

Town of Fowler Special Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2017 at 4:30 PM

The Special Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all Board Members present except Councilperson Lynn Bishop, who was out of state but here via phone call. Also present were Rick Whitford, Mike Macaulay, Attorney Henry Leader, Vicky Cappellino, Scott Burto, from WBC Consultants, Michelle Durham and Brad Charleton, from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss CDBG Grant administration. The Board invited Scott Burto to the meeting to discuss the possibility of administering the 2015 \$500,000 CDBG grant.

Mr. Burto gave us his background in administering and writing grants.

Councilperson Fayette stated that he thought that the Board had agreed not to move forward with the \$500,000 grant until we had worked out the issues with the Code Enforcement Officer and St. Lawrence County Housing Council. Mr. Fayette stated that he would like to have someone else administer the grant that is why he had invited Mr. Burto. Mr. Fayette stated that he felt that the Housing Council was not properly administering the grant.

Michelle Durham, St. Lawrence County Housing Council Executive Administrator, stated that Mr. Fayette was making false accusations. She then read parts of the Contract and stated that the Housing Council was doing what they were hired for.

Councilperson Newvine asked how many active projects are there for the \$500,000 grant at this time. Ms. Durham stated that there were 3 active projects- 2 contractors on site and 1 project that was just awarded to a contractor.

Councilperson Simmons stated that she thought that this grant was supposed to be for mobile home replacements. The Board agreed with her. Ms. Durham said that there could be one or two mobile home replacements but that the majority of it was going to be rehabilitated homes. The Board stated that they would prefer it to be mobile home replacements.

After much heated discussion between Ms. Durham, Mr. Charleton and the Board it was decided to go into executive session.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to go into executive session at 5:03 PM with Scott Burto and Attorney Leader. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board returned from executive session. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to close the executive session at 5:37 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the Board had discussed contractual matters and that no decision had been made yet. He stated that he will be making a few phone calls and will be in touch with everybody. Councilperson Newvine asked Ms. Durham to not start work on any new projects for three days to give us time to make a decision. Ms. Durham stated that she was going to continue to work on the projects that were already active but would not start any new projects for three days.

Councilperson Newvine stated that someone had donated 6 rolls of fencing to be used for the Hailesboro Ball field to replace the back fence. He stated that we would just have to buy the posts and pay someone to install it. Mr. Newvine stated that he had been up to the Beach and that the dock was underwater. He stated that Town Clerk Kelly Harmer has been a big help in getting the Beach permit completed. Mr. Newvine asked the Board if we could go ahead and order the playground equipment before the sale price goes up. He stated that it is a reimbursement grant so the Town would have to pay for the equipment and would be reimbursed when the grant money came through. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to go ahead and order the playground equipment. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Simmons stated that Travis from Barkley's had said that they had a DVR system available to borrow until we received our Recording equipment for the cameras back. Travis had said that there would just be a cost for installing it.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer stated that she was going to call Travis and get the cost of the installation from him.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer presented the Board with 2 quotes for an air quality test. Atlantic Testing Laboratories had quoted \$2,190 and Converse Laboratories had quoted \$450.00. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to have Converse Laboratories conduct the air quality test.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to close the meeting at 5:50 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk