

Town of Fowler Emergency Meeting held on March 23, 2020 at 4:00PM

The Town of Fowler held an Emergency Meeting on the above date. In attendance were: Supervisor Newvine, Councilperson Andrews, Highway Superintendent Durham, Town Clerk Tami Gale, Volunteers for the Town of Fowler Jeff and Linda Hill, and attending by phone Councilperson Simmons. Absent from the meeting was Councilperson Bishop. The meeting was advertised on both entrances to the Town Hall, and Supervisor Newvine notified the media. The advertisement of the meeting was to let the taxpayers know that the Town was holding a meeting considering the fact that the Town Hall is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendance was limited to 10 individuals, and the CDC social distancing recommendation was observed.

Supervisor Newvine opened the meeting at 4:00PM. He announced the meeting was called to further discuss the Town of Fowler's 65 years of age and older population and their potential needs arising from the COVID -19 pandemic, and information that has been obtained since the March 21, 2020 Emergency meeting.

Supervisor Newvine reported:

- That after having had a discussion with Town attorney Henry Leader it was determined the Town of Fowler does not need to declare a state of emergency. He stated that because New York State had declared a state of emergency, it covers all Towns.
- He had discovered that the meal delivery program through the Office of the Aging that was discussed at the March 21, 2020 emergency meeting was not what he thought. Supervisor Newvine reported that people who sign up for the meal delivery need to be deemed as qualified to participate in it.
- That he felt the Town of Fowler could establish their own plan to help Town of Fowler residents in need. The first step in doing this is to establish the need, stating that there are 158 exempt seniors on the list provided from the assessors' office before eliminating anyone from it who did not wish to take part.

Councilperson Simmons reported:

- She had been contacted by a member of the Stepping Stone ministry over the weekend and had discovered that they too were trying to assist residents within the Town. After some discussion it was agreed that the Town of Fowler could collaborate with Stepping Stone ministries and work together to further the cause.
- That she had obtained most, but not all, of the phone numbers to the exempt seniors on the list from March 21, 2020 emergency meeting. She has broken the list into groups of

10. Supervisor Newvine, Councilperson Simmons, Councilperson Andrews, Town Clerk Gale, Highway Superintendent Durham, Linda Hill and Stepping Stone Ministries will make the phone calls to the 158 seniors from the groups that Councilperson Simmons had put together.

- Linda Hill suggested that the callers cover two parts: the first being on the seniors' wellness and the second being on the seniors' needs.
- Linda Hill reported that she has put in a request with Kinney Drugs for any donations that they could make to the Town. She is expected to hear something soon.
- Supervisor Newvine reported that the Town could spend some money on needs for the residents as well.
- Councilperson Simmons will bring the lists and phone numbers to the Town Hall on Tuesday March 22, 2020 for individuals to pick up and start making their calls.
- All calls should be placed by Friday March 27, 2020, and a list of needs will be determined.
- Once the list of needed items is generated, Town officials and volunteers will get together to obtain and distribute the items.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on March 27, 2020 at 9:00AM.

Supervisor Newvine adjourned the meeting at 4:12PM.

Tami Gale, Town Clerk