

Minutes - March 13, 2012 7 PM

The Regular 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, Highway Superintendent Gary Williams, Mike Macaulay, Justice Paul Lamson, Dave Spilman, Bonnie Seaman, Jeff Andrews, Laurina Greenhill, Joel LaPierre, Lisa Durham, Stephen Gale, Derek Van House & Donald Hooper of Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, Van House Co. CPA's P.C.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order then proceeded with opening prayer & pledge of allegiance.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the February 14, 2012 meeting minutes & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Derek Van House & Donald Hooper from Pinto, Mucenski, Hooper, Van House Co. CPA's P.C., who is a company that does audits, reported that there are 2 different types of audits. There are regular audits which is a sampling of the picture & agreed upon procedures which is specified by the Town. The first step is for them to meet with the board to get direction for the audit & at that time the fee will be disclosed. They will e' mail the board a sample of both types of audits for them to review.

Cemetery Bids - The cemetery bids were read out loud:
Dan Fifield - \$1,550. Each mowing & Trim for all 10 cemeteries
\$75.00. Each mowing each week for mowing &
& Trim for Hailesboro ball park

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Cont. Cemetery Mowing & Trimming Bids:

St. Lawrence NYSARC - \$459.00 each mowing each week for mowing & trimming of 10 cemeteries & Hailesboro ball park.
\$8,262. Yearly total for 10 cemeteries mowing & Hailesboro ball park.

Ricky L. Bates - \$11,000. Per year for 11 cemeteries
\$3,000. Per year for Hailesboro ball park
\$14,000. Per year for cemeteries & Hailesboro
Ball park mowing & Trimming

Steven Travis - \$1,150. Per each cemetery mowing & Trim
\$ 65. Per each Hailesboro ball park mowing
\$5,900. Per year for cemetery & Hailesboro
Ball park mowing & trimming

All bids included a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate. Consensus of the board was for the issue to be tabled until more information is gathered.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that 1 building permit has been issued so far. The trailer is back in place at Travis's trailer park & Trailer Park Manager Sherry Mandigo has done a good job of correcting the issues that were involved on the site. The Planning Board has had their Public Hearing Meeting concerning Hunter's Sports Bar & the project has been approved.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Sherrie Williams reported that 80.47% of taxes in the Town have been collected.

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Paul Lamson reported that March 16 through May 14, 2012 there is a burning ban in St. Lawrence County.

Tim Prashaw of the Beaver Patrol reported that everything is going well & he will be doing monthly reports on his department.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that since the first of the year 1 dog has been in the Town Dog Pound. The Fowler rabies clinic is May 17th, 2012 from 6 - 8 PM at the Town Barn for dogs, cats, & ferrets. The vaccines will be sent to Dr. Twining & the volunteers from the Pound for Paws is going to be helping at the clinic along with herself.

Highway Report - Superintendent Williams reported that the Highway Department is starting to pick up garbage on roadsides, tractor is back together, & trucks are being sprayed off. The grader has been picked up from Gouverneur. Natalie Spilman rode in a plow truck & saw first hand exactly what plow truck drivers do. Councilperson Natalie Spilman commended the plow truck drivers for their skill & multi-tasking on the job.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she has been meeting with the different town departments & Tom Manley of Pinnacle Computers, went to the Fowler School meeting, & talked to the new CEO of SLICK internet concerning having fiber optic lines come to Fowler. She reported that the legislation is in progress to stop further post office closures.

Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported that he did receive the Gouverneur Fire Department report & the contracts will be signed for 2012.

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Supervisor Cappellino reported that he talked with the DEC about the demolition of the unsafe building across the road from the Town Hall & the asbestos tests would cost about \$3,000. There are companies that would demolish the building, put it all in a dumpster, do the testing, & haul the debris away.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that Time Warner did send a survey for cable service expansion on the Smith Road & 35 homes per square mile are required for new cable expansion.

Supervisor Cappellino reported he had several quotes for the Historian Department fire proof file cabinet. After discussion, the issue was tabled until more information is gathered.

At 8:35 a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to go into Executive Session concerning a Justice Department personnel issue & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. At 9:25 PM Executive Session ended & Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported it was concerning a personnel issue.

A Work Session is planned for March 20, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall & the next regular board meeting is April 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

The bills audited for the General Fund were #39 - #64 - \$14,045.36 & Highway Fund #20 - #38 - \$35,436.33.

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A motion was made by Councilperson Randy Durham to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; 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