

Town of Fowler Emergency Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2026 at 4:00PM

An Emergency Meeting was held on the above date for the Fowler Town Board to discuss and approve roadwork to be completed in 2026, with all board members present. Also present were Town Clerk Tami Gale, and Highway Superintendent Nelson Bice.

An Emergency Meeting notice was posted at the Town Hall, on the Town of Fowler website fowlerny.gov ,and published in the Gouverneur Tribune Press.

Supervisor Newvine called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and gave Highway Superintendent Bice the opportunity to present the quotes for roadwork from Suite-Kote that were received under the 2026 County contract.

<u>Road</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Country Club	2.36	2" Top 17' wide	\$193,212.50
Chub Lake	2.69	1.75" Top 18'	\$217,000.00
Gravel Mulch Cost	1250 tons for shoulders		\$ 42,487.50

Highway Superintendent Bice reported the paving will be done with (1) passthrough, both roads will take approximately two days, and that there will be rebates on both roads. It was discussed that both roads will be closed for the roadwork to be completed and the dates will be advertised on the Town of Fowler website and signage will be used advertising the dates of the road closures.

Highway Superintendent Bice reported that he notifies St. Lawrence County dispatch of the pending road closures who will up date local fire and rescue.

Supervisor Newvine asked for a motion to approve the quote for Country Club Rd roadwork. A motion was made by Councilperson Knight seconded by Councilperson Walsh. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Newvine asked for a motion to approve the quote for Chub Lake Rd roadwork. A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Bishop. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Newvine asked for a motion to approve the Gravel Mulch quote. A motion was made by Councilperson Simmons seconded by Councilperson Knight. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED

Road Sign Discussion

Councilperson Knight reported the new crossing signs that were installed on Sylvia Lake Rd keep tipping and may need to be re-installed and possibly moved. Highway Superintendent Bice reported that he would address the issue with the signs.

Supervisor Newvine discussed the new playground signs that were installed to alert drivers to use caution and slow down, aren't very noticeable and asked Highway Superintendent Bice to see if they could be exchanged with brighter, reflective material.

Summer Help Discussion

Highway Superintendent Bice asked the board if they were interested in re-hiring Jackie McEathron for a third year as summer help for the highway department. The board approved the re-hiring of Jackie

McEathron and approved the adverting for a 2nd summer worker for the highway department. After some discussion the board approved Jackie to be paid at \$21.00/hour and the 2nd summer worker in the highway department will be paid at \$18.00/hour.

Highway Superintendent Bice discussed that he is in the process of training highway department laborers on running the dozer and the grader.

Highway Superintendent Bice reported the bridge work on County Route 22 is scheduled to begin work in the middle of or the end of July.

Resignation

Supervisor Newvine read aloud a letter of resignation received on April 15th from Assessor Robert Theriault, stating that his last day as assessor for the Town of Fowler will be May 29, 2026, as he is retiring from the State of New York employment. A motion was made by Councilperson Walsh seconded by Councilperson Bishop to accept the resignation with regret. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Town Clerk Gale reported she had notified the Board of Elections as mandated of the resignation and they had advised her that the board may appoint someone to fill the position until December 31, 2026, and the elected position will be on the November, 2026 ballot for Robert Theriault's remaining elected term of office.

Supervisor Newvine discussed that every railroad track in the Town of Fowler is in rough condition and asked Highway Superintendent Bice if the highway department had completed the previous work that was done to the railroad tracks. Highway Superintendent Bice reported that they need to ask for and receive permission from the railroad to do any work as it is in their right-of-way. Supervisor Newvine stated that he would continue to try to get a response from them.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor Application

Supervisor Newvine reported that our head lifeguard Sabrina Jones has earned her lifeguard instructor status and that the Town of Fowler is in the process of applying for a Licensed Training Provider Agreement with the American Red Cross, so Sabrina can train our lifeguards who work at Sylvia Lake. It was discussed that we are in the middle of this process. Supervisor Newvine reported that Sabrina will collect the fees, and the Town of Fowler will provide the training location, the required insurance coverage, and purchase the necessary equipment she will need to provide the certifications.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilperson Walsh seconded by Councilperson Bishop the Emergency April 24, 2026 Meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.

Tami Gale, Town Clerk