

Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2015 at 7 PM

The Regular Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all the Board Members present. Also present were Town Clerk Kelly Harmer, Highway Superintendent Mike Sweeney, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Justice Paul Lamson, Beaver Control Officer Paul Cappellino, Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer, Vicky Cappellino, James McGregor, Herbert Fuller, Debbie Tupper, Mike Macaulay, Tami Gale, Wanda Fayette, Dustin Fayette, Nancy Fuller, Bob Buddenhagen, Robert Ordway, Andrew Miller, and Michelle Durham from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM then proceeded with the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2015 meeting. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Spilman and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to open the public hearing for the CDBG rehab grant at 7:03 PM. Michelle Durham, from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council was here to discuss the different kind of grants that the town could apply for. She stated that they had received over 50 applications for a grant from the residents of the Town of Fowler. The board needs to make a decision on what kind of grant we feel is needed for the Fowler residents. The board will meet at a later date to discuss this matter.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to schedule a public hearing at the October 6, 2015 meeting to pass a local law to override the tax cap. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Spilman to appoint Dan Moyer as the new dog warden effective August 10, 2015. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Dog Warden, Dan Moyer, reported that there was a dog bite in the trailer park in Hailesboro. The dog was confined for 10 days, and released to the owner after they licensed the dog. There was a black lab found next door to the town hall that was returned to their owner. There was another dog bite on the Island Branch road. The owner's child was bit but the dog had been licensed and was up to date on its rabies shots so the dog was confined at home. He picked up a dog on the North Shore road and the dog was returned to the owner. Also, he received a complaint about a mangy dog on the California road but he was unable to locate the dog.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she had been very busy issuing hunting licenses. She took in over \$1,600 for the licenses in August. She issued 41 dog licenses. She had a lady come in that needed a few birth certificates and death certificates from the 1800's. She had Historian Karen Simmons come in and help gather some information for her.

Beaver Control Officer Paul Cappellino reported that it had been very slow. There were issues in two spots where he would tear down the dam and then the beavers would build it back up again.

Historian Karen Simmons reported that she had been working on a couple of genealogies.

Highway Superintendent reported that the Chub Lake Road is all paved. They will have the shoulders done by the end of September. They did 2 ½ miles of ditching on the California Road. They have finished their second round of mowing the sides of the road. There were two huge bumps in the road on the Sylvia Lake road that they took care of. They replaced a culvert on the Country club road that they will fill and level before winter. They mowed the town lot on the Sullivan road. They cut brush on the Bay road by Doctor Twining's house because it was a safety issue.

Highway Superintendent Sweeney presented the board with a quote for a new 2016 Ford F-250 4WD pick- up with plow. The cost is \$26,798, the price includes a trade-in of the Ford F-150 2WD. There are three bridges in the town that need

plowing with a pick-up truck. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to go ahead with the purchase of a new truck. Councilperson Newvine- yes, Councilperson Simmons- yes, Councilperson Spilman- yes, Councilperson Bishop- no, Supervisor Cappellino- yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Newvine asked Highway Superintendent Sweeney if he had a list of surplus equipment to put out for bid. Highway Superintendent Sweeney presented a list to the board. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Spilman to accept the list of surplus equipment. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Robert Ordway and Bob Buddenhagen were here from the Hailesboro Cemetery Association asking for help removing some of the old debris and brush around the edge of the Hailesboro cemetery. Consensus of the board was to help take care of the clean up.

Kathy Moses stated that the Kiwanis Backpack Club is starting up again. The donation box can be put back out and people can start bringing donations again. They are now serving the East Side, West Side, and St. James schools.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to close the public hearing for the CDBG grant at 8:03 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Spilman and seconded by Councilperson Simmons for a Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Community Development Block Grant Application. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. This will be Resolution No. 13 of 2015.

Councilperson Newvine asked Highway Superintendent what the bill for Leberge & Curtis was for. Highway Superintendent Sweeney was not sure what it was for but would look into it. Councilperson Newvine also stated that the Code Enforcement Officer should have regular hours that he can be reached at the town hall. Councilperson Newvine spoke with the highway department employees and they stated that the fridge isn't working over there. Highway

Superintendent Sweeney will get a quote on a new or used fridge. Councilperson Newvine also stated that he had attended another Intermunicipal Infrastructure Committee meeting at the end of August. He stated that Hampshire Paper Co. is interested in supplying power to the Town of Fowler. The next meeting will be on September 21, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Village of Gouverneur office. Councilperson Newvine received a letter from Elise Stefanik that stated she will contact the D.O.T about the railroad crossings again. Councilperson Newvine also stated that there were too many people with keys to the buildings and all the offices. The board needs to figure out who has the keys and who really needs them.

Councilperson Simmons asked Councilperson Spilman if the lifeguards at the beach had gone back to school yet and if so who was working at the beach. Councilperson Spilman stated that a few had gone back but there were enough to cover the shifts. Councilperson Simmons asked if we had put the town hall and town barn renovations out to bid yet. Supervisor Cappellino stated that they will be advertised later this month to have the bids returned by the October 6, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to have all bids in by the October 6, 2015.

Councilperson Spilman reported that there had been 580 visitors at the beach in the month of August. The beach will be closing on September 7, 2015.

Councilperson Bishop asked Highway Superintendent Sweeney if he was going to put up any guard rails on the Chub Lake road. Highway Superintendent Sweeney stated that you assume more liability once you place guardrails. Highway Superintendent Sweeney is going to check further into this matter. Councilperson Bishop asked Highway Superintendent Sweeney how many hours had been put on the excavator since we rented it four months ago. Highway Superintendent Sweeney was not sure. Councilperson Bishop stated that there were 1934 hours on it, with a total of 224 hours used in four months. The excavator will be returned to Anderson Equipment on September 10, 2015. Councilperson Bishop asked if they had been sharing services with the Town of Fine. Highway Superintendent Sweeney stated that they had been.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the County will start work on the bridge by Tupper's house in Emeryville in October and will be completed by mid- October. Supervisor Cappellino also stated that the Barrett paving bid for the Chub Lake road will actually be \$10,000 more than the original bid. We needed to pay this in order for them to complete the road.

A motion was made by Councilperson Spilman and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to go into executive session at 8:48 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. The board returned from executive session at 9:13 PM.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #284- #323 with a total of \$29,247.32.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor

Natalie Spilman; Councilperson

Lynn Bishop; Councilperson

Rick Newvine; Councilperson

Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk