

Minutes - April 10, 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, Justice Paul Lamson, Dog Warden Brad Cox, Assessor Tim Geer, Board of Appeals Chairperson Nellie Dimon, Co-Chair Friends 4 Pound Paws Lyn Patton, Rob Brooks from NYS Office of Community Renewal, Dave Spilman, Joyce Mills, Carol Bresee, Bonnie Seaman, Dave Spilman, Stephen Gale, Mike Macaulay & Legislator Alex MacKinnon.

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

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve the March 13, 2012 meeting minutes & seconded by Councilperson Randy Durham. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes. All in Favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Rob Brooks from the NYS Office of Community Renewal reported on the Exit Conference Update concerning the previous Fowler Community Development Block Grant Applications which were submitted but were not awarded to Fowler. He explained the process of how grant applications are evaluated & what measures can be done to enhance the award of future applications. He reported that the next round of housing grant applications will be coming up in May.

Board of Appeals (Variance Board) Chairperson Nellie Dimon reported that there are 2 applications looking for a variance from

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the board & all the neighbors have signed the variance sheets. A meeting will be scheduled for the 2 issues & the Board of Appeals and the Code Enforcement Officer will continue to work together.

It was discussed that a committee will be formed to finish the land use plan for the Town.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that he had a resolution to be approved for NYCLASS. NYCLASS is changing it's Lead Participant & Investment Advisor and the Town needs to approve a resolution to stay involved with NYCLASS under the new leadership. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Resolution No. 4 of 2012 stating the Town of Fowler will be continuing to participate in the NYCLASS Program & 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.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the board is gathering more information from different sources concerning town audits & will continue to do so until the next meeting so a decision can be made on what path the board will take.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the cemetery & ball diamond mowing & trimming bids were opened last meeting. The bids were discussed by the board & a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Dan Fifield's bid for mowing & trimming of the cemeteries & ball diamond because of his quality of work & the board felt it was the best value for the Town & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. Roll call vote showed

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Michael Cappellino; No, Randy Durham; abstain, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Legislator MacKinnon stated that a Emeryville Homeowners Committee should be formed to support the Emeryville Bridge repair.

Lyn Patton, Co-Chair of Friends 4 Pound Paws, reported that the organization has helped adopt out over 100 dogs & the spay/neuter clinic for cats has been set up on April 29, 2012 at the Fowler Town Barn.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford reported that 1 property has been cleaned up that had issues, Time Out Lounge is open, 9 permits have been issued so far, & Tripps Market septic issue is being handled by the Dept. of Health. The new Code Enforcement computer program will be installed tomorrow & his training on the program will be on Monday.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Sherrie Williams reported that 86.7% of taxes in the Town have been collected.

Assessor Tim Geer reported that the hearing of complaints dates have been set & Grievance night is May 22, 2012.

Tim Prashaw of the Beaver Patrol reported that everything is going well & his report has been handed in.

Dog Warden Brad Cox reported that he has 8 complaints, 2 dogs

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Were picked up which are back with their owners, & 2 accusatories have been delivered to the Judge.

Highway Dept. - Superintendent Williams reported that the cold mix paving quote & 750 yard mulch quote will be sent out to come in at the next regular board meeting. The highway dept. has been brooming the roads, ditching, & taking downs trees & brush.

Councilman Rick Newvine reported that some field repair will begin at the Hailesboro ball park soon.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #65 - #86 - \$11,468.81 & Highway Fund #39 - #60 - \$25,600.37.

A motion was made by Councilperson Randy Durham for the board to go into Executive Session concerning a personnel issue at 9:30 PM & 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. At 10:10 PM the Executive Session ended & Supervisor Michael Cappellino reported that it was concerning a personnel issue that was not resolved which would be disclosed at a future date.

A special board meeting will be held on April 17, 2012 at 6:30 PM & the next regular board meeting is May 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 PM & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick

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Newvine; Yes, Randy Durham; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; 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

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**TOWN OF FOWLER
Resolution No. 4 of 2012**

Whereas, the Town of Fowler, is currently a participant of the NYCLASS program;

Whereas, The Town of Fowler, has been notified of an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement governing NYCLASS which reflects that the Village of Potsdam will become the new Lead Participant and provides for changes to the Investment Advisor from time to time as determined by the Governing Board of NYCLASS (the form of such Amendment which is attached hereto);

Whereas, the Town of Fowler Supervisor recommends that the Town of Fowler Town Board approve an amendment to the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Municipal Cooperation Agreement, in which certain terms are modified to reflect the change in the Lead Participant and Investment Advisor for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fowler does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to execute the amendment.