



Town of Fowler Directory 2019

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Assessment Review Board

Chair: Donna Brown 315-287-2949
George Erdman, Jr. 315-287-3451
Candace Brown 315-287-2144

Assessors

Chair: Sherry Geer 315-286-0298
Phyllis Shaw 315-955-5853
Andrew Miller 315-323-4250
Assessors Office 315-287-9792

Code Enforcement

Glen Besaw 315-286-2360
Code Enforcement Office 315-287-9792

Custodian

Rosa Thorton 315-287-0045

Dog Warden

Dan Moyer 315-528-7988

Ethics Board

Chair: Lillith Griffith 315-287-4542
Vicky Cappellino 315-287-3503
Alex Mackinnon 315-778-1287
Karen Simmons 315-287-4753
Phyllis Shaw 315-955-5853

Health Officer

Dr. William Twining 315-287-2192

Highway Superintendent

Randy Durham 315-286-8664(C)
..... 315-222-6797(H)
Highway Dept Office 315-287-2907

Historian

Karen Simmons 315-287-4753

Justice Department

Justice Ryan Young 315-287-9996
Fax # 315-535-4300

Court Clerk: Irma Ashley 315-287-9996

Town Supervisor

Michael Cappellino 315-323-7987

Town Board Members

Karen Simmons 315-287-4753
Rick Newvine 315-287-4098
Lynn Bishop 315-955-2929
Jeff Andrews 315-287-0587

Town Bookkeeper

Barbara Finnie 315-287-0045

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Tami Gale 315-287-0045

Town Facilities

Use of Town Hall 315-287-4753
Public Beach/Sylvia Lake 315-287-4098
Hailesboro Field 315-287-4098

Town Planning Board

Chair (To Be Determined)
Art Besaw 315-250-3353
Stephen Gale 315-287-1408
Larry Streeter 315-323-7266
Dan Kingsley 315-816-7531

Town of Fowler Newsletter

Assessment Review Board

There are three seats on the Board of Assessment Review. Currently, the Chairman is Donna Brown. Other members are George Erdman Jr., and Candy Brown. The Board of Assessment Review holds Grievance Day on the fourth Tuesday of May from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Fowler Town Hall.

Residents who disagree with their assessment are urged to meet with the Town Assessors to discuss their assessments PRIOR to presenting their grievance to the Board of Assessment Review. To make arrangements to meet with an assessor at the Town Hall, please call the Assessors at the phone number listed on Page 1 or call the Town Clerk at (315) 287-0045.

If residents wish to grieve their assessments, they may do so at the date and time previously outlined. The Board will review grievances and then make a decision to either lower the property owner's assessment or leave the assessment the same. Residents who have filed a grievance are notified of the outcome by U.S. Mail.

Justice Department

Fowler Town Court is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6 PM upstairs in the Town Hall. Fines may be paid at that time or sent in the mail. Beginning 11/15/2018, individuals who wish to make payments to Fowler Town Court using credit and debit cards may do so through GovPayNet. Go to www.GovPayNow.com and use the Pay Location Code (PLC a0026f). The Court does not accept checks. The Court Clerk is at the Town Hall on Mon. Tues. and Wed. to answer questions and collect fines. If you need to contact the court any other time, please call (315) 287-9996 and leave a message or fax us at (315)535-4300.

Town Board

In the year of 2019, the town board meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm except for the month of November. Special meetings will be advertised in the Gouverneur Tribune Press and/or the Watertown Daily Times newspapers and on the town's website. www.fowlerny.com

The current Town Board consists of Supervisor Michael Cappellino, Deputy Supervisor and Councilman Ricky W. Newvine, Council persons Karen Simmons, Lynn Bishop, Jeff Andrews.

Ms. Barbara Finnie will continue to oversee the duties as bookkeeper in 2019.

Kelly Harmer resigned as Town Clerk, Registrar and Tax Collector to take another job. Tami Gale Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar, and Tax Collector immediately filled her position as Town Clerk, Registrar and Tax Collector. Welcome Tami!

The town board would like to invite all town residents and visitors to attend our monthly meetings and visit our website (www.fowlerny.com) to view and download newsletters and minutes from the meetings.

Sylvia Lake Public Beach 29 Old Beach Road, Gouverneur NY 13642

The Public Beach is owned and operated by the Town of Fowler. The beach is open seven days a week from the end of June to the end of August. Certified lifeguards are on duty during the posted hours of operations, (10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) Handicapped and public parking is located near the beach entrance.

The beach has a picnic area with tables and charcoal grills for public use. Changing rooms and rest rooms are also available.

After the beach closed for the 2018 season, the Town of Fowler had the dock refurbished, which makes it safer and more enjoyable for the swimmers and their families.

If you have special needs, or are planning for a large group to visit, please contact Rick Newvine at (315)287-4098 or the Town Clerk at (315)287-0045.

Historian's Office

The Historian's Office is located upstairs in the Fowler Town Hall. Historian Karen Simmons is in the office on Thursdays from 1-4 PM or any time by appointment by calling (315)287-4753 or the Town Clerk at (315)287-0045.

There are scrapbooks with articles about people and happenings in and around Fowler, articles on the zinc and talc industries, and pictures of some of the students that attended Fowler Elementary School. Come browse and check it out.

Highway Department

The Town of Fowler maintains 56.25 Miles of Town Roads.

In the winter months the town plows 73.75 miles of roads which includes County Route 22 and 24.

We appreciate everyone's patience this past year during our busy 2018 construction season. During this period, we resurfaced and rebuilt over 11 miles of Town roads. River Drive was paid for by a grant from New York State. We also updated our equipment with a specialized mower.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Sid Harmer who worked for the Highway Department for over two years. He has moved on to bigger and better things and will be missed.

In 2019, we are planning on rebuilding and resurfacing even more Town roads. Also, the Town will be receiving a new loader that is being paid for by a USDA Grant and replacing one of the trucks which will be paid partially by a USDA Grant, and the rest paid for by a low interest loan from the USDA. I will continue to find and apply for these Grants or low interest loans, so we can continue to upgrade our infrastructure with no additional tax burden on our citizens.

In a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for your support this year. It was your support that made our team so successful.

Please check out my Town of Fowler Highway Department Facebook Page to get current road conditions for our area and updates on what your Highway Department is doing for you.

Best wishes for a happy and safe new year in 2019 from the Highway Crew: Randy Durham, Nelson Bice, Francis Cole, Jeffery Hill, Larry Allen, and John Walsh.

Dog Control

Dan Moyer, Dog Control Officer, would like to remind all dog owners there are laws in the Town of Fowler governing your dogs. The leash law and licensing any dog 4 months of age or older are just a couple of those laws, Mr. Moyer can be reached at (315)528-7988 or (315)771-8703. Watch for our free rabies clinic in August, 2019.

Use of Town Facilities

The Town Hall is available for use by Fowler residents. Arrangements to use the Hall may be made by calling Karen Simmons at (315)287-4753.

The Sylvia Lake Beach is open to the public seven days a week from the end of June to the end of August. For groups, parties or for more information call Rick Newvine at (315)287-4098 or the Town Clerk at (315)287-0045.

Groups interested in using the Hailesboro ball field during the summer should also contact Rick Newvine at (315)287-4098.

Ethics Board

The Fowler Board of Ethics Committee consists of five members: Lillith Griffith- Chairperson, Vicky Cappellino, Karen Simmons, Alex Mackinnon and Phyllis Shaw. Each member serves a four-year term. Any person may file a concern or complaint in writing to the chairperson who in turn will set up a meeting with the other committee members to address the issue. The committee may request an interview with the party or parties involved to discuss the situation further to reach a decision or solution. After the discussion, the committee notifies the party or parties of their decision in writing.

From the Assessors

CHANGES TO THE ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION AND THE INCOME VERIFICATION PROGRAM (IVP)

If you are currently receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption and are already enrolled in the IVP program, NO ACTION is required.

If you are currently receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption and are NOT enrolled in the IVP program you MUST enroll this year to maintain your exemption.

If you are a Veteran with an honorable discharge you may be eligible for one of the following exemptions:
Alternative Veterans Exemption (form RP-458-a)- available only on residential property of a veteran who has served during a designated time of war or received an expeditionary medal.
Cold War Veterans Exemption (form RP-458-b) - available only on residential property of a veteran who served during the Cold War period.

To apply for Veterans Exemption: Eligible veterans must submit the initial exemption application form with all necessary documentation to the assessors. The deadline for filing for a Veterans Exemption is **March 1st 2019** for 2019-2020 Assessment Roll. For additional details, including filing deadlines and applications, please contact your local tax assessor's office or reference the following link:

<https://veterans.ny.gov/content/property-tax-exemptions-veterans>

Data collectors are currently working on updating property record cards for Town of Fowler as mandated by NYS Office of Real Property. Data Collection is needed to value each parcel of property located within a specific assessing jurisdiction. It is very important that the data be recorded as accurately and consistently as possible as it will serve as the basis of all future appraisal activity in revaluation programs and the ORPS market survey process. Not only will this information provide the specific elements needed to value each parcel of property, it will also become a valuable record of information for future use by the assessor's office. Your Cooperation with this process is greatly appreciated.

Any questions or concerns please call the Assessor's Office at (315)287-9792.

Town Planning Board

The Planning Board is made up of five Fowler residents. The members are Chairman (To Be Determined), James Besaw, Dan Kingsley, Larry Streeter, and Stephen Gale. Since there are no zoning laws in the Town of Fowler the Planning Board makes its decisions and submits them to the Town Board according to the Town's Land Use Policy.

Planning Board meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month as needed or when necessary at 7PM in the Fowler Town Hall. Meetings are advertised in the local newspaper and on the Town of Fowler website. You may obtain a hard copy of the Land Use Policy at the Town Clerk's Office. Or you may view or print the policy from our website: www.fowlerny.com .

Code Enforcement Officer

Building permits are required for demolition of buildings, renovations, structural changes on your home or buildings, roof replacement, pools, and buildings over 144 sq. ft.

There were changes to the Building Code effective October 2017. If you have any questions about code regulations or concerns about unsafe or unsanitary conditions within the Town, please call Glen Besaw (Code Enforcement Officer) at (315)323-0761.

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Our office is open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. This office issues dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses and disabled parking permits. Voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications and building permit applications, are available at this office.

Town Clerk Tami Gale is a Notary Public.

The Tax Collector will start collecting taxes on January 2, 2019. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office at (315) 287-0045.

2019 Town Board Meeting Dates

Meetings are at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

January 8, 2019	July 2, 2019
February 5, 2019	August 6, 2019
March 5, 2019	September 3, 2019
April 2, 2019	October 1, 2019
May 7, 2019	November (TBD)
June 4, 2019	December 3, 2019

Town of Fowler Online

A local Fowler business, Rainbowtech Designs, created and manages the Town of Fowler's website. You can find minutes of meetings, a business directory, and other information about Fowler. Everything on the site is searchable. www.fowler.com.

Fowler Family Day

Fowler Family Day is a fun and exciting event held in July at the Town of Fowler. There are displays, vendors, classic cars, activities for children and a chicken BBQ. From the profits of this event we are working toward building a pavilion for families in the Town of Fowler and the surrounding areas. The 4th annual Fowler Family Day will be on Saturday July 13, 2019. The Town is always looking for crafters and vendors to participate. Last year the staff from Pitter Patter Daycare did a great job overseeing the children's games. Come out and join the fun. T-shirts and hats with the Town of Fowler logo are available to purchase.

* NOTE: There is a Drop box located by the back entrance to the Town Hall that is checked twice a day on business days.