

Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2018 at 7 PM

The Regular Meeting for the Town of Fowler was held on the above date with all Board Members present. Also present were Town Clerk Kelly Harmer, Highway Superintendent Randy Durham, CEO Glen Besaw, Assessor Sherry Geer, Assessor Phyllis Shaw, Wanda Fayette, Debbie Tupper, Lillith Griffith, Richard Clement, Lisa Durham, Rachel Hunter from the Gouverneur Tribune Press, Barbara Sullivan, Vicki Cappellino, Dan Kingsley, Joanna and Bill deLorraine and Sid Harmer II.

Supervisor Cappellino called the meeting to order at 7 PM then proceeded with the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2018 meeting. All in Favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

CEO Glen Besaw stated that he had addressed a complaint on a vacant property in Hailesboro. Mr. Besaw stated that he called the Mortgage Company and they came and took care of the trash, mowed the lawn and secured the home. Mr. Besaw also stated that there were two complaints that he had received that are pending action. He issued 11 permits for the month of July.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer stated that she issued 29 dog licenses, 1 marriage license, 5 death certificates, and \$143.00 in fishing licenses. She stated that she had received notification from the Association of Towns that there will be an Ethic's Seminar on Tuesday August 14, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Town of Hopkinton Town Hall.

Historian Karen Simmons stated that she didn't have anything to report. Supervisor Cappellino stated that Ms. Simmons and himself are still working on some issues concerning the Fullerville Cemetery and Surveyor John Morrow is working on some new maps for the Cemetery.

Assessor Sherry Geer stated that Assessor Phyllis Shaw has been going through the Veteran's Exemption Applications and some of them are lacking information, so they are trying to get that taken care of before an audit. Ms. Geer stated that

she had received some questions on the STAR program and IVP program. She stated that if you have already applied for the IVP program you do not need to reapply. You also do not need to reapply for Basic STAR. Ms. Geer stated that all the Assessors and Data Collector Tami Gale will be attending a Data Class in August and the Assessors will be going to an Ethic's Class in Syracuse on September 5, 2018.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that Dog Control Officer Moyer received a complaint about a dog at large on the Farm to Market Road however, Mr. Moyer was unable to find the dog. Ms. Simmons stated that Mr. Moyer also issued 2 tickets to a resident for failure to license her two dogs.

Ms. Simmons reported for Moyer's Wildlife Control on the Beaver situation. Mr. Moyer had reported that he had taken 2 beavers from the Shantyville Road. He also said that the grates were missing on the Shantyville Road. Supervisor Cappellino asked when Mr. Moyer cleared the pipes because he was up there, and the pipes were still not cleared all the way. Ms. Simmons stated that he had been up there on Wednesday and cleared it. Mr. Durham stated that he had been at the site and took a picture of the cleaned-out pipe that Wednesday. Councilperson Andrews suggested driving posts down by the grates to keep them from getting stolen. Councilperson Bishop asked if it had been ditched up there. Mr. Durham stated that they had ditched it last year.

Highway Superintendent Randy Durham stated that he needed permission to pursue a USDA grant that would give us 15% toward the purchase of a truck. Mr. Durham stated that the Towns of Edwards and Gouverneur both received these grants. Mr. Durham stated that he would like to have a Special Meeting to discuss Trucks and would like to invite the lady from the USDA to come to the meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to give permission to Mr. Durham to apply for the grant. The Board decided to set up a Special Meeting on August 21, 2018 at 5 PM to discuss trucks and 2019 paving. Mr. Durham stated that the CHIPS is turned in and the paving of River Drive has been completed.

Highway Superintendent Durham stated that he had received some complaints from residents on the Stone Road wondering why the Board had decided not to

pave the North end of the road. Mr. Durham stated that there will be a gentleman logging land on the Stone Road and they will be using that portion of the road. Councilperson Bishop stated that we should wait and do it next year. There was mention on posting the road and Mr. Durham stated that according to the "Town Highway Superintendent" desk manual from the Association of Towns, the road can be posted to exclude certain vehicles with a Local Law. Resident Sid Harmer Jr. stated that the logger should be bonded. CEO Besaw asked if we could require the logger to have insurance and stated that he should be bonded. Councilperson Newvine stated that we should get ahold of the logger and find out what is going on. Mr. Durham stated that Hanson Aggregates would like to start paving the Stone Road the following morning. Councilperson Bishop stated that the shoulders will be destroyed. Mr. Newvine excused himself to call the logger but there was no answer.

Councilperson Simmons asked Supervisor Cappellino if he ever got ahold of the St. Lawrence County Housing Council about the paperwork that the Town should have. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had not. Ms. Simmons stated that Supervisor Cappellino and herself met with Clare Cole over some issues with her lot at the Fullerville Cemetery. Ms. Simmons stated that the issue has been resolved. Ms. Simmons also stated that she is going to set up a meeting with Barbara Backus to sign papers for lots that she owns at the Fullerville Cemetery. Ms. Simmons stated that there was a woman from the County parked at the end of her driveway on Wednesday, for Speed Limit counts on the Sylvia Lake Road. She stated that most of the speeders are on the other end of the road leaving the mines. Supervisor Cappellino stated that they probably did both ends of the road. Councilperson Simmons stated that the street light by Art Besaw's had been fixed but wondered if the street light had been put up by Erdman's at the corners of Chub Lake, Battle Hill and Northwoods Road. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he did not know if it had been fixed yet.

Councilperson Simmons reported that there will be a free Rabies Clinic on August 16, 2018 from 6-8 PM at the Fowler Town Barn. Donations are welcome. She stated Dr. Twining will not be doing it this year, so we got a vet from Hammond.

Ms. Simmons stated that Town Clerk Kelly Harmer will be there issuing dog licenses.

Ms. Simmons gave a report on the 2018 Fowler Family Day. She stated that we took in \$4,553.61, the expenses added up to \$2,161.81 leaving a profit of \$2,394.80. Town Clerk Kelly Harmer stated that we now have over \$11,000 in the Playground account. Ms. Simmons stated that we had a good turnout and it was a nice day. There are plenty of shirts and hats available at the Town Hall to purchase. Ms. Simmons thanked Janice Lutz, from Fun Unlimited, for the nice letter to the Editor in the Tribune Press praising the Fowler Family Day.

Councilperson Rick Newvine stated that the Beach received a violation for no head restraint on the backboard. Town Clerk Harmer stated that she had found one online for around \$230. It was the consensus of the Board to order a new backboard with a head restraint. Mr. Newvine stated that he had received a call from the lady that owns the camp beside the beach concerning the noise from the children attending the beach. Mr. Newvine stated that the buoys will be moved over next year so they won't be right in front of her camp. Mr. Newvine stated that he also received a call from the resident who lives next to the ball field in Hailesboro. They were wondering if the Town was going to fix the fence on their side of the ballfield as it is hard mowing the lawn with the current fence falling down. Mr. Newvine will speak to the person that repaired the other section of the fence last year to see if he would be interested in doing it again. Mr. Newvine asked Mr. Durham if the Tree Company was still parking in the Town lot on the Sullivan Road. Mr. Durham stated that they were still. Mr. Newvine asked CEO Besaw if he had talked with Dave Blevins about repairing the dock at the Beach. CEO Besaw stated that he had not talked to him yet.

Councilperson Andrews congratulated the people that were in charge of the Fowler Family Day. Mr. Andrews stated that the Emeryville Road looks good. Mr. Andrews asked Mr. Durham who decides the thickness of the road. Mr. Durham stated that he did. Councilperson Newvine asked why the Emeryville Road wasn't paved to the Bridge especially since the Town is trying to get the Bridge opened again and why did they pave up the Firefalls Road. Mr. Durham said they only

went as far as the turn around on the Firefalls Road just as the specifications stated they were to do.

Resident Wanda Fayette stated that there were some issues with the transitions between the newly paved road and some of the resident's driveways on the Emeryville Road. Mr. Durham stated that the issue has been addressed and being taken care of as we speak.

Resident Bill deLorraine asked if Supervisor Cappellino had talked to Attorney Leader about the request for cold patch. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he had talked with Attorney Leader and that Article 8 Section 1 of the NYS Constitutional Law prohibits the use of Town equipment and/or material on private property.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Simmons to go into Executive Session at 8:01 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Andrews and seconded by Councilperson Simmons at 9:22 PM to close Executive Session. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Cappellino stated that the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss litigation and personnel.

The bills audited for the General and Highway fund were #265- #318, with a total of \$552,111.95.

There will be a Special Meeting held on August 21, 2018 at 5 PM to discuss Truck Issues and Road Work. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on September 4, 2018 at 7 PM.

Councilperson Newvine stated that he had received a call back from the logger and that he stated that he thinks he would just have an issue turning on to County Route 24. There was some discussion about not paving 30 feet shy of County Route 24. The logger stated that he would be starting on September 17, 2018. After some discussion, the Board decided to stick with their initial plan and pave the North End of the Stone Road.

Resident Lisa Durham asked if there was any news on the Emeryville Bridge. Supervisor Cappellino stated that he was still working on it and that hopefully we can set some kind of deal up with the County and Krueger Energy.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that there was a Local Government Conference being held on October 9, 2018 at SUNY Potsdam if anyone was interested in attending.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk