

Minutes - August 13, 2013 - 7 PM

The Regular meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all members present. Also present were Town Clerk Sherrie Williams, Highway Superintendent Gary Williams, Justice Paul Lamson, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford, Dustin Fayette, Vicky Cappellino, Herb Fuller, Chair Assessor Robert Fuller, Nancy Fuller, Tom Conklin & James Hadfield from the Gouverneur Fire Department, Jeff Hill, Lynn Bishop, Connor Bishop, Mike Macaulay, Lillith Griffith, Sherry Geer, Lisa Durham, Nicole Aldridge, Angelina Durham, & Joanne Orford.

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

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the July 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes & 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.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he had Resolution No. 10 of 2013 Fair Housing - Statements of Actions for the board to consider. This designates Keith Zimmerman of St. Lawrence County Planning Director as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town & is required for the Rehab Grant that was awarded to the Town. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to approve Fair Housing Resolution No. 10 of 2013 & 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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Supervisor Cappellino reported that 1 bid has been received for the truck box. The bid was received from Viking, Cives USA for \$36,000.00 & included a Non-Collusive Certificate. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the bid of \$36,000.00 from Viking, Cives USA & 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.

Tom Conklin from the Gouverneur Fire Department reported that there are 53 members of the Fire Department & 14 young Explorers 14 to 20 years old. They are looking to replace a new fire engine. There have been 38 calls in the Town of Fowler so far this year. They are looking for \$2,000.00 more than the 2013 budget for 2014 from the Town. He invited everyone to come meet the fire department members & see the fire station. The Board thanked him for his report.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he has issued 13 permits for July including 2 new home. He reported that he is working on some issues. When he receives official written complaints, then he follows through to act on them.

Assessor Chair Robert Fuller reported that property transfers & new star applications are being processed in his department.

Supervisor Cappellino reported for Beaver Patrol Tim Prashaw that 2 beavers have been removed in July.

Highway Report - Superintendent Williams reported that the

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Highway Department has been working on the Smith Road. He has made up the road quotes & the winter maintenance sand quote. He called to find out the delivery date of the pickup & will know soon.

Vicky Cappellino had an issue with the new fence that the Town put up on Siebels farm. Superintendent Williams reported that the fence had to be taken down due to road work in that area & it was replaced by the Town as a common courtesy.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to put the road work quotes out to bid pavement on Smith Road and Chub Lake Road & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to put out quotes for winter maintenance sand work & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that there will be a Spay/Neuter Clinic in the Town Barn on August 24, 2013 by application only. The applications are available on line & in the Fowler Town Hall.

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Councilperson Rick Newvine asked how the onsite drug testing for the Highway Department is doing. Superintendent Williams reported that it is working out well.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that a tree policy needs to be put in place for the Town.

Councilperson Randy Durham reported that he talked to Heidi Ames concerning playground grants. The process of the grants are very time consuming & highly competitive.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that the Sylvia Lake Beach is going very well and that 902 people used the beach in July. The Beach will close on September 2nd.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that Devan Korn has submitted his 30 day resignation notice for the Data Collector for the Town effective September 7, 2013. He has been doing a great job & Patricia Fletcher from the County has been helping him. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to accept Devon Korn's resignation from Data Collector effective September 7, 2013 & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she has not heard anything from the Fowler School Committee.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he as received an request for a letter of support from the town of Fowler for Maple Traditions and

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Black River Trail Signage Project and the Grasse River Pedestrian Bridge and Path. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to send a letter of support for the project from the Town & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a request to close County Route 812 on August 24, 2013 from 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM for the Baptist Church's block party. Since it is a county road, a letter of this request was sent to the St. Lawrence County Highway Department.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the next board meeting is September 3, 2013 at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #168 - #198 \$11,117.91 & Highway Fund #110 - #129 - \$67,372.68.

A motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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