

Minutes - June 3, 2014 - 7:00 PM

The Regular meeting, the Public Hearing for the Proposed Veteran's Exemption, & the Public Hearing on Revising the Dog Law for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all members present except Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Also present were Town Clerk Sherrie Williams, Justice Paul Lamson, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Darren Colton of St. Lawrence County Real Property Tax Office, Kathy Moses, Lillith Griffith, Wanda Fayette, Dustin Fayette, Debbie Tupper, Barb Sullivan, Robert Fuller, Nancy Fuller, Vicky Cappellino, Mike Macaulay, Randy Durham & 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 May 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino opened the 1 hour Public Hearing concerning the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2014 providing the Veterans Exemption in the Town of Fowler at 7:03 PM. Darren Colton, Director of St. Lawrence County Real Property Tax Office, explained the exemption. He stated that he hoped Fowler approves the Veterans Exemption. There are currently 82 Fowler residents that receive the County Veterans Exemption. The expected increase for the non-veterans will be 13 cents per thousand of assessed valuation. The pros & cons of such an exemption were discussed.

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Councilperson Karen Simmons reported for Dog Warden Neil Hooley that it has been a quiet month. One dog was picked up & returned home. She reported that the rabies clinic was a success & 65 rabies shots were given to cats & dogs. Senator Pattie Ritchie came to the rabies clinic to show support for such clinics in the county.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that the Spay/Neuter Now Clinic was a success & 25 animals were fixed.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he issued 8 permits for May including 1 grant permit. One grant project appears to be done; but he has not been contacted.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that Peter Devine would not be at the meeting to present a grant report this month.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Sherrie Williams reported that taxes are 89.19% collected.

Chair Assessor Robert Fuller reported that 11 people came to Grievance Day for Fowler.

Paul Lamson reported that it is not against the law to plow snow across the road as long as snow is not left on the road to create a hazard.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that Historian Connie Bishop & herself have been working on projects up in the Historian's office.

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Highway Report -Councilperson Rick Newvine reported for Highway Superintendent Gary Williams who was at Highway Superintendent School. The board needs to discuss a proposed safety program for the Highway Department, & 3 culverts have been put in on the Smith Road. After discussion, consensus of the board was to put out the bid for paving the Smith Road to come in at the July 8, 2014 meeting.

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

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has Resolution No. 5 which is Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for Providing Service for Town of Fowler for the board to consider. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to approve Resolution No. 5 Holding Harmless the County of St. Lawrence for Providing Service for Town of Fowler & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Bookkeeper Gary Higgins reported that he has Resolution No. 6 of 2014 which is Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected & Appointed Officials that NYS Retiring is requesting the board to approve. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Resolution No. 6 of 2014 Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected & Appointed Officials & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed

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Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has the agreement to spend Town Highway Funds for the board to consider. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the agreement to spend Town Highway Funds & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

At 8:03 PM Supervisor Cappellino closed the Public Hearing for the Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2014 Veterans Exemption. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2014 Veterans Exemption & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

At 8:04 PM Supervisor Cappellino opened the 1 hour Public Hearing for the Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2014 amending Local Law No. 1 of the year 2010, as amended by Local Law No. 1 for the year 2013, pertaining to dog control. It was discussed that in this new law which takes effect on January 1, 2015 a group license will be available for owners with 6 dogs or more. The dog license fee for spayed/neutered dogs will be \$5.00 & \$12.00 for un-spayed/un-neutered dogs. There will be a new group license for 6 dogs or more for \$50.00 plus \$3.00 each for unspay/unneuter fee. The fines will also increase.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he applied for the Youth Development Grant for the Town & the Town won the grant. He

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Does not know how much the Town was awarded yet.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the board has received a request through the Town website asking if the date for taking brush over to the lot for Fowler residents can be extended until July 15th. Consensus of the Board was to extend the date for taking brush over to the lot for Fowler residents to July 15th.

Supervisor Cappellino received a letter from St. Lawrence County Supervisor Association asking the board to approve Resolution No. 7 of 2014 in Favor of fair & equitable re-negotiated settlement of the re-licensing agreement between NY Power Authority & the Local St. Lawrence Government Task Force. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Resolution 7 of 2014 in Favor of fair & equitable re-negotiated settlement of the re-licensing agreement between NY Power Authority & the Local St. Lawrence Government Task Force & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino & the board met with Joe Zachack & Highway Superintendent Gary Williams at a work session concerning a proposed safety program for the Highway Department. The cost of Joe Zachack doing a safety program for the Highway Department is \$1,800.00 a year paid quarterly. The program would also include periodic safety inspections. It was discussed that if the safety program is implemented that the union will be met with to make sure there are no issues with this program. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the

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Safety Program for the Highway Department & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino had a list of things to be done at the Town Hall this summer including painting, window replacement, new siding, ceiling fan in the main part of the Town Hall & Town Clerk's office, completion of the front porch, & replacement of the bathroom floor.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that at 9:04 PM the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2014 Revised Dog Law is closed. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to approve Local Law No. 2 of 2014 Revised Dog Law & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported for Paul Cappellino of the Beaver Patrol that 3 beavers were taken in the month. Cleaning & debris removal has been done.

The next regular meeting will be on July 8, 2014 at 7 PM at the Fowler Town Hall.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #104 - #103 - \$9,219.16 & the Highway Fund #74 - #85 - \$3,005.46.

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A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; 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
absent