

Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2018 at 7 PM

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, CEO Glen Besaw, Assessor Sherry Geer, Assessor Phyllis Shaw, Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer, Vicky Cappellino, Lillith Griffith, Bill and Joanna deLorraine, Dan and Andrea Erdman, and Rachel Hunter from the Gouverneur Tribune Press.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting. All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrews and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on June 19, 2018. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Simmons reported for the Dog Control Office. She reported that there had been a dog in the kennel for a while, but the owner had been found and came and got the dog, but he still owed kennel fees. Mr. Moyer ended up coming to the meeting later and reported that he had spoke with a resident on the Country Club Road about his dogs barking and going into the neighbor's yard. The resident claimed that it wasn't his dogs, that they were coyotes that were doing it. Mr. Moyer stated that he needs a written complaint from one of the neighbors, so he can give them a warning and then if it continues he will issue them a ticket. Mr. Moyer stated that he also received a complaint about the Saint Bernard behind the old church in Hailesboro. Mr. Moyer went and checked out the situation and the dog was being taken care of and there was water there for him.

Mr. Moyer reported on the Beaver Control stating that he had gotten a few beavers on the Shantyville Road.

CEO Glen Besaw reported that he received 18 applications for building permits- 17 were issued and one was approved verbally due to some updates that the County

needs to do on the computer. Mr. Besaw stated that he received one written complaint that he will need to take legal action against. Mr. Besaw also stated that he investigated the gas smell on County Route 22 and that he found the source and talked to the owners. The owners stated that they will take care of the issue. Mr. Besaw stated that he failed to notify Town Clerk Kelly Harmer about an upcoming Planning Board Meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to still hold the meeting. The Planning Board Meeting will be held on July 5, 2018 at 7 PM at the Fowler Town Hall.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer reported that she issued 51 dog licenses, a marriage transcript, and \$140 in fishing licenses.

Town Clerk Harmer told the Board that we should look into getting the grant paperwork back from the St. Lawrence County Housing Council pertaining to the liens we hold on the grant recipient's homes. She stated that there is probably other paperwork that they have that should be the Town's records. Councilperson Newvine suggested that maybe we should have our Attorney ask them for it. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he would contact the Housing Council to see if we could get it from them.

Historian Karen Simmons stated that she had received a box full of stuff from the Dekalb Historian that she hasn't had the chance to go through yet because she has been busy getting stuff ready for the Fowler Family Day. Supervisor Cappellino stated that they needed to set up a meeting with Brad Card to discuss some issues with the Fullerville Cemetery.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to pass a Resolution to change the price of a cemetery lot from \$250.00/lot to \$450 for the first lot and \$400 for each additional lot if bought at the same time. This price includes four corner stones installed. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Assessor Sherry Geer stated that the Final Roll is out. She stated that they have been doing some training and going through exemptions. Assessor Phyllis Shaw

will be going to Cornell for training later this month and all of them including Tami Gale, will be going to a class on Data Collection at no cost.

Councilperson Andrews reported on the Highway Department because Highway Superintendent Durham was in Texas. He stated that the Emeryville Road has all been ground up and is ready for paving, which will begin on July 9. He stated that Barb Hitchcock had submitted a bill for a few parts for her car that she would like paid. She said that a rock came up and hit the bottom of her car on the Emeryville Road. The Board agreed that there was proper signage up and the road was properly marked. It was the Consensus of the Board to not pay the bill. Supervisor Cappellino showed the Board papers on an Army Dump truck that Highway Superintendent Durham was interested in purchasing. The truck would cost \$4,656.50 and then it would cost \$2,250 to have someone haul it up. The decision would need to be made before July 9, 2018. After some discussion, the Board agreed to table it and do a phone poll later after talking to Mr. Durham.

Councilperson Simmons asked what they were going to do with the 2012 International truck. Councilperson Andrews stated that we need to take a serious look at this truck as it is costing a lot of money to keep repairing. Supervisor Cappellino stated that if we wanted to sell it the best market would be in Canada.

Councilperson Bishop told CEO Besaw that there was a vacant house on Dublin Avenue in Hailesboro that has sat empty for a while and the grass hadn't been mowed and there were animals running in and out of it. Mr. Besaw stated that he will look into it. Councilperson Andrews asked Mr. Besaw if the issue with the garbage on County Route 22 had been resolved. Mr. Besaw stated that Supervisor Cappellino and himself went and spoke with Attorney Henry Leader on how to resolve the matter because there is a fine line between enforcement and harassment. Mr. Besaw stated that the owner has picked up some of the garbage.

Councilperson Newvine stated that there was an issue with the dock at the Beach falling apart. He stated that Dan Fifield had been up there and patched a part of it but that the dock will need to be replaced soon. Mr. Newvine stated that it will make it through the summer, but we should look at getting it fixed in the Fall. There was discussion on hiring a handyman with some construction knowledge to

take care of these issues. Someone mentioned having Dave Blevins go up to the Beach and give us a recommendation on fixing the dock. Supervisor Cappellino asked CEO Besaw if he could get with Mr. Blevins about this matter. Mr. Besaw will talk to Mr. Blevins. Councilperson Newvine stated that the beach will be closed on August 19, 2018 for a baptism, with a rain date of August 26, 2018. He stated that we should still have lifeguards on duty that day.

Councilperson Simmons reminded everyone of the Fowler Family Day being held on July 14 from 9 AM-3 PM. She stated that there will be a boy and girl bike to give away, lots of stuff for the table raffle- 100 gallons of fuel oil, baskets, gift certificates and much more. There will be a chicken barbecue, the Rod and Gun Club will be here selling hot dogs and hamburgers, kids games and lots of other things. She stated that we are raising money for a pavilion to be put up near the Playground. Councilperson Newvine stated that there will be a drawing of the pavilion available to look at the day of the Family Day.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve a resolution to allow the implementation of a speed limit reduction on the Sylvia Lake Road in the Town of Fowler. This would be Resolution No. 9 of 2018. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that a certified letter had been sent to Hanson Aggregates asking for a response whether they accept or reject the bid that was awarded to them for the paving of the roads by the close of business on July 13, 2018.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had received an email back from the manager at Krueger Energy stating that he would be around the week of July 23rd to discuss the Emeryville Bridge. Mr. Cappellino stated that they were not likely to put any money in for the bridge repair due to their assessment.

Residents Dan and Andrea Erdman came to the meeting to see if the Town could have a street light installed at the intersection of the Island Branch, Chub Lake and Northwoods Road. He stated that there has been quite a bit of vandalism done to his property located on that corner, specifically to his mailbox. Supervisor

Cappellino asked him if he notified the police about the vandalism. Mr. Erdman said he had but he thought that maybe if there was a street light installed it might help cut down on the vandalism as most of it happens late at night. It was the consensus of the Board to have Supervisor Cappellino call National Grid to see if a street light could be installed.

Resident Bill deLorraine, from the Sylvia Lake Association, gave a report on the water samples taken from Sylvia Lake. The report came back good. Mr. deLorraine requested cold patch to repair the pot holes on the Pump House road going into Sylvia Lake. He stated that this is a public boat launch and thought that maybe the Town would allow him to get the cold patch if he repaired the pot holes himself. He stated that if the Town didn't want to donate it that he would be willing to buy the cold patch. Supervisor Cappellino stated that the Board made a policy stating that materials and equipment cannot be donated for use on private property. Mr. Cappellino stated that he would talk to Attorney Leader about this matter.

Resident Lillith Griffith asked the Board if the Town would replace a sluice pipe on Countryside Court Drive where she resides. Supervisor Cappellino stated that they cannot install the sluice pipe because it is on a private road.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Andrews to go into Executive Session at 8:10 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to close Executive Session at 8:34 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The bills audited for the General and Highway fund were #221 - #264, with a total of \$55,007.91.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on August 7, 2018 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk

