

## **Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for August 1, 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, CEO Glen Besaw, Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer, Michelle Durham from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council, Lisa Durham, Jeff Andrews, Debbie Tupper, Richard Clement, Tami Gale, Stephen Gale, Larry Whitton, Jack Hadfield, and Jimmy Cole.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 minutes of the July 6, 2017 and July 18, 2017 meeting minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michelle Durham, from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council, handed out copies of the monthly reports for the 2015 grant to the board members. She went over the report stating that 2 units were complete, 3 units were under contract, and 2 units were in the pipeline. There has been \$117,952 funding expended, \$147,649 funding committed, leaving a balance of \$234,399. Ms. Durham stated that there would be 4 mobile home replacement grants. She stated that after these projects are done there should be enough money to do 1 more rehab. Ms. Durham stated that at the May 6, 2017 meeting a board member had stated that they were going to call the Town Clerk in Madrid to see if they had been having issues with the administration of their grant. Ms. Durham wanted to know if anyone had spoken with them and what the outcome was. Councilperson Newvine stated that he had spoken with the Town Clerk and that she stated that things seemed to be going well.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham reported that he had just finished up paving 6.5 miles of road. Mr. Durham stated that it took them 3 weeks to finish the roads. He stated that Sheehan's were a little slower but they did a great job. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had received a call from a concerned taxpayer about a driveway in Hailesboro being black topped by Sheehan's. Mr.

Durham wanted everyone to know that it was leftover black top and that the town had no labor or money into it. Sheehan felt that since they had used this person's yard to store equipment and material the least they could do was fix their driveway.

Mr. Durham asked Councilperson Newvine if we needed any signage for the new playground. Councilperson Newvine stated that we will eventually need a few signs made. He will let Mr. Durham know when we are ready for them.

Councilperson Newvine stated that someone had come to him and complained that there were no flagmen on the Sullivan Road when they were cutting the edges of the road. The same person also stated that the right front tire was bald on one of the International trucks. Mr. Newvine also asked when the road sides were going to be cut. Mr. Durham stated that he had done the road sides once but will be doing them again this year. Councilperson Newvine asked Mr. Durham to take the Fowler Family Day banner down.

Councilperson Bishop asked Mr. Durham when he was going to put the shoulders on and if he was going to use the same process that he used last year. He suggested that we should hire the County to put the shoulders on. Mr. Durham said that they had just finished paving earlier that day and that he would be starting the shoulders on Monday. Councilperson Bishop asked Mr. Durham when they were going to stripe the Main Street Hailesboro Road. Mr. Durham stated that he would contact the County to see when they would be able to stripe the road. Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Durham why he sent a man home when there were only 2 men flagging on Main St. Hailesboro Road. Mr. Durham stated to Councilperson Bishop that he is only the liaison and that he does not run his shop. Mr. Bishop replied that Mr. Durham has never contacted him since he became the liaison. Mr. Durham stated that if he had had a problem he would have called him.

Supervisor Cappellino read Assessor Sherry Geer's report on the Data Collection. There have been 77 cards completed of which 60 cards have been turned in (52 keyed in by the County, 4 corrections and 4 new cards at the County).

Councilperson Simmons asked Tami Gale, who is working on the data collection, if Assessor Sherry Geer had been helping with it. Ms. Gale stated that she was doing

most of the field work as Ms. Geer has been busy with getting certified and also working at her other job. The Board stated that they were doing a good job.

Historian Karen Simmons wanted to thank Lillith Griffith, Mike Macaulay, Mike Cappellino, Tami Gale, Stephen Gale and Rick Newvine for bringing down all the Historian stuff and helping her set up at the Fowler Family Day.

Dan Moyer reported for the Beaver Control. He stated that all sites had been cleaned before all that rain hit. He took 3 beavers out of the Northwoods Road site and there had been no recent activity since then. He stated that all the other sites are pretty well clear.

Mr. Moyer reported for the Dog Control Office. He reported that the biggest issue lately has been the 2 dogs on Mill Street, Halesboro. The resident there stated that she will not license her dogs until she does more research. The dogs have been running loose and one had bit Mr. Moyer. Mr. Moyer gave the resident 5 days to get them licensed if not they will get tickets. Mr. Moyer stated that there had been some questions about the 2 dangerous dog hearings from a while ago. He stated that there were no more appearances scheduled and he is not sure where they are at with it.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she issued 35 dog licenses, 3 death certificates, and \$425.00 in fishing licenses. She stated that she had started selling Hunting licenses.

CEO Glen Besaw handed out a procedure on how to resolve the open building permits. Mr. Newvine said he had heard that a lot of the issue with these open permits were with the BAS system being outdated and not correct. Councilperson Newvine had spoken with our IT guy, Tom Manley about the system. Mr. Newvine had spoken to past CEO Rick Whitford about the Certificates of Occupancy not being printed off and Mr. Whitford stated that he didn't print all of them off because some of the residents didn't want them. Tami Gale stated that maybe we owe Mr. Whitford an apology if it is the fault of the BAS system. Mr. Besaw stated that he had been to 3 days of schooling last week. He also reported issuing 7 permits for the month of July. Mr. Besaw stated that the issue with the garbage on

Mill Street, Hailesboro has been resolved. Mr. Besaw stated that we have a real issue across the road with the old Lawrence Davis property. He stated that most of the building has fallen down with only the front and left side standing. Supervisor Cappellino stated that the only problem is there is no one responsible for it. Mr. Besaw said if anybody were to get hurt there the Town would be responsible for it. Mr. Besaw will contact the State to see if the Town could knock it down.

Councilperson Newvine stated that the Fowler Family Day was a success. The Elks Club sold out of the chicken for the BBQ. Mr. Newvine wanted to mention Avon and Mud Lake Stalls as vendors that were at the event that day as he had forgotten to that day. He stated that the field is in terrible shape and it should be leveled. He also mentioned that next year we would have Mr. Durham put the plows over by the dog kennel. He stated that it was a lot of work to organize the Fowler Family Day and he wanted to thank Karen, Kelly, Tami, Mike Macaulay and Debbie for all their help.

Councilperson Newvine stated that he and Kelly Harmer both had called Converse Laboratories about the report that we received after the cleaning of the basement but neither him nor Kelly had received a return call. He stated that the way he read the report was that the pollution had come upstairs from the basement after the cleaning had been done. Mr. Newvine stated that he would try calling there again. Mr. Newvine asked Supervisor Cappellino if he had gotten anything in place to fix the problem in the basement. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had called a company in Utica to have them come and look at it. He stated that this company will drill a hole and inject a water proofing foam into the walls. CEO Glen Besaw asked if there was possibly a crack in the well casing. Mr. Newvine stated that maybe they could get Mike Greenhill in here to pressure test it.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had received the signed Memorandum of Understanding back from BOCES.

Mr. Cappellino stated that the copier in the Town Clerk's Office needs to be replaced. Town Clerk Kelly Harmer will get some quotes for a new copier or a quote to lease a copier.

Supervisor Cappellino thanked the Fowler Family Day Committee which included Lillith Griffith, Rick Newvine, Debbie Tupper, Tami Gale, Kelly Harmer, Karen Simmons, Mike Macaulay and Randy Durham. He thanked some of the donors- Link Electric and NAPA. He stated that the Elks Club did a great job and he wanted to thank the St. Lawrence Valley Draft Horse Club who used Siebel's horse and Richard Clement's wagon to give wagon rides. Mr. Cappellino thanked the Gouverneur Fire Department, Gouverneur Rescue Squad, Brandon Griffin, DJ Nick Fuller, Larry Whitton and Louis Gutterez.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the Democratic Caucus will be held on August 31, 2017 at 6 PM at the Fowler Town Hall. He stated that there were several positions open.

Resident Jack Hadfield stated that he has been picking up bags of garbage left by the road and the beach area by the Fullerville Bridge. Councilperson Bishop suggested Mr. Durham talk to the County about putting signs up to stop them from littering. Supervisor Cappellino also suggested calling the Sheriff's Office to report it.

Resident Larry Whitton congratulated the Town on a great Fowler Family Day. Mr. Whitton was here on behalf of the Gouverneur Fire Department. He reported that the Fire Department had been very busy this summer. They will be busy this week with the Gouverneur Fair. The 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September they will be sending out coin cards and letters for donations. The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October is fire prevention week.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to appoint Ed Siebels as the Planning Board Chairperson. All in Favor.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the agreement with MX Fuels for our fuel oil, gas, and diesel is going to be up on December 31, 2017. It was the consensus of the Board to put it out for bid and advertise it to come back at our December meeting.

The bills audited for the General and Highway Fund were #250- #300, with a total of \$287,960.67.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on September 5, 2017 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk