

Town of Fowler Special Highway Meeting June 15th at 3:00 PM

The Town of Fowler Special Highway Meeting was held on the above date with all Board members present excluding Councilperson Bishop. Also present were Town Clerk Tami Gale and Highway Superintendent Randy Durham.

Supervisor Newvine opened the meeting at 3:00PM and invited Highway Superintendent Durham to lead the discussion on roadwork for 2020.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham reported on money amounts the Town will receive:

Chips	\$ 134,250.67
Pave NY	\$ 30,643.96
Extreme Weather	\$ 25,431.50
For a Total of	\$ 190,325.72

Highway Superintendent Durham stated that they need to calculate into the total 20% less, which may or may not be taken away.

The total \$190,325.72 less 20% or (\$38,065) = \$152,260.

He reported that he had figured the budget without including the Pave NY or the Extreme Weather, which means he budgeted for \$134,000 and the Town is receiving \$152,260 after the 20%.

Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he and Councilperson Andrews had discussed the road work projects for 2020 and have both agreed that they would like to do the Byrns Road Project: Paving 1.9 miles at \$199,532.96, Profiling \$12,800 (which includes Kilkarney Court Drive), and Shoulders \$ 6328 for a total of \$218,660.96, and the Kilkarney Project for \$26,814. The two projects would cost \$245,474.96.

Councilperson Simmons asked Highway Superintendent Durham what profiling the road was. Highway Superintendent Durham replied it was grinding the road, which makes the roads really come out nice. Supervisor Newvine asked what he was going to use on the shoulders of the road. Highway Superintendent Durham reported they would be using white stone from Harmer's. Supervisor Newvine agreed that the white stone seems to pack a little better.

Councilperson Simmons clarified that the Byrns roadwork would consist of coming off from CR 22 and going to the left to the Shantyville Road, and the other end coming in off from CR 24. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that they would not be doing the Swiss Hill Road or the Shantyville Road, or the rest of the Byrns Rd. this year. He stated that the Byrns Road is going to be a whole lot of money before we are done with that area of paving and it is going to have to be a piece meal job.

Highway Superintendent Durham reported that the road would be 18 foot wide, and the reason he gave for the road to be 18 foot wide is because Bobby Burns stated that he would sell lots off his land up there, so hopefully if there is a good road put in people will buy those lots, and we will get more houses.

Supervisor Newvine stated that the Town had agreed to put \$170,000 into the budget for roadwork this year in addition to the \$152,260. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that the Town had budgeted \$313,000. Supervisor Newvine stated then we are still \$70,000 under what was budgeted.

Councilperson Andrews asked if there has ever been a road count on the Byrns Road. Highway Superintendent Durham replied he had counted that road several times, the count was 100 cars on the Byrns Road he believes.

Supervisor Newvine asked if there should be an advertisement that Dukeys bridge is going to be closed. Councilperson Simmons stated there were signs on the bridge, Highway Superintendent Durham reported that he had taken calls and had put it on face-book. Town Clerk Gale reported that she had it put on the Town of Fowler website.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Andrews seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the roadwork as discussed earlier in the meeting. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrews seconded by Councilperson Simmons to award the 2020 Paving Bid to Hanson Aggregates, the low bidder in the amount of \$245,474.96 for the approved roadwork. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

2020 Plow Truck

Highway Superintendent Durham reported that there was an interest payment due on the 2020 Plow truck bond. He stated that they had budgeted to pay it off in 2020. Supervisor Newvine had consulted the bookkeeper to inquire if the Town should pay the bond off this year, and she agreed that the Town should pay it off and she is waiting for a payoff amount. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he had budgeted \$132,000 for new equipment for this year and that amount had included paying the 2020 plow truck off. He stated that the only new equipment the Town needed this year is a sander for the back of the pick-up truck, and that is expected to cost between \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Hailesboro Ball Park

Supervisor Newvine reported there was a pretty good size crowd at the Hailesboro Ball park on Sunday. He reported the patrons did well maintaining small groups. He reported that someone was selling food which is not allowed and needs to be addressed. Supervisor Newvine reported that the Town has a policy that was approved by the Fowler Town Board on March 9th of 2004. The policy forbids the sales of any food or drinks at the Hailesboro Ball-park area, and any exemptions to the policy can only be made by the Town Board at a Regular meeting. Supervisor Newvine explained that the policy was made when there was a store in operation in Hailesboro and asked the board if they should re-visit the policy to allow food sales at the park. After much discussion, it was decided that Supervisor Newvine would call the Town Attorney and do some further research on the matter.

Supervisor Newvine reported on the cost of netting that is to be installed at the Hailesboro Ball Park. The netting would be placed on the left and right sides of the out-field and is expected to cost about \$3800.00. He reported there is \$5,000 in the budget and asked the board how they would like to proceed. After some discussion, the board agreed to have the netting installed this year and hold off on replacing any fencing until next year.

Beach

Supervisor Newvine reported Sylvia Lake Beach had opened today. He stated that there was a pick-up truck with a plow parked in the Town's parking area at the beach, and after some research he discovered it belongs to Fred Colton. Supervisor Newvine called Mr. Colton and requested he move his vehicle from the Town's property. Councilperson Simmons asked if the picnic area at the beach could be used. Supervisor Newvine reported that the picnic area at the beach is closed for this season due to COVID-19.

Pavilion

Supervisor Newvine reported the pavilion may be done as soon as this week. Upon its completion, it is going to be very hard to keep the children off of the playground. The Town is waiting on guidelines from the County to clarify necessary sanitation procedures involving the playground and a safety plan before re-opening the playground. Supervisor Newvine asked Highway Superintendent Durham if the playground had been washed at all yet. Highway Superintendent Durham stated that it had not and recommended that the playground have a handwashing station. Supervisor Newvine asked Town Clerk Gale if H-Brothers had been able to secure

the requested handwashing stations for the Town. Town Clerk Gale stated that they are still working on trying to secure us additional handwashing stations and the Town of Fowler is on their list to receive them as soon as they can get them.

Councilperson Simmons asked if the Town was going to purchase some new picnic tables to put in the pavilion and asked how many picnic tables the Town had now. Highway Superintendent Durham reported that they had all the tables from the beach and they were in good shape.

Judge Vacancy

Councilperson Simmons reported she had spoken to Michael Cappellino who said that he is interested in the Town Judge position, but he was still thinking about it and hadn't made a definite decision yet. Councilperson Simmons, who is also the Town of Fowler Republican Committee Chairperson, told him that she needed to know as soon as possible as there are many steps that have to be taken for a name to be put on the ballot for November. She stated any time after August 1st when Justice Youngs' resignation becomes effective, she has to meet with the republican committee members and they will decide if they will allow him to run. The paperwork needs to be completed and taken to the Board of Elections by August 11th and then it goes to an executive committee who will give the OK for the name to be placed on the ballot for November. Supervisor Newvine stated that he was told that this had to be done 90 days prior to the election when he spoke to the Board of Elections. Councilperson Simmons replied that after speaking to Albany concerning the matter, Supervisor Newvine was misled, and the Board of Elections apologized for the erroneous information. The paperwork needs to be picked up by the end of July, and after the resignation becomes effective on August 1st, preferably towards the beginning of August, the paperwork needs to be returned to the Board of Elections, and Republican Committee Chairperson Simmons and the Board of Elections will complete the paperwork to be sent to the executive committee. Supervisor Newvine reported that anyone wishing to run on the Democratic line should get in touch with Larry or Debbie Streeter, Jane Dodds, or Judy Aldrich. They are deciding who the Democratic Committee Chairperson will be by June 23, 2020. Supervisor Newvine stated we should place an advertisement in the paper for the Town Justice position when we learn who the Democratic Chairperson will be.

Public Comment

Highway Superintendent Durham asked if the Town could transfer some of the Pepsi- machine money to the playground account. Supervisor Newvine stated that he thought that fund was self -sufficient and pays for the pepsi. Highway Superintendent Durham reported the last he heard there was \$500 to \$600 extra in the Pepsi account. Supervisor Newvine stated that it is a question that will need to be asked to the Bookkeeper.

At 3:38 PM, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Tami Gale, Town Clerk