

Minutes - January 15, 2013 - 7 PM

The Regular Organizational Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all members present. Also present was Town Clerk Sherrie Williams, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford, Justice Paul Lamson, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Lillith Griffith, Barbara Sullivan, Scott McIntyre, Cheryl Givens, Mike Macaulay, & Deputy Dog Warden Tammy Hooley .

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order then proceeded with the opening prayer & the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was dedicated in respect for the recent passing of Cliff Gates, who was a previous Supervisor for the Town of Fowler.

Supervisor Cappellino reported on the 2013 recommended appointments, that the board meetings would be held on the first Tuesday of the month in 2013, & that mileage would be 45 cents per mile. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the 2013 appointments, & 45 cents per mile for mileage & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported on the 2013 Salary Schedule. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Randy Durham to approve the 2013 Salary Schedule & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Justice Paul Lamson swore in newly elected Councilperson Natalie Spilman.

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After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the December 11, 2012 & December 26, 2012 meeting minutes & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the Town was awarded the 2012 NYS Community Development Block Grant Housing Award for \$400,000 for housing rehabilitation & asked the board's approval to sign the contract of the grant agreement. A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to give Supervisor Cappellino permission to sign the contract grant agreement & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Cappellino thanked Karen Simmons, Randy Durham, & Mike Macaulay for all their work on the grant.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that Resolution #1 of 2013 to authorize the payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight, express charges, and health insurance premiums needed to be addressed by the board. A motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to approve Resolution #1 of 2013 to authorize the payment in advance of audits of claims for public utility services, postage, freight, express charges, and health insurance premiums & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy

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Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he issued a total of 97 permits for 2012.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Sherrie Williams reported that 16.2% of taxes have been collected so far.

Deputy Dog Warden Tammy Hooley reported that 9 complaints & 8 warnings have been addressed. There is 1 dog available for adoption in the dog pound at this time.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that the Fowler Elementary School is being considered for closing. She was very concerned about losing the school in Fowler & not having an elementary school in the area. The pros & cons of the issue was discussed. She urged everyone to go to the meeting on February 11, 2013 at 7 PM at the Gouverneur High School to support keeping the elementary school open.

Councilperson Randy Durham asked about getting a low profile truck for the Highway Department. The issue was tabled & will be discussed further with Highway Superintendent Williams.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that a letter was received from St. Lawrence County Dept. of Health asking the Town if they would like to have a rabies clinic in 2013. Concensus of the board was they would like to have a rabies clinic in 2013.

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Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a quote from Tripp Fuels of \$5,000.00 for replacing the Town Hall furnace. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to have Tripp Fuels install a furnace in the Town Hall for \$5,000.00 & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Karen Simmons thanked Friends 4 Pound Paws organization for donating treats to the dog pound.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a notice from St. Lawrence County Planning that they will charge fees for everything that is referred from the Towns. He also received a list of the charge backs from the County.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has a newly revised Code of Ethics Resolution from the Town lawyer for the board to consider. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Randy Durham to approve Code of Ethics of the Town of Fowler Resolution No. 2 of 2013 & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Cappellino reported about all the requirements to join the St. law. County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. After discussion, the issue was tabled.

The following is the list of appointments recommended for 2013:

Budget Director	Michael Cappellino
Deputy Supervisor	Rick Newvine
Deputy Clerk	Clare Cole
Deputy Clerk	Nellie Dimon
Deputy Registrar	Clare Cole
Court Clerk	Clare Cole
Town Hall Custodian	Rick Whitford
Official Lawyer	Case & Leader
Code Enforcement Officer	Rick Whitford
Registrar	Sherrie Williams
Tax Collector	Sherrie Williams
Health Officer	William J. Twining
Official Depositories	Community Bank
Official Newspaper	Tribune Press - Watertown Times
Investment	CLASS - MBIA
Deputy Highway Superintendent	Lyle Bishop
Historian	Connie Bishop
Dog Control Officer	Neil Hooley
Deputy Dog Control Officer	Tammy Hooley
Chairman Assessor	Robert Fuller
Planning Board Member	Sandy Baker
Councilperson	Natalie Spilman
Board of Appeals Member	Robert Buddenhagen
Bookkeeper	Gary Higgins

Town Board meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Mileage will be 45 & per mile for 2013.

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Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported that the next Board Meeting & Public Hearing for the amended dog law will be on February 5, 2013 at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. There will also be a work session on January 29, 2013 at 7:00 PM concerning several issues.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #1 - #12 \$23,015.50 & Highway Fund #1 - #8 - \$8,398.63.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor Sherrie Williams; Town Clerk
Rick Newvine; Councilperson Randy Durham; Councilperson
Karen Simmons, Councilperson Natalie Spilman; Councilperson

Town of Fowler, New York

**TOWN OF FOWLER
SALARY SCHEDULE
2013**

SUPERVISOR	\$ 9,000
BOOKKEEPER	6,400
TOWN COUNCILMAN (4)	4,800/1,200
TOWN CLERK	22,000
TOWN JUSTICE	9,750
COURT CLERK	1,500
ASSESSOR-CHAIRMAN	6,800
ASSESSOR (2)	3,800/3,800
DATA COLLECTOR	30,000 (CONTRACTED SERVICES-TBD)
BAR (Chairman)	260
Board Assessment Review (2)	320/160
ATTORNEY	5,000
BUILDINGS/GROUNDS	2,920
CLEANER/CUSTODIAN	2,080
SYLVIA LAKE (SEASONAL HELP)	7,200
HIGHWAY SUPT	39,000
HISTORIAN	700
CODE ENFORCEMENT	6,800
DOG CONTROL	4,500
HEALTH OFFICER	500

HIGHWAY CONTRACT \$16.66/HR (UNDER NEGOTIATIONS-EXP 12/31/12)

TOWN OF FOWLER
RESOLUTION #1 OF 2013
January 15, 2013

A motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons
And seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman
to pass a RESOLUTION to authorize the payment in advance of
audits of claims for public utility services, postage, freight, express
charges, and health insurance premiums. All such claims shall be
presented at the next regular Town Board Meeting for audit, and
the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the same be
jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed by the Town
Board.

Adopted by the following vote:

Supervisor Michael Cappellino yes

Councilperson Rick Newvine yes

Councilperson Karen Simmons yes

Councilperson Randy Durham yes

Councilperson Natalie Spilman yes

MOTION CARRIED.