

Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for April 7, 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, Assessor Doug Turner, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Beaver Control Officer Paul Cappellino, Vicki Cappellino, Alton R. Walrath, Herbert Fuller, Alton V. Walrath, Glenda Walrath, Wanda Fayette, Debbie Tupper, Denise Kingsley, Thomas Mashaw, Brittany Mashaw, Mike Macaulay, Vernon Fuller, Randy Durham, Lisa Durham, Dan Fifield, Renee Martin and Sid Harmer II.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Lynn Bishop to approve the March 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop to accept Sidney Harmer II's mowing bid of \$12,050.

Good response came from the letters sent to residents in the vicinity of the Emeryville Bridge inviting them to the meeting. Concerns regarding the Emeryville Bridge closure if the Town of Fowler doesn't reach an agreement with St. Lawrence County to keep the bridge open were discussed Supervisor Cappellino would like everyone to come to the St. Lawrence County Legislator's Meeting in Canton on May 4, 2015 to show support.

A motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman and seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine to go into executive session at 7:16 PM to discuss the Emeryville Bridge. They returned from executive session at 7:30 PM.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reporting for the Dog Warden stated that an inspection was done on March 19, 2015 by the Department of Agriculture and Markets and everything was satisfactory. There were 3 complaints and 4 tickets issued for the month of March. There were 2 dogs picked up on the River Road. She thanked Dick Cutway for all the work that he had done in the kennel.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford hasn't issued any building permits yet this year. He has been working on a couple of sewer complaints and has been driving around checking to see what properties need to be cleaned up.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer stated she had collected 80.04% of the tax warrant. She has been training on the new clerk software.

Beaver Control Officer Paul Cappellino reported it had been slow, but he did get one beaver. He stated the ice was almost gone from around the pipes and that they are flowing well now.

Assessor Doug Turner said they had been busy filling out the data collection cards. Councilperson Lynn Bishop stated that Assessor Bob Fuller had been putting in a lot of time at the town hall.

Historian Karen Simmons had 3 people up last Thursday in the museum. She thanked Dick Cutway for all the work he had done up there for her.

Highway Superintendent Mike Sweeney reported that they plowed and sanded twelve times in March, last March they had done it 27 times. They saved 300 gallons of fuel and \$7800 of sand and salt. They are getting the brooms ready to start sweeping the streets and trying to get to the pot holes. They have been painting the plow frames and have removed 3 dead deer carcasses. He presented the board with 3 quotes for a new excavator. He stated that this piece of equipment would come with many different attachments and would be very versatile. After much discussion, it was tabled till more information was available.

Kathy Moses, from the Kiwanis Backpack Program, stated that they were still getting a lot of donations from individuals and businesses which enabled them to increase the amount of food given out. They are now serving 236 students total between East Side and West Side.

Randy Durham stated that there would be an Ethics Committee Meeting at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. He mentioned that he had a few people interested in purchasing the Fowler School but they had backed out because they felt that the taxes were too high. The board stated that he would need to meet with the Assessors.

Mike Macaulay provided several quotes on fencing for the Sylvia Lake Beach.

There was discussion about what roads were going to be repaired this year. It was discussed that after the Chub Lake

Road was done that maybe the town could patch large sections of some of the other damaged roads.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine and seconded by Lynn Bishop to adopt the State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan. This will be Resolution No. 9 of 2015.

Councilperson Rick Newvine stated that more information and forms should be readily available on the Town's website. He also had been back at the Town Barn and stated that there was work that needed to be done on the facility. There were 10 windows that needed replacing and that there has been an ongoing problem with pigeons. He suggested getting an overhead door instead of the sliding door. He also stated that there is an equipment auction in Palmyra on May 9, 2015 at 9 AM that may be beneficial to attend.

Supervisor Cappellino discussed the idea of bulk mailing. The board agreed that it didn't serve our needs and that it would be too costly.

Supervisor Cappellino received a letter of resignation from Deputy Town Clerk Lillith Griffith. He accepted with regret and lots of thanks.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #92-#134 with a total of \$31,930.18.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine at 9:40 PM to adjourn the meeting.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor
Councilperson

Natalie Spilman;

Lynn Bishop; Councilperson
Councilperson

Rick Newvine;

Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk