

Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for the March 6, 2018 Meeting and Public Hearing 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 Andrew Miller, Assessor Sherry Geer, Assessor Phyllis Shaw, Debbie Tupper, Lillith Griffith, Vicky Cappellino, Richard Clement, Lisa Durham, Rachel Hunter from the Gouverneur Tribune Press and Jamie Rogers and David Bradford from ANCA.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7 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 February 6, 2018 meeting minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to open the public hearing at 7:01 PM to discuss Proposed Local Law No. 1 and No. 3 of 2018 amending the dog control law. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Andrews to adopt Local Law No 1. Amending Local Law No. 1 of 2010 pertaining to dog control and to adopt Local Law No. 3 amending the Local Law Number 2 of 2014 which amended Local Law Number 1 of 2010 pertaining to dog control. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to close the public hearing on Dog Control Laws at 7:04 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Andrews to open the public hearing at 7:06 PM to discuss proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018 prohibiting the construction of Mausoleums in the Town of Fowler. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Andrews and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2018 prohibiting the construction of Mausoleums in the Town of Fowler. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Andrews to close the public hearing on Mausoleums at 7:08 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

David Bradford and Jamie Rogers from ANCA spoke about Clean Energy Communities Program. This program is all grant funded. This program helps municipalities with saving money on capital projects pertaining to clean energy.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to advertise for Mowing bids to come in at the next Town Board meeting on April 3, 2018. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Assessor Sherry Geer stated that they had until 2025 to extend the Cold War exemption to have it unlimited years. She stated that she will do it after the Tax roll is completed. She reported that Assessor Andy Miller and Assessor Phyllis Shaw are in the process of taking some online training sessions. Assessor Geer would like to attend an Ethics class in October or December of this year. Ms. Geer thanked the Board for the donation that was made in honor of her mother, Korleen Spilman who recently passed away.

Historian Karen Simmons thanked Dick and Debbie Tupper for the donation of an aviation book that they got at the Payne Bros. Auction.

Ms. Simmons reported for Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer. Mr. Moyer had received a complaint about some puppies in the road on the Emeryville Road. Mr. Moyer talked to the owner and warned him to keep them out of the road. Ms. Simmons stated that Attorney Henry Leader will be going to court for a three dangerous dog cases that have been ongoing.

Ms. Simmons stated that she had talked to Moyer's Wildlife Control about doing the Beaver Control and that they were going to do it again this year. They will

bring in their liability insurance certificate and, in the meantime, we will have a contract drawn up for them to sign.

Code Enforcement Officer Glen Besaw was in Lake Placid for CEO training.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported issuing 16 dog licenses, 10 death certificates, and \$97.00 in hunting and fishing licenses. She reported that she had collected 82.3% of the tax warrant. She stated that she had received a quote on installing a camera that watches over the playground. She also stated that she had received a quote for the 3 exterior doors in the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the quote for the installation of the camera for the playground. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino read the quote from Colton Glass and Mirror for the 3 exterior doors. The price was \$10,916.91. The consensus of the Board was to put the 3 exterior doors out to bid.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham stated that the reason we had to sign the Holding Harmless with the County was because we plow their roads. Mr. Durham stated that it would cost \$21,206.84 for 822 feet of box beam guardrails that is needed in front of Dr. Twining's house on the Bay Road. Mr. Durham stated that he did some research on the 3 cable guardrails and got a price of a little over \$11,000. After some discussion, it was decided that we would put it out to bid both ways.

Highway Superintendent Durham reported that we ran out of salt and we had to borrow a truck load of salt from the NYSDOT in Harrisville. Mr. Durham stated that we have been hauling a lot of sand. Mr. Durham also stated that Cleve Greenhill had been there earlier in the day to install the new water system.

Councilperson Andrews stated that a lot of the lights out back by the Town Barn are out. Mr. Durham stated that he would call someone to come take a look at them.

Councilperson Bishop wanted to have Mr. Durham remind the Highway employees that the bridges are heaving again with the cold weather and to be careful plowing. He also stated that the shoulders are soft, so they won't be plowing with their wings down.

Councilperson Andrews asked what the next step was with the building across the road that the Town had knocked down. After some discussion, Councilperson Newvine will call over to County Attorney Steve Button to see if the County would clean it up for us like they did with Bell's Service Station in Canton.

Councilperson Newvine stated that he had spoken with an employee of Verizon about expanding broadband internet to more rural areas. The guy he spoke to said it would be 2-3 years till completion. Mr. Newvine stated that he heard that there were meeting minutes sent to past Town Justice Paul Lamson. Mr. Newvine asked if the Town paid for the postage to send these out. Mr. Newvine stated that he didn't feel like this should have been done. Town Clerk Harmer stated that she didn't think it was a big deal because Mr. Lamson could have foiled them, and she would have sent them to him anyways. Ms. Harmer stated that she does this for others, so she did not see the problem. Andrew Miller asked if we charge postage for any Foil request. Town Clerk Harmer stated no that we have no policy on this. Mr. Newvine said that Jim Simmons asked about using the Ball field in Hailesboro for 3 different age groups during the week. Mr. Newvine gave his condolences to the Spilman Family on the loss of Korleen Spilman. The family has been involved in politics for a long time in the Town of Fowler.

Councilperson Simmons asked if Bookkeeper Finnie's computer had been fixed. Supervisor Cappellino stated that it had been replaced with a new computer for \$1079.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the Trap League at the Rod and Gun Club was starting back up. He reported that 15 – 20 kids have signed up. He stated that the deadline to sign up is next week.

The bills audited for the General and Highway fund were #57- #94, with a total of \$39,347.56.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on April 3, 2018 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk