

Minutes - August 5, 2014 - 7:00 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, Legislator Alex MacKinnon, Peter Devine, Kathy Moses, Mike Sweeney, Joel LaPierre, Wanda Fayette, Dalton Fayette, Vicky Cappellino, Taylor Dodds, Shelly Dodds, Paul Cappellino, Randy Durham, Mike Macaulay, & Herb Fuller.

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 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Peter Devine reported that 2 new contractors have come on line to do grant projects. There are 7 completed projects, 8 started, & 2 awarded to start soon. Fourteen projects will be completed & everything is going fine. The work session that was held between the Town Board & the grant team was very successful.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has Resolution No. 9 of 2014 in support of Fort Drum & asking for no further reductions in personnel at Fort Drum. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2014 in support of Fort Drum & asking for no further reductions in personnel at Fort Drum & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn

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Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has the Justice Grant Resolution No. 10 of 2014. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons for approval of Justice Grant Resolution No. 10 of 2014 & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Legislator Alex MacKinnon reported that it is not easy to get railroad crossings repaired & the fees are very expensive. The State would like to improve the railroad crossings. He thinks we should proceed with pursuing the railroad crossing repair on Route 58 & Route 812.

Joel LaPierre introduced himself & reported that he is running for the position of St. Lawrence County Legislator for District 4. He feels that St. Lawrence County should be run more efficiently. He would like to see the fund balance increased, explore new ways to improve roads, bridges, & infrastructure in the County. He would also like to attract businesses to the County & provide jobs for our children. The board thanked him for his presentation.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported for Dog Warden Neil Hooley. Six complaints have been handled, 2 dogs hit by cars, & 1 dog missing which was returned home. She also reported that there will be a Spay/Neuter Now clinic on September 14, 2014 at the Fowler Town Barn. To apply, applications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office.

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Sherrie Williams reported for Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford who was out of town. There have been 12 building permits issued for the month of July.

Paul Lamson reminded everyone that the use of ATVs on County or State roads are not allowed & is a ticketed offense. Also, no one is allowed to have anything hanging off a vehicle rearview mirror.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that Historian Connie Bishop is home from the hospital. There is a wealth of information in the Historian Office that everyone is welcome to enjoy.

Paul Cappellino of the Beaver Patrol reported that the beavers are still building small dams & he has been ripping them out.

Councilperson Lynn Bishop stated that Sid Harmer II has done a good job on the mowing & trimming.

Head Lifeguard Taylor Dodds reported that Sylvia Lake Beach had 720 people attend in July & so far in August 87 people have come to the beach. New steps have been installed & everything has been going good.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that the lifeguards have uniforms now.

Highway Report - Highway Superintendent Gary Williams reported that the highway department has been filling in holes & washouts, trimming guardrails, picking up brush. The Smith Road

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is all paved. He wanted to thank the Town of Edwards for helping do the shoulders on the Smith Road. Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that the Country Club Road has a sink hole & Superintendent Williams will look into the issue. The highway Safety Program is progressing. Councilperson Natalie Spilman thanked Superintendent Williams for the new beach signs.

Councilperson Lynn Bishop reported that the kids are still getting in the salt barn & could be a safety issue. Superintendent Williams has already addressed the issue with the parents & will put plywood on the swinging gate. Councilperson Lynn Bishop asked Superintendent Williams if he has considered spraying around the guardrails. Superintendent does not believe that spraying is a good idea because of the organic farms & decrease of the honey bees.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she has received complaints from residents of Hailesboro concerning dogs running loose. It was discussed that maybe the dog warden should do patrols for dogs running at large.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM Gale Ferguson will be doing a presentation at the Sylvia Lake Beach concerning the history of Sylvia Lake.

Randy Durham reported that the former Fowler School has been sold & is going to be an assisted living facility.

Councilperson Rick Newvine asked about the progress of the land use documentation. Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported it is still at St. Lawrence County.

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Councilperson Rick Newvine asked about the issue of the data collector position. A work session will be set up with the assessors concerning the issue.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that he thinks the Smith Road in the Town of Fowler should establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Resolution No. 11 of 2014 to establish a lower maximum speed which vehicles may proceed on the Smith Road in the Town of Fowler & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that the ball diamond mowing by Sid Harmer II is looking very good.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has talked to Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford about siding, windows, & insulation for the Town Hall, & more office space. It was discussed about getting a plan drawn up & possibly having BOCES doing the building for office space. The issue will be further looked into.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that St. Lawrence County Youth Organization has awarded the Town a grant for \$2,500.00.

The next regular meeting is on September 2, 2014 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

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The bills audited for the General Fund were #153 - #180 - \$13,642.77 & the Highway Fund #86 - #121 - \$168,349.77.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor Sherrie Williams; Town Clerk

Rick Newvine; Councilperson Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Natalie Spilman; Councilperson Lynn Bishop; Councilperson