new break room for the men out back. He stated that it is not safe to have it right by the furnace. CEO Besaw will

look at it to see what can be done. Mr. Bishop also asked Mr. Durham if he had picked a deputy out yet. Mr. Durham replied that he will work on it. He stated that he would like to discuss giving them an incentive to do the job at budget time.

Supervisor Cappellino gave his condolences to Nelson Bice and his family for the loss of his sister and his brother. The Board also gave their condolences.

Councilperson Newvine asked if there was a folder with policies in it. Town Clerk Harmer stated that there was. Mr. Newvine suggested that copies of the policies should be made and gave to the Board members. He said that he thought that there was some kind of policy to send flowers out to families. Ms. Harmer will get the policies together.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he had received a letter from David Schryver asking if he could name the waterfall in Fullerville the Fullerville Falls. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to write a letter to the US Board of Geographical Names stating that we support Mr. Schryver in the naming of the Fullerville Falls. Town Clerk Harmer will get the letter ready.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had talked to Assessor Sherry Geer about taking down the wall petition between the Assessor's Office and the CEO's Office. It was the consensus of the Board to take the wall down.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he would like to get an arch made and put up at the Farr Ball field. He was going to check with Arne's to see how much it would cost for the letters. He stated that Jake Serviss could build the archway. Mr. Cappellino also recommended replacing the fencing on the left side of the ball field because it is in poor shape. It was the consensus of the Board to replace the fence on the left side of the field and also to remove the tree on that side of the field.

Supervisor Cappellino asked the Board how they felt about buying a new \$450 robe for Judge Phillips that he will be taking to the Town of Morristown with him when he is done in December. It was the consensus of the Board to not purchase a new robe for Judge Phillips.

Supervisor Cappellino was wondering which lady from TOPS group had the key fob to get into the building on Monday nights. He stated that the door had been left unlocked over July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. Councilperson Simmons will contact Kim Hart, who is a member of TOPS, to see who has the key fob.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that ServiceMaster had come to clean at 9 AM that morning. They finished cleaning up and will start the detoxification tomorrow. Mr. Cappellino will get ahold of an engineer to come look at the basement issues.

Resident Debbie Tupper asked about what the duties of the Planning Board was and asked if they ever met. After some discussion, it was decided to hold a meeting with the Planning Board on July 18, 2017 at 6 PM at the Fowler Town Hall.

The bills audited for the General and Highway Fund were #212- #249, with a total of \$196,700.01.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on August 1, 2017 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk