

## **Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for October 3, 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, CEO Glen Besaw, Rachel Hunter from the Tribune Press, Richard Clement, Lillith Griffith, Debbie Tupper, Gavin Simmons, Mike Macaulay, Jeff Andrews, Lisa Durham, Vicky Cappellino, Phyllis Shaw, Andy Miller, Dave Spilman, and Michelle Durham from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 September 5, 2017 meeting minutes. All in Favor.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Michelle Durham, from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council, gave a report on the 2015 CDBG grant. There has been \$297,942 of funds expended, \$188,153 funding committed, leaving a balance of \$13,905 that will go straight to rehab. There have been 5 units completed 2 units under contract, and one unit in the pipeline. Ms. Durham said that everything is on schedule and will be wrapped up by the December 11, 2017 deadline.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham reported that he had received \$134,176.19 for CHIPS money, \$30,627.05 for REPAVE NY, and \$25,431.51 for WIRP- Emergency weather program and that they have all been deposited in the bank. He stated that he had been working with Mike Gillette, from Fuller Insurance, to get the inventory completed. Mr. Durham wanted permission to take his old printer home to see if he could get it working again. It was the consensus of the Board to allow him to take it home. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to put the Fuel out to bid. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Durham stated that in the past the deliveries started in November and that he would like to change it to start January 1. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson

Simmons to change the deliveries to start on January 1. Mr. Durham will contact MX Fuels to see if they will hold the price until December 31.

Councilperson Simmons wanted to acknowledge Jeff Hill for doing a great job staining the back ramp and stairs to the Town Hall and also the Fowler welcome signs. She also stated that she had run into someone at Tripp's that stated that there was a car coming off of the Gulf Road that pulled out in front of her. The lady said that there was a tree that sits close to the road there on Highway 58 that is blocking the view. Mr. Durham said that he would take a look at it. Supervisor Cappellino complimented Mr. Durham on a good job demolishing the old store across the road from the Town Hall. Councilperson Newvine asked Mr. Durham if he had come up with any ideas on parking for the playground. Mr. Durham stated that he thought putting some pavement down by the road out front would work. He thought maybe a big enough area for 6 to 7 cars to park. Mr. Durham will get an estimate to put the pavement down.

Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer reported that it had been fairly quiet. He stated that the issue with the 2 dogs on Mill Street had been resolved and the dogs had been licensed. He stated that he had talked to the Judge about one of the dangerous dog cases from several months ago. The owner has moved to Macomb with the dog and it has not been licensed or deemed dangerous in that Town. Mr. Moyer stated that she has not done anything the court ordered her to do to remedy the situation. Mr. Moyer will try to see what he can do to resolve the situation. Town Clerk Kelly Harmer asked Mr. Moyer what was going on with the other dangerous dog case. Mr. Moyer replied that the owners have moved away and he is not sure where they are living now.

Mr. Moyer reported on the Beaver Control stating that he had been working on the Chub Lake road, Shantyville road, and the North Woods Road. He took out 3 beavers on the North Woods Road and there haven't been any signs of beaver there in the last 3 weeks. He took out 3 beavers on the Shantyville Road but stated that it is still an ongoing problem there. He took out 4 beavers on the Chub Lake Road. He has also been working on the Stone Road where he took a dam out of the culvert and put a steel post in front of the grate. He stated that there hasn't

been any more activity there recently. Highway Superintendent Durham told Mr. Moyer that the culvert on the Country Club Road by Barbarito's might be plugged. Mr. Moyer will check it out.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she issued 2 marriage transcripts, 26 dog licenses, and \$4,049.00 in Hunting and Fishing licenses. She showed the board a card that was received from the Gouverneur Breast Cancer Foundation thanking us for the donation in honor of Betty Shrewsberry.

CEO Glen Besaw reported that he issued 12 permits and that one complaint had been resolved and closed. He stated that he inspected and closed 71 permits from 2016. He will now start working on the 2015 permits to get them closed out. After some discussion on the water issue in the basement, CEO Besaw stated that he will call Dave Blevins to see if he can come look at it.

Assessor Sherry Geer stated that there had been 182 data cards turned in so far. She said that Patricia from the Real Property Office would be coming tomorrow to show her a few things on the data collection.

Historian Karen Simmons stated that she had a man from England come in with his daughter last Tuesday. Him and his wife had drove through Fowler 50 years ago, and it was now his daughter's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday so he brought her to the States. They were particularly interested in Fowler because their last name was Fowler. Ms. Simmons also stated that Don Payne had come in and had donated some pictures of the old go-kart track in Hailesboro and some old books.

Councilperson Lynn Bishop told Mr. Durham that he thought maybe the snowplow turnaround sign on the Battle Hill Road should be brought back a little. Mr. Durham said that he will move it. Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Durham if he had seen the water on the road by Bob Fuller's house on the Battle Hill Road and if maybe he should ditch it. Mr. Durham stated that he will be getting ahold of the Town of Hermon to work on it with them since they own half of the road. Mr. Bishop said he is just worried about the water turning to ice in the winter. Mr. Bishop told Mr. Durham that the Dashner Road turned out good. Mr. Bishop asked Town Clerk Kelly Harmer how much it would cost for her to get insurance for herself since the

Town doesn't provide her with insurance. Ms. Harmer stated that it would cost her \$338/ month, and then she would have to meet a \$4,000 deductible before anything is paid and then the insurance would only cover 50% of everything.

Councilperson Newvine stated that the Hailesboro Ball field is still being used by a travelling softball league. Mr. Newvine then gave a report on the GADC meeting and the Intermunicipal Infrastructure Committee meeting that he had attended.

Councilperson Simmons stated that she would be giving out a copy of last year's newsletter to all the department heads so they can make changes to it for the 2018 newsletter. She stated that she would like these turned in to Town Clerk Harmer or herself by November 9, 2017. Ms. Simmons also stated that Senator Ritchie was here last Monday for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Playground. She came with 2 of her aides and there was a little celebration with cookies and punch to follow. After Supervisor Cappellino took her to show her the Emeryville Bridge. Mr. Cappellino stated that she took some pictures of the bridge and said that there may possibly be money available. Supervisor Cappellino went to the County to see how much it would cost to repair the bridge. They stated that the price was \$500,000. He thought that they might be able to get some funding from DASNY. Ms. Simmons stated that she had received a complaint about the mowing job that was done at the Fullerville Cemetery. She stated that there was grass blown all over the head stones, a corner marker came up out of the ground and a stone had been marked up a little. She said that she contacted Johnny Lafaver about the issue and that he would go to the cemetery on Thursday and take care of it and let us know when it was done so Ms. Simmons could go check on it. Ms. Simmons stated that next year the liaison should go check on the cemeteries after they are done to make sure that they are done correctly.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had received a Schedule of Locations from Fuller Insurance reporting what the buildings were insured for and their replacement costs. He stated that the Board needed to take a better look at those figures. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he would contact Mike Gillette at Fuller Insurance to go over these figures.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that we needed to put an ad in the paper for the Public Hearing to finalize the Budget on November 9, 2017. The Board discussed when they would be able to meet again for another Budget Workshop. They decided that it would be on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6 PM.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he received an invitation to the Open House for the Gouverneur Fire Department that is being held on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm.

The bills audited for the General and Highway Fund were #350- #387, with a total of \$25,141.34.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk