

Minutes - October 9, 2012 - 7 PM

The Regular Meeting for the Town of Fowler & Public Hearing for the 2% Tax Cap Override 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, Legislator Alex MacKinnon, Stephen Gale, Jeff Hill, Tim Prashaw, Joanne Orford, Lillith Griffith, Barb Sullivan, Dianna Johnson, David Spilman, James Monroe of On-Site Testing Services, Bonnie Seaman, & Mike Macaulay.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order then proceeded with the opening prayer & the pledge of allegiance. Supervisor Cappellino opened the 1 hour Public Hearing for the 2% Tax Cap Override at 7:02 PM. Councilperson Rick Newvine made a motion to open the Public Hearing & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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

James Monroe of On-Site Testing Services, Inc. reported on how this company does drug & alcohol random on-site testing. He reported that they take care of all the paper work including annual reports, that testing will be done by the quarter, and that the testers & the lab are certified. The board will discuss the issue further & contact Mr. Monroe.

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Several issues concerning the Sylvia Lake Beach were discussed.

Legislator Alex MacKinnon reported that the County will address the Emeryville bridge repair at the next Finance Committee meeting concerning the County providing the labor to fix the bridge & the Town to provide up to \$12,000.00 for material.

At 8:15 Supervisor Cappellino closed the Public Hearing concerning the 2% tax cap override. A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to close the Public Hearing & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

It was discussed that there were 2 applicants interested in the vacant Dog Warden position.

Jeff Hill stated that the steering wheel on the Cat Loader is loose.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that he has issued 84 permits so far in this year which includes 13 permits in the month of September. He has been resolving an issue for 1 complaint.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the new Town Hall septic system has been installed thanks to Rick Whitford, Gary Williams, & the Highway Department.

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Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that she had the Beaver Patrol Report from Tim Prashaw. Four beavers have been taken & no more grates have been stolen.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that 5 locations are being paved by the Highway Department.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that the Hailesboro Post Office has surveys to fill out concerning the proposed hours & there is a Post Office meeting coming up on October 25th at 3 PM at the Hailesboro Post Office. Everyone is welcome to attend & show their support for the Hailesboro Post Office.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that Shari Barnhart of Rainbowtech Designs has been working on a new Town website which is www.fowlerny.com. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to hire Shari Barnhart of Rainbowtech Designs to design & maintain the Town website for \$1,320 which is a one time fee & \$50 per month for updates & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that softball season for the Hailesboro ball park is done for the year & wanted to thank Marjorie Farr for keeping the Hailesboro ball park clean.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a letter from the Gouverneur Library thanking the Town for this years contribution

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They would like to keep next years contribution the same.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has a new Town of Fowler Electronic Mail & Internet Policy for the board to consider. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adopt the Town of Fowler Electronic Mail & Internet Policy & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has the 2013 County 1 year Winter Maintenance Agreement for the board to consider. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Randy Durham to approve the 2013 County 1 year Winter Maintenance Agreement & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has Resolution 10a supporting the increase of County sales tax by 1%, Resolution 10b supporting the county wide referendum to offer voters the choice between a 1% sales tax increase or a 15% to 18% property tax increase, & Resolution 10C supporting the opposition to the proposed redistribution of sales tax monies to the Town of Fowler. A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Resolution 10a, 10b, & 10c & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy

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Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the Town audit as been completed.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2012 for the 2% percent tax cap override & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported that the next Board Meeting will be on November 13, 2012 at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. There will also be a work session on October 24, 2012 at 6:30 PM concerning data collection.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #204 - #225 \$15,593.28 & Highway Fund #148 - #164 - \$17,632.64.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. 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

RESOLUTION #2012- 10

RESOLVED: That the (town/village) of Fowler does hereby support the proposed County-wide referendum to increase the County sales tax by one percent, as opposed to a substantial increase in property taxes, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the St. Lawrence County Administrator, and to the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Legislature, and to the representative legislator of the (town/village) of Fowler

Dated: October 9, 2012

Michael Cappello

seal

RESOLUTION #2012- 10

RESOLVED: That the St. Lawrence County Supervisors' Association did, by unanimous vote of those present, request that the St. Lawrence County Legislature hold a county wide referendum to offer voters the choice between a one percent sales tax increase, or a 15% – 18% property tax increase, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the St. Lawrence County Administrator, and to the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Legislature.

Dated: October 9, 2012

Mark Cappello

seal

RESOLUTION #2012- 10c

RESOLVED: That the (town/village) of Fowler does hereby strongly oppose the proposed redistribution of sales tax monies to the (town/village) of Fowler as proposed by the St. Lawrence County Administrator, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the St. Lawrence County Administrator, and to the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Legislature, and to the representative legislator of the (town/village) of Fowler.

Dated: October 9, 2012

Mark J. Appel

seal

TOWN OF FOWLER
ELECTRONIC MAIL & INTERNET POLICY
OCTOBER 9, 2012

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