

Minutes - April 10, 2014 - 7:00 PM

The Regular meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all members present. Also present were Town Clerk Sherrie Williams, Justice Paul Lamson, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford, Highway Superintendent Gary Williams, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Peter Devine, Kathy Moses, Barry Gale, Tom Graves, Paul Cappellino of the Beaver Patrol, Deputy Dog Warden Tammy Hooley, Tom Manley, Mike Chambers, Lillith Griffith, Larry Allen, Jeff Hill, Vicky Cappellino, Mike Macaulay, & Herb Fuller,.

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

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the March 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Barry Gale asked how the signing of the fire contracts are coming. Councilperson Rick Newvine would like to see a copy of the budget for the public to view from the fire department.

Peter Devine reported on the CDBG grant. He reported that 14 inspections are done, 3 are ready to sign contracts, & 8 projects are to be signed next week. Two projects are completed. The plan is to have all the projects completed by July. Each project has to be sent into the Historical Association for approval. All the documentation that was sent was lost so it all had to be submitted again. The board thanked him for his report.

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Mike Chambers is starting up an ambulance service for the area. He needs a certificate of need for the state so he is asking from the towns for a request for the need of another ambulance service. He's hoping to do mostly inter-transport business. It may be 2 years before he has a business up & running.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the Town lawyer has drawn up the law for the Town to have a veteran's exemption. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to set up a public hearing at the June 3, 2014 meeting to pursue the Veteran's exemption law & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that Councilperson Karen Simmons & Deputy Dog Warden Tammy Hooley met with Janet Collier of the Ag & Markets concerning some changes in the Local Dog Law that is presently in place. The changes include implementing a group dog license & increasing dog licenses on a fixed dog to \$5.00 & non-fixed dog to \$12.00. Also increasing the fines for second offense to \$100. & third offense to \$150. The changes would take effect on January, 2015. A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to have a public hearing on revising the dog law with the changes to take effect in January, 2015 & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Supervisor Cappellino reported that no bids were received for the Data Collector position.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that cleanup should be included in the mowing bid for this year. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to advertise the mowing bid to come in at the May 8, 2014 board meeting & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he has issued 3 permits for the month including 1 grant permit.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Sherrie Williams reported that taxes are 76.11% collected.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that the Historian Department is quiet.

Paul Cappellino of the Beaver Patrol reported that the beginning of March was quiet & he has been cleaning the grates out. The Stone Road grate is missing.

Deputy Dog Warden Tammy Hooley reported that 8 complaints have been received, 1 ticket issued, & 1 missing dog was found. The Ag & Markets performed an inspection & everything was fine.

Highway Report - Superintendent Williams reported that a sander

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Is off 1 of the trucks, trucks are being cleaned, & pot holes are being filled. He would like to put bids out for sand & used grader. This year the plan is to finish the Smith Road. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to advertise for sand bids for fall of 2014 & spring of 2015 to come in at the May 8, 2014 board meeting & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to put out bids to advertise for a used grader to come in at the May 8, 2014 board meeting & seconded by Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; No. MOTION CARRIED.

The board discussed the brush cleanup for the Fowler residents. Superintendent Williams stated that the Town has always cleaned up the brush in the Hamlets of Fowler & Hailesboro. Consensus of the board was for the residents to bring their brush to the Town lot on the Sullivan Road from May 15th to June 15th from 7 AM - 7 PM. The brush will be chipped over there.

Councilperson Rick Newvine received a complaint on the road plowing. He stated that highway complaints should be directed to Superintendent Williams cell phone number 315/286-8664.

Jeff Hill stated that he would like to see more safety meetings & safety movies for the highway department. Superintendent Williams stated that he is going to look into safety training classes & ordering new work signs.

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Councilperson Lynn Bishop wanted to know what will be done with the millings. Superintendent Williams reported that millings are being tested for the best usage of the material.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she went to the Gouverneur School Board Meeting. The Fowler School is back on the market & a 44 million dollar expansion project was discussed by the school board. Also, she is looking into getting the beach cleaned up.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that he had a informative meeting concerning the Highway Department with Superintendent Williams today. He suggested getting rid of the 2 loaders & get 1 loader. The doors & windows for the town barn need to be replaced & could save a lot of fuel for the town. He suggested that the Bookkeeper should also keep track of the highway employees comp. time as a backup. Also, the Hailesboro ball diamond is wet.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that the Town will be having a free rabies clinic on May 15, 2014 at the Town Barn from 6 - 8 PM for cats, dog, & ferrets. Also, the Spay/Neuter Program would like to have a spay/neuter clinic in Fowler on May 24th or May 25th. She will contact him on the exact date.

Justice Lamson reported that slow moving signs on mailboxes are illegal & UTVs cannot be registered in New York State. They are off road vehicles only.

Councilperson Lynn Bishop stated that the kids are getting in the salt barn & could be a dangerous situation. The parents will be

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Contacted on this issue.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the fire contracts are ready to be signed. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to give permission to Supervisor Cappellino to sign the fire contracts & seconded by Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he was talking to Assessor Bob Fuller & Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford about the very limited space from in their combined office. He would like to see an addition to the Town Hall for office space/meeting room.

The next regular meeting will be on May 8, 2014 at 7 PM at the Fowler Town Hall. Councilperson Rick Newvine stated that he thought the meetings should be a consistent date every month.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #58 - #83 - \$15,119.75 & the Highway Fund #43 - #57 - \$32,919.44.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor Sherrie Williams; Town Clerk

Rick Newvine; Councilperson Karen Simmons; Councilperson
Natalie Spilman; Councilperson Lynn Bishop; Councilperson