

Town of Fowler Special Board Meeting Minutes held on December 6, 2021, at 3:00PM

The Town of Fowler Special Town Board meeting was held on the above date with four Board members present, and Councilperson Bishop attending the meeting by phone. Also present were Town Clerk Tami Gale, Richard Clement, and Bill Smith of Barkley's Safe & Lock.

Supervisor Newvine called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM then proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Newvine led a moment of silence to honor our military men and women, all healthcare workers, and for the family of Kenneth Allen, father-in-law of Highway Superintendent Randy Durham, who had recently passed.

Supervisor Newvine reported the main purpose of the Special Meeting was to pass an USDA Loan resolution for the acceptance of the 2022 Mack Plow Truck, however the truck did not get delivered as scheduled and the resolution will now be rescheduled to be passed at the regular scheduled December 13, 2021, board meeting,

Supervisor Newvine reported he had discussed with bookkeeper Finnie when she would be ready to have the year end transfer meeting, however, she hadn't determined a solid date yet. The date will be set at the December 13, 2021, Regular Scheduled board meeting.

Supervisor Newvine reported a date needed to be set to hold a public hearing for proposed Local Law #5 of 2021 to allow the Town to opt out of the law pertaining to Cannabis dispensaries. He discussed the law would need to be passed immediately if the board wished to opt out, and it could be rescinded at a future time, however, if it is not passed by December 31, 2021, the Town cannot opt out in the future. After further discussion, a date was set to hold the public hearing on Monday, December 20th, 2021, at 3:00 PM. Town Clerk Gale will place the notice of the public hearing in the Friday, December 10th, 2021, edition of the Gouverneur Tribune Press as well as the Town website.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #21 OF 2021

Second Amendment Preservation Act for the Town of Fowler to preserve its citizens Second Amendment rights.

Supervisor Newvine reported Town Attorney Henry Leader drafted the proposed resolution for the Town as opposed to a local law as legislation, and submitted Resolution #21 of 2021, a Resolution to preserve the Town of Fowler's citizens Second Amendment rights, to the board for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrews seconded by Councilperson Cleveland to adopt Resolution #21 of 2021. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

AYES: 5 NEWVINE, SIMMONS, BISHOP, ANDREWS, CLEVELAND

NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION #22 OF 2021

Support for Ogdensburg Correctional Facility

Supervisor Newvine reported the resolution was drafted to support the Town of Ogdensburg, and St Lawrence County in their endeavors to keep Ogdensburg Correctional Facility from closing and call upon Governor

Katherine Hochul to reconsider the decision to close the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, and submitted Resolution #22 of 2021, to the board for adoption.

A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Andrews to adopt Resolution #22 of 2021. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

AYES: 4 NEWVINE, SIMMONS, BISHOP, ANDREWS,

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 CLEVELAND

SECURITY CAMERA QUOTE BY BARKLEY'S SAFE & LOCK

- William Smith, sales manager of Barkley's Safe & Lock Fire and Security Division, presented quote packets for the purchase of new security cameras and the installation of the cameras, to the board for their review.
- He discussed the proposal in detail to replace the outdated cameras with new Honeywell NBR recording unit monitors.
- All areas of the Town Hall upstairs and downstairs, the Town Barn, playground, pavilion to include the bathroom entrance, dog kennel, back buildings, gasoline tanks, scrap metal bin area, and entrances to the buildings will be covered.
- The cables will be cat 6 and the equipment will have a 5-year warranty.
- There is an app that makes it possible to view the camera system on your phone.
- Discussed the installation could be completed in 2 weeks with everything readily available.
- The estimate for the proposal is \$16,873.54.

Supervisor Newvine thanked Mr. Smith for the presentation and reported the board will discuss the proposal and be in touch with him with any further questions and their decision.

Supervisor Newvine reported the new signs for the playground/pavilion area had arrived and asked Councilperson Cleveland, who oversees the playground/pavilion where he thought they should be installed. It was decided maintenance worker Byron Woodward would be asked to install the signs, one in front of the playground and one in front of the pavilion.

Supervisor Newvine reported he had talked to Byron and the pavilion is completed and the bathroom is working well. Councilperson Cleveland agreed and reported the bathroom is also winterized now. Town Clerk Gale reminded the board they still needed to discuss the content and to complete the application they want in place for the pavilions use. Councilperson Cleveland stated they also needed to discuss the bathroom and how it would be best managed. Supervisor Newvine discussed, the best idea would be to have the bathroom dedicated to the pavilions use only and we will keep the port-a-potties in place as we have done in the past.

Supervisor Newvine reported he had a meeting with assessor Kathy Besaw, who was nervous and worried about what is going to happen in the assessor's office in January of the new year with assessor Geer being done, assessor Shaw soon to be relocating, and a new assessor just beginning. Supervisor Newvine reported he assured assessor Besaw the Town would get her some help, stating that he felt the smartest thing to do, would be to hire Sherry Geer as a consultant, on an hourly basis. Supervisor Newvine reported assessor Besaw felt that if the Town gave her 6 months, she would feel confident enough to do it, and hopefully by that time newly elected assessor Mike Bates will have had some training, but it will still leave the Town with 1 assessor position to fill. Supervisor Newvine reported the matter would be discussed further at the December 13, 2021, meeting. Town Clerk Gale asked the board if they would be asking the assessors to consider holding

some regular office hours so she could tell taxpayers, who come to the Town Hall to see an assessor, when they would be available. Supervisor Newvine reported they would discuss it at the next board meeting.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on December 13th, 2021, at 6:00PM.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilperson Cleveland, seconded by Councilperson Andrews, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43PM. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tami Gale; Town Clerk