

Minutes - May 8, 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, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Historian Connie Bishop, Assessor Robert Fuller, Dog Warden Brad Cox, Justice Paul Lamson, Tim Prashaw, Jean Bishop, Lillith Griffith, Lisa Durham, Angelina Durham, Fran Chevier, Rachel Hunter of the Tribune Press, Jeff Andrews, Nancy Fuller, Jeff Hill, Deb Walsh, John Walsh, Karl Beck, Francis Cole, Dawn Forsythe of Friends 4 Pound Paws Organization, Wayne Farr, Jonathan Kelley, Joanne Orford, Mike Sweeney, Stephen Gale, Bonnie Seaman, Nancy Bice, Nelson Bice, Joanna DeLorraine, Bill DeLorraine, Dave Spilman, Dave Martin, Bob O'Neill, Larry Allen, Lyle Bishop, Lisa Bishop, Robbie Tuttle & Mike Macaulay.

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

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Randy Durham to approve the April 17, 2012 Special 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.

There were 2 cold mix paving bids & 2 mulch bids that were read out loud as follows:

Cold Mix Paving - Suite Kote - \$29,550.00
- Midland Asphalt - \$34,520.00

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Mulch Bids - Suit Kote - \$36,152.25
- Midland Asphalt - \$34,767.00

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to accept the low bid from Suite Kote of \$29,550.00 for the cold mix paving & accept the low bid from Midland Asphalt of \$34,767.00 for the mulch & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that congress has passed an extension on the moratorium from the closing of any more post offices & that is good news in the campaign for keeping the Hailesboro Post Office open. More information will be known soon.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford handed in his report to the board on building permits issued from January, 2012 to the present. He reported that he has issued the occupancy certificate to the sawmill.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Sherrie Williams reported that 90.38% of taxes in the Town have been collected.

Chair Assessor Robert Fuller reported that the Assessors met with 6 people concerning their assessments during the 4 days of the Hearing of Complaints & the Algonquin Power Plant has been sold.

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Historian Connie Bishop reported that she has previously requested a 4 draw fireproof file cabinet for important historic documents & asked what the progress of getting one is. The Board will be looking further into the issue. It was also discussed that digitalizing the historic records will be beneficial & a representative who does this will be asked to come do a presentation for the next board meeting.

Tim Prashaw of the Beaver Patrol reported that he has turned in his report to Councilperson Karen Simmons & was read out loud.

Dog Warden Brad Cox reported that he handled 7 complaints & 2 dogs in pound during the last month.

Highway Report - Superintendent Williams reported that the fine crush pile is up, road brooming is done, trucks are being worked on, & had use of the bucket truck from Town of Edwards.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that 21 cats were spay/neutered at the spay/neuter clinic. Mrs. Schimmerhorn of the Spay/Neuter Organization would like to set up a table at the rabies clinic on May 17, 2012 that will be held in Fowler & she would like to do a presentation at a board meeting also.

Dawn Forsythe of Friends 4 Pound Paws Organization reported that the spay/neuter clinic was a success & they are also promoting the upcoming rabies clinic that Fowler is having.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that he will be attending the next AMP Meeting on May 24th & the Hailesboro ball park is all seeded.

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Bill DeLorraine reported that the Balmat mines may be purchased by a Canadian company called OMT & possibly called Wildcat Zinc.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that a committee is being formed to send out letters to residents on the Emeryville Road concerning the Emeryville Bridge repair.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that decisions need to be made on finishing the front porch & rail.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he will contact the State & CSX concerning the railroad crossing repair on Route 58.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the recent layoffs of 4 Highway employees were done to be able to do more road work. There was an extensive discussion concerning this topic.

Dave Martin would like to see the Town implement a law stating that the use of outdoor furnaces in the Town be prohibited for health reasons from May 15th - September 15th. It was discussed that the Board will look into implementing such a law in the Town of Fowler.

At 8:17 PM a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to go into Executive Session & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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At 8:21 Supervisor Cappellino reported that the Executive Session was done. He reported that a union grievance was filed concerning a layoff with a difference in the interpretation of the union contract. As a result, John Walsh will be rehired on May 10, 2012 who was recently laid off. He reported that the Town of Fowler lost 3 employees through layoffs because of economics & it was a hard decision.

It was discussed that the Highway Department will open the Sylvia lake Beach up.

The next board meeting is June 12, 2012 at 7 PM at the Fowler Town hall.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #87 - #107 - \$11,481.40 & Highway Fund #61 - #75 - \$13,893.63.

A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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