

Town of Fowler Year-End Transfer Meeting Minutes for December 27, 2023, at 4:00PM

The Year-End Transfer Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with four board members present. Councilperson Bishop was not in attendance. Also, present were Town Clerk Tami Gale, Bookkeeper Barbara Finnie, Highway Superintendent Randy Durham and Rachel Hunter, Editor of the Gouverneur Tribune Press.

Supervisor Newvine called the meeting to order at 4:00PM then proceeded with the pledge of allegiance and led a moment of silence to honor our military men and women, and all healthcare workers.

COMMUNITY CORRESPONDANCE

Supervisor Newvine, Councilpersons' Simmons, Andrews, Cleveland, and Councilperson Elect Knight read aloud several cards received from the community, thanking the Town of Fowler for their SOS care packages they receive throughout the year. Also received was a hand painted Christmas Card by local artist Rachel Hunter, and a thank you card from Debra Andrews for flowers she received at the December 11, 2023 years of service ceremony.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW No. 3 of 2023

At 4:01PM on a motion of Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Simmons the Public Hearing was opened on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023 - Land Use Law and Regulations for the Town of Fowler, addressing the new dock regulations, as well as pursuant to the recommendation of the County Planning Board, consolidating all the amendments to the Land Use Law. Repealing Local Law No.1 for the Year 1996, Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2019, Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2020, Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2021, and Local Law No. 4 for the Year 2021, providing for a new comprehensive Land Use Law and Regulation for the Town of Fowler.

Supervisor Newvine reported the Public Hearing would be left open for any public comments or questions for a portion of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS FOR 2024

Supervisor Newvine asked the board if they all had the list of Recommended Appointments for 2024. Supervisor Newvine asked the Board if there were any questions or concerns about the appointments. With no questions voiced, Supervisor Newvine asked for a motion to approve the recommended appointments for 2024 as follows: Budget Director - Ricky W. Newvine, Deputy Supervisor - Karen M. Simmons, 1st Deputy-Clerk, Tax Collector - Debra Tupper, 2nd Deputy- Clerk, Tax Collector - Kim Reed, Court Clerk - Irma Ashley, Town Hall Custodian - Rosalee Thornton, Maintenance -Byron Woodward, Official Lawyer - Case & Leader, Code Enforcement Officer -Glen Besaw, Tax Collector -Tami Gale, Registrar of Vital Statistics - Tami Gale, Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics - Debra Tupper, Board of Assessment Review Member – Donna Brown, Official Depositories -Community Bank, Official Newspaper -Tribune Press & Watertown Times, Investment - CLASS – MBIA, Deputy Highway Superintendent - Nelson Bice, Historian - Karen Simmons, Dog Control Officer - Dan Moyer, Bookkeeper - Barbara Finnie, Planning Board Members – Daniel Kingsley and Roger Refici, Ethics Board Member – Karen M. Simmons.

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrews, seconded by Councilperson Simmons to accept the appointments as listed. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

MILEAGE RATE

Supervisor Newvine asked the board for a motion to approve the mileage rate as is set by the State at .67 per mile for 2024. A motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Simmons. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD MEETING DATES & TIME

Supervisor Newvine reported on the 2024 Town Board Meeting Schedule. All Town board meetings in 2024 will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00PM except for the month of October & November, which will be determined at a later date.

2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM at the Town Hall

January 8, 2024	July 8, 2024
February 12, 2024	August 12, 2024
March 11, 2024	September 9, 2024
April 8, 2024	October (TBD)
May 13, 2024	November (TBD)
June 10, 2024	December 9, 2024

Supervisor Newvine asked for a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2024. A motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Andrews. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW No. 3 of 2023

At 4:08PM, after receiving no comments or questions from the public, on a motion of Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Simmons the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2023 - Land Use Law and Regulations for the Town of Fowler, was closed.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #18 OF 2023

Enacting Local law No. 3 of 2023 – Land Use Laws and Regulations for the Town of Fowler

Supervisor Newvine submitted Resolution #18 of 2023, a Resolution enacting Local Law No. 3 of 2023 – Land Use Law and Regulations for the Town of Fowler, a Local Law addressing dock regulations, as well as, pursuant to the recommendation of the County, consolidating all the amendments to the Land Use Law, Repealing Local Law No. 1 for the Year 1996, Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2019, Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2020, Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2021, and Local Law No. 4 for the Year 2021, and providing for a new comprehensive Land Use Law and Regulation for the Town of Fowler.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Cleveland to adopt Resolution #18 of 2023, enacting Local Law No. 3 of 2023. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Roll Call:

AYES: 4 NEWVINE, SIMMONS, ANDREWS, CLEVELAND

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

RESOLUTIONS FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS & BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION #19 of 2023

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Simmons to adopt Resolution #19 of 2023, a resolution to amend the 2023 General Fund Budget to reflect an increase in the Estimated Revenues and Appropriations due to Pavilion and Playground donations. Estimated Revenues A510 and Appropriations A960 would be increased by \$14,246.56. The subsidiary revenue accounts A2771 Miscellaneous Revenues

would increase by \$14,246.56 Appropriation accounts A7140.420 Pavilion – Contractual would increase by \$5401.33 and A7140.410 Playground – Contractual would increase by \$8,845.23. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

AYES: 4 NEWVINE, SIMMONS, ANDREWS, CLEVELAND

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

RESOLUTION # 20 of 2023

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Andrews to adopt Resolution #20 of 2023, a resolution to amend the 2023 General Fund Budget to reflect an increase in the Estimated Revenues and Appropriations due to Senior Packages donations (SOS Program) and Hometown Assistance Program (HAP Program) donations. Estimated Revenues A510 and Appropriations A960 would be increased by \$7,707.79. The Subsidiary revenue accounts A2774 Miscellaneous Revenues would increase by \$7,707.79. Appropriation accounts A3030.400 Senior Donations – Contractual increased by \$848.03 and HAP donations – Contractual A8020.410 increased by \$6,859.76. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

AYES: 4 NEWVINE, SIMMONS, ANDREWS, CLEVELAND

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

RESOLUTION # 21 of 2023

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrews seconded by Councilperson Simmons to adopt Resolution #21 of 2023, a resolution to amend the 2023 General Fund Budget to reflect an increase in the Estimated Revenues and Appropriations due to Justice Grant – Estimated Revenues A510 and Appropriations A960 would be increased by \$1041.78. The Subsidiary revenue accounts A3089 State Aid – Grants Revenue would increase by \$1041.78 Appropriation Accounts A1110.4 Justice Contractual would increase by \$141.78. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

AYES: 4 NEWVINE, SIMMONS, ANDREWS, CLEVELAND

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

RESOLUTION # 22 of 2023

DECEMBER 28, 2022 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Supervisor Newvine submitted Resolution #22 of 2023 to the board for adoption. The Town of Fowler December 27, 2023, Budget Transfers were described by Bookkeeper Barbara Finnie as transfers to get accounts out of the hole and make accounts even. The Budget Transfers from the General Fund totaled \$47,468.59 and went to balance 15 accounts. The Budget Transfers from the Highway Fund totaled \$68,740.88 and went to balance 7 accounts.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Cleveland to adopt Resolution #22 of 2023, Town of Fowler December 27, 2023, Budget Transfers. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

AYES: 4 NEWVINE, SIMMONS, ANDREWS, CLEVELAND

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 BISHOP

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made.

Supervisor Newvine asked for a motion to audit the bills. A motion was made by Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Simmons to audit the bills. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The bills audited for the General and Highway Fund were #508 to #532 with a total of \$287,994.19.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be the Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 8th, 2024, at 6PM.

Supervisor Newvine wished everyone a Happy New Year.

At 4:30PM, a motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Cleveland to adjourn the Year -End Transfer meeting. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

At 4:31PM, a motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Cleveland to re-open the meeting for further business. Town Clerk Tami Gale discussed that no bids had been received for the 1998 International Plow Truck. Hwy. Superintendent Durham reported that NorthStar Auto & Salvage had notified him that they were going to bid for the 1998 International Plow Truck for \$1,200, but the bid had not been received. After some discussion it was the consensus of the board to have Hwy. Superintendent Durham check with NorthStar Auto & Salvage to see if they are still interested in the truck for \$1,200.

At 4:32PM. With no further business, on a motion from Councilperson Cleveland seconded by Councilperson Simmons the Year-End Transfer meeting was adjourned.

Tami Gale, Town Clerk