

## **Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2016 at 7PM**

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, Highway Superintendent Randy Durham, Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer, CEO Rick Whitford, Justice Paul Lamson, Bookkeeper Barb Finnie, St. Lawrence County Legislator Joel LaPierre, Vicky Cappellino, Debbie Tupper, Art Hayden, Donna Dusharm, David Bancroft, Robert Byrns, Rachel Hunter, from the Tribune Press, Robert Allen, Brenda Allen, Richard Clement, Richard Clement Jr., Ivan Champine, Kay McIntosh, and Bruce Dusharm.

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 meeting minutes from June 7, 2016. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to approve the meeting minutes from the Special Meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Newvine asked St. Lawrence County Legislator Joel LaPierre when he thought the bridge was going to be finished on the Bay Road. Legislator LaPierre said that the bridge should be done in approximately 2 months from when it was started. Councilperson Newvine talked to Senator Ritchie's Office concerning the River Drive road. With all the increased traffic from the Bay Road Bridge being out the road has suffered severely. Senator Ritchie's Office said to call the NYSDOT. NYSDOT told Councilperson Newvine to write a letter to the County concerning the road to see if they could help. Legislator LaPierre

stated that it would be a good idea if a letter was written by the Town Board and sent to Don Chambers with the St. Lawrence County Highway Department. Highway Superintendent Durham talked to NYSDOT, they said that a detour was provided so there was nothing that they could do to help with the River Drive road.

Supervisor Cappellino asked Legislator LaPierre if the Emeryville Bridge had been inspected recently. Legislator LaPierre stated that it had not been inspected. Supervisor Cappellino stated that the repair work that the County had done on the bridge was good.

Councilperson Simmons asked Legislator LaPierre if they had said anymore about going to the clear garbage bags and also how he felt about it. Legislator Lapierre said that the matter had been tabled. He stated that personally he had no issues but he is opposed to it after speaking with several different people.

Supervisor Cappellino reported on the CDBG housing grant. The Housing Council has finished 2 projects. There is 1 project under contract, 0 out to bid, 6 with completed lead assessments and 5 waiting for lead assessments. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he is supposed to meet with the Housing Council over some issues.

There were 2 bids opened for Pug Mill that will be used for the shoulders of the roads-

Midland Asphalt- 1200 yards at \$38.76/yard = \$46,512

Suit-Kote- 1200 yards at \$38.99/ yard = \$46,782

Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he had received a letter from Midland Asphalt stating that they thought it would take more oil per square yard so the cost may be higher. A motion was made by

Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to accept both bids and Highway Superintendent Durham can decide at a later time. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The Surplus Equipment bids were opened. The following highest bids were accepted:

1. 1 - 1524 MTD Snow Blower- Ken Allen \$51
2. 1 - Miller AC/DC Welder Serial # JF811623- no bid
3. 1 - 2-inch trash pump Model MTW- Ken Allen \$26
4. 2 - Sander inserts- no bid
5. 1 - 9FT Bullnose Grader Blade- no bid
6. 1 - set of Forks- Carl Rost \$125
7. 3 - Stihl Model FS-36 weed eaters- Bob Horton \$25
8. 1 - box Stihl Chain Saw Parts Bob Horton \$20
9. 1 - Yardman Push Mower Model 550- Arnie Roberts \$26.10
10. 1 - Craftsman LEAD weed trimmer 22 inch cut- Arnie Roberts- \$41.10
11. 1 - 42 inch Troy Built Rider Mower- Bob Horton \$150.00
12. 1 - Stihl Model FS 85 Pole Saw- Arnie Roberts \$20.10
13. 1 - Set of Spiral Stair cases/ Broken Cast Iron- no bid

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to accept the highest bids and to put the remaining equipment in an auction. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had attended the Inter-municipal Meeting. He explained to the board about how DANC wanted to do a study to see if it was feasible for the Town of Fowler, Town of Gouverneur and Village of Gouverneur to provide power to municipal buildings in their area. After some discussion the board decided that with only two municipal buildings in the Town of Fowler it wasn't

feasible for us. A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to reject the proposed resolution. Simmons-yes, Fayette- yes, Bishop-yes, Cappellino- yes, Newvine- no  
MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the Town has been getting some complaints on lawns in the town not being mowed. He stated that the town does not have a local law saying that the grass can only be so tall. He asked if the board wanted to create a local law so that we have a say in how a lawn is maintained. Several people in the audience were against the idea of the town telling tax payers how to maintain their lawn. After much discussion, it was decided not to have a public hearing on the matter. Newvine- yes, Simmons- yes, Bishop- no, Fayette- no, Cappellino- no.

Judge Lamson stated that the state announced that there is another round of grants out and that they are accepting applications. After discussion, a motion was made to accept Resolution No. 5 of 2016 by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to authorize Town Justice Paul Lamson to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant in the maximum allowable amount. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer stated that she had issued 11 handicap parking permits for June, 10 fishing licenses, 2 marriage licenses, 2 death certificates, 42 dog licenses and sold a cemetery lot in Fullerville.

Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer got a call from the Potsdam SPCA. They said that there was a lady that had brought in a dog that she had found at Sylvia Lake. The lady was very hesitant about giving the dog to the dog warden because she felt it needed medical help. Mr. Moyer

contacted Councilperson Simmons to see if she could convince the lady to give the dog up. After conversation with Councilperson Simmons, she contacted Mr. Moyer and he went to Canton to get the dog. The dog was in the kennel for 2 days and the owner came in and claimed the dog. Also, Mr. Moyer issued a ticket for an unlicensed dog and 1 for a dog running at large. Councilperson Simmons announced that there will be a Rabies Clinic on 8/18/16 from 6-8 PM at the Fowler Town Barn.

Mr. Moyer, from Moyers Wildlife Control, reported that there was no beaver activity at this time.

Since Mike Crowner is no longer taking care of the cemetery plots in the Town of Fowler Councilperson Simmons has been. She has the maps of the cemeteries in the Historian's Office. Someone called about having a burial in the Fullerville Cemetery, she went up and located the grave site and contacted Dan Fifield about digging the grave.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham had put up signs stating that the Byrns Road would be seasonal. Several tax payers from that area attended the meeting and stated their concerns with having the road seasonal. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the board to take the signs down and keep the road open year round. Highway Superintendent Durham was pleased with the reactions that he got from the tax payers. He stated that he would rather have the people come to him with complaints than to his workers or anybody else.

Highway Superintendent Durham stated that they had finished paving Mill Street and that they were now working on the Doane Road and the Hull Road. Councilperson Newvine stated that Mill Street looked good. Councilperson Fayette stated that he thought that Sheehan's were going to patch some areas on the Island Branch Road when they moved the

equipment from Mill Street to the Doane Road. Highway Superintendent Durham and Supervisor Cappellino agreed to look at the section on Island Branch and a couple spots on the Country Club road. They will do a phone poll with the board after they receive a quote from Sheehan's. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that the transmission went up in the 96 truck and that he had got a new one.

Councilperson Bishop brought in paperwork that he had received from Bookkeeper Barb Finnie about solar power.

Councilperson Fayette stated that the fridge in the barn had went up and he would like to get another one for the guys. The consensus of the board was to buy a new fridge for the Town Barn.

Councilperson Newvine stated that the beach was up and running. He thanked Supervising Lifeguard Emily Bush and Town Clerk Kelly Harmer for all of their help with the beach. To date, there had been 258 people there. The Gouverneur Recreation Center brings up about 20 kids, 2 days a week to swim. Councilperson Newvine stated that he had received a call from Ralph Undercoffler, from the Sylvia Lake Association, asking to use the beach on 8/6/2016 from 11:30 to 2:30 for a picnic. Mr. Undercoffler asked if alcohol was allowed at the Sylvia Lake Beach. Councilperson Newvine let Mr. Undercoffler know that there is no alcohol allowed at the Beach.

Councilperson Newvine stated that we had received a very nice donation from Gouverneur Talc towards our playground fund for the Fowler Family Day on July 23, 2016 from 10 to 4 PM. He stated that we are going to have a bounce house, chicken BBQ, games, raffles, classic cars, and more. All money raised will go toward a playground fund for the Town of Fowler.

Councilperson Newvine asked Highway Superintendent Durham if he could trim the brush on Highway 812 because when you are coming off the Sylvia Lake Road it blocks the view looking toward the caution light on Route 58.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had received a new contract from PIVOT, the company that does our alcohol and drug counseling, wanting us to renew. The board decided not to renew the contract until an issue came up again.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #211-260 with a total of \$42,988.14.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 2, 2016 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to go into executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss the CDBG grants. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. The board returned from executive session at 9:03 pm.

A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor

Dustin Fayette; Councilperson

Lynn Bishop; Councilperson

Rick Newvine; Councilperson

Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk