

## **Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2015 at 7PM**

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 Mike Sweeney, Dog Warden Neil Hooley, Deputy Dog Warden Tammy Hooley, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Justice Paul Lamson, Assessor Doug Turner, Legislator Joel LaPierre, Vicky Cappellino, Mike Macaulay, Debbie Tupper, Thomas and Brittany Mashaw, Don Nolan, Dylan Clement, Randy Durham, Cindy Carr, Dan Fifield, Wanda Fayette, Anita Clement and Bradley Harte, from Nationwide Investment Services and Derek VanHouse, representing Pinto-Mucenski-Hooper-VanHouse & Co.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7 PM then proceeded with the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons to approve the February 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Derek Van House, auditor from above mentioned company spoke about the different types of audits that can be done for the Town Of Fowler. The last audit done was in 2012. The board agreed that there should be an audit done for everyone and they should go back from the last audit in 2012 to the present time. Derek Van House will be in contact with Councilperson Karen Simmons to set a date for the audit.

We received five mowing bids. They were opened and after some discussion it was decided upon to table them until the April meeting.

Brad Harte, from Nationwide, spoke about New York State Deferred Compensation Plans. He stated it would be free to the town and if any of the employees were interested then we would need to pass a resolution to adopt the plan.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Joel LaPierre thanked the people of Fowler for coming to the meeting in Canton the previous night to support the Emeryville Bridge.

Deputy Dog Warden, Tammy Hooley, reported that there had been one dog complaint, and that a dog had been picked up on the Balmat/ Fullerville Road. That dog was in the kennel and has now been adopted out.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she found a new Deputy Town Clerk, Tami Gale. Tami will be trained in the near future by Town Clerk Harmer. Kelly has collected 67.41% of the tax warrant for 2015.

Beaver Control Officer Paul Cappellino reported that all of the sluice pipes are frozen solid. There wasn't much activity but there should be once the weather starts to warm up.

Assessor Doug Turner stated that the assessors had been receiving a lot of the Data Collection letters back. Once they receive these letters back they are filling out property information cards for every property. Supervisor Cappellino stated that there will be a meeting on March 10, 2015 with

Darren Colton, with the Real Property Office in Canton, to discuss how the data collection is coming along.

Historian Karen Simmons reported that Gene Bigarel and Nancy Fuller had made some donations to the Historian's room.

Highway Superintendent Mike Sweeney reported that they had plowed 23 times out of 28 days in February. There were 229.75 man hours of overtime in February. He asked the public to let him know if there were any issues with snow banks being too high or issues with flooding once it warms up.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to pass a resolution for Holding Harmless for the County. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. This will be Resolution No.5 for 2015.

Randy Durham stated that there would be an Ethics Committee Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7 PM.

Kathy Moses, from the Tribune Press, wanted to let everyone know that her house is on the market and that she is planning to move to Florida. She reported that the Gouverneur Kiwanis Club received a \$5,000 grant and is hoping to use some of that money for the Kiwanis Backpack Program. The program will start at the East Side School on March 6, 2015. They are now feeding 172 kids. Councilperson Spilman let Kathy know that the community will not be the same without her. The board stated she will be greatly missed at our meetings.

Councilperson Simmons reported that she had heard from Peter Devine, from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council, and they

had received 42 applications for the grant as of today. She stated that people can still apply.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #67-#91 with a total of \$10,467.64.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and was seconded by Councilperson Bishop to go into executive session at 8:52 PM. The board came back from executive session at 9:34 PM.

Supervisor Cappellino received a letter from Russ Currier Jr., from the NYS Department of Transportation, stating the Town of Fowler needs to put work zone signs up when mowing or maintaining the Town Of Fowler signs in the New York State right away.

A motion was made by Councilperson Spilman and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor  
Councilperson

Natalie Spilman;

Lynn Bishop; Councilperson  
Councilperson

Rick Newvine;

Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk