

## Minutes - November 6, 2014 - 7:00 PM

The Regular meeting, Public Hearing for the Proposed 2015 budget, & public hearing for discussion of the CDBG program 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, Chair Assessor Robert Fuller, Nancy, Fuller, Randy Durham, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Lillith Griffith, Mike Sweeney, Peter Devine, Kathy Moses, Debbie Tupper, Wanda Fayette, Connie Bishop, Eugene Bishop, Nicole Suits, Doug Turner, Bonnie Seaman, Paul Cappellino, & Mike Macaulay.

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 October 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes & 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.

Supervisor Cappellino opened the first Public Hearing to discuss the Proposed 2015 budget for 1 hour at 7:04 PM. The proposed 2015 budget was discussed. The increase to taxes for 2015 was less than 1%.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that the board wanted to acknowledge Connie Bishop's 33 years of service as the Historian. She retired as Historian on October 31, 2014. She was presented her plaque as a token of appreciation for her 33 years of service to the town as Historian. Refreshments were served to everyone.

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The board discussed the options for filling the vacant Historian position. Consensus of the board was to advertise the Historian position to come in by the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported for Dog Warden Neil Hooley. There was 1 complaint, 2 dogs running at large, & 1 malnutrition dog complaint for the month. Dick Cutway has completed the work out in the dog kennel.

It was discussed that there are still dog issues in Hailesboro & issues with the dog warden. The board will meet with the dog warden & deputy dog warden at a later date concerning the issues.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that 12 permits have been issued for the month & the grants are just about done.

Supervisor Cappellino reported on the improvements that Dick Cutway has achieved in the Town Hall.

Chair Assessor Robert Fuller reported that he received an application for the vacant assessor position from Douglas Turner who is interested in the position. Mr. Turner introduced himself to the board. Consensus of the board was to advertise for the assessor position to come in at the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that she picked up several items of interest concerning the former Fowler School to go on display in the Historian's office. The 2 headstones were moved to the Creek Meeting Cemetery.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman reported that she just has to make copies of the proposed land use policy for the December 2, 2014

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Meeting & a public hearing is required at the meeting concerning the issue. She would like to see the data collection completed for the town & a new camera needs to be purchased.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that he recently went to a training session that highly recommended that towns have a resolution in place for best value purchases.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that New York State denied the request for the speed reduction on the Smith Road.

Councilperson Rick Newvine received a complaint on the Chub Lake Road.

Supervisor Cappellino reported at 8:10 PM that the Public Hearing for the proposed 2015 Budget was closed.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the 2015 Budget & 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.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the second Public Hearing concerning the CDBG Grant was open at 8:11. Peter Devine answered questions from the public concerning the grant. Fourteen projects will be completed by the end of November. Eleven projects are completed, 1 started, & 2 under construction at this time. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to review residents



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opinions of the grant process.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported that there will be a safety training session for the board on December 2, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported the board has a plaque for Tim Geer who has recently resigned as an assessor.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that Dick Cutway has been working on the many Town hall improvements.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he talked to Dawn Howard concerning the work that the county does for towns putting in place GPS mapping for culverts, bridges, & guardrails. It costs around \$2,000.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the small Emeryville bridge on the Emeryville Road has been yellow flagged by New York State.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he received a letter from Elaine Lewis of the Gouverneur Seniors Club asking the town for a donation. The board will respond to the letter.

Beaver Patrol Officer Paul Cappellino reported that he killed 2 beavers this month & someone is tipping the grates over. He set a trap on the Glasby Road & the trap disappeared.

Kathy Moses thanked everyone in Fowler for supporting the Kiwanis Backpack Program. Grants are being looked into for more support of helping kids get food. Donations & food can be

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dropped off at the Town Hall. Her goal is to secure the program for the future.

Supervisor Cappellino reported about the health insurance options. The current plan is going to increase 12.75%.

At 9:11 Supervisor Cappellino closed the CDBG Grant Public Hearing.

The next regular meeting & Public Hearing for the proposed land use policy is December 2, 2014 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #233 - #256- \$9,023.30 & the Highway Fund #154 - #171 - \$22,500.14.

A motion was made by Councilperson Natalie Spilman to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM & 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.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor    Sherrie Williams; Town Clerk

Rick Newvine; Councilperson    Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Natalie Spilman; Councilperson    Lynn Bishop; Councilperson

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## GENERAL REVENUE CHANGES

Interest & Earnings	\$200 Increase \$100
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## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE CHANGES

Justice Personal Services	\$10,000 Increase \$250
Supervisor Equipment	\$1,000 Decrease \$200
Assessors Contractual	\$3,000 Decrease \$5,000
Town Clerk Personal Services	\$23,000 Increase \$250
Town Clerk Contractual	\$4,500 Increase \$500
Attorney Contractual	\$12,000 Increase \$3000
Bookkeeper Personal Services	\$7,250 Increase \$250
Bookkeeper Contractual	\$4,000 Decrease \$1,000
Buildings Contractual	\$60,000 Increase \$30,000
Central Printing & Mailing	\$2,500 Increase \$500
Parks Contractual	\$3,500 Increase \$500
Historian Personal Services	\$750 Increase \$50
Code Enforce. Officer Pers. Serv.	\$8,250 Increase \$250
Unemployment Insurance	\$1,000 Decrease \$1,000
Rescue Squad	\$21,500 Increase \$351

## HIGHWAY REVENUE CHANGES

Real Property Taxes	\$495,000 Increase \$10,000
Service to Other Governments	\$75,000 Increase \$3,000
State Aide	\$120,000 Increase \$20,000



2015 BUDGET CHANGES CONT.

## HIGHWAY EXPENDITURE CHANGES

Drug Safety	\$6,000 Increase \$3,500
General Repairs Pers. Servs.	\$65,000 Increase \$2,000
General Repairs Contractual	\$50,000 Increase \$5,000
Permanent Improv. Pers. Serv.	\$24,000 Increase \$2,000
Permanent Improv. Contract.	\$275,000 Increase \$25,000
Machinery - Personal Servs.	\$35,000 Increase \$2,000
Machinery - Equipment	\$60,000 Increase \$10,000
Brush & Weeds Pers. Serv.	\$25,000 Increase \$2,000
Snow Removal Pers. Serv.	\$68,000 Increase \$2,000
Snow Removal Contractual	\$140,000 Increase \$10,000
Serv. Other Governments Pers. Serv.	\$12,000 Increase \$2,000
Social Security	\$16,000 Increase \$500
Medicare	\$4,500 Increase \$300
Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$40,000 Increase \$5,000
Installment Purchase Principal	\$29,400 Increase \$1,100
Installment Purchase Interest	\$1,100 Decrease \$1,100

## FOWLER FIRE PROTECTION REVENUE

Real Property Taxes	\$39,500 Increase \$1,500
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## FOWLER FIRE PROTECTION EXPENDITURES

Fire Protection	\$39,500 Increase \$1,500
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