

Minutes - March 4, 2014 - 7:00 PM

The Regular meeting 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, Legislator Alex MacKinnon, Bookkeeper Gary Higgins, Peter Devine, Kathy Moses, Barry Gale, Tom Graves, Mike Sweeney, Paul Cappellino, Vicky Cappellino, Mike Macaulay, & Herb Fuller,.

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 February 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes & seconded by Councilperson Karen Simmons. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Lynn Bishop; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Graves asked if any decisions have been made on the Town chipping brush for the residents from the ice storm. It was discussed that a decision has not been made yet, many avenues are being discussed, & the board is looking into the best avenue to handle the brush from the ice storm for the town residents.

Peter Devine reported on the CDBG grant. He reported that there might be some grant money left over to be used for brush clean up for the town. He reported that 11 inspections are done, 8 work write ups have gone out to bid. Two projects were disqualified & 4 more candidates are recertified. Three projects are almost complete & 1 fully completed.

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Supervisor Cappellino reported that he has Resolution No. 4 of 2014 for approval of Judge Lamson's 2013 books. After examination of Judge Lamson's 2013 books which took place on February 4, 2014 by the board, a motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to approve Resolution No. 4 of 2014 for approval of Judge Lamson's 2013 books & seconded by Councilperson Natalie Spilman. 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 Justice Lamson has applied for a Justice Court Grant & has been awarded \$4,700.00 for the town.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that there have been some concerns about the beaver patrol bid. One beaver patrol bid has been received from Paul Cappellino who has provided a liability certificate for \$500,000, Nuisance Wildlife Control License, & trapping license. He provided a bid of \$7,500.00 for beaver patrol from the Town roads. The board went into executive session at 7:35 PM concerning the beaver patrol bid at the request of Councilperson Natalie Spilman. At 7:55 PM Supervisor Cappellino reported that the executive session was complete. The beaver patrol bid & residency of an assessor were discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilperson Karen Simmons to accept Paul Cappellino's bid for town beaver patrol for 10 months at a price of \$7,500.00 & seconded by Councilperson Rick Newvine. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; abstain, Rick Newvine; Yes, Karen Simmons; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes; Lynn Bishop; No. MOTION CARRIED.

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Legislator Alex MacKinnon reported that the County's solid waste issues have been solved, the County has voted to repeal the SAFEACT & the casino money is coming into the County. The County also voted against giving prisoners free college educations.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector Sherrie Williams reported that taxes are 64.83% collected.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that the Historian Department is quiet.

Councilperson Karen Simmons reported for Dog Warden Neil Hooley that 6 complaints have been received & 3 warnings issued for the month.

It was discussed about the procedures for handling dog violations for the town & more information will be gathered from the Town attorney.

Councilperson Lynn Bishop stated that there are a lot of pot holes in the roads. He stated that the Highway guys do a good job at maintaining the trucks & commended Jeff Hill on the maintenance of the plow truck he drives. He suggested the Town look into bonding for roadwork to get the roads caught up.

Councilperson Rick Newvine reported for Highway Superintendent Williams who was absent. He reported that Superintendent Williams is going to order more salt before prices go up. Superintendent Williams would like to get together with Councilperson Newvine, the Highway Dept. Liaison; & then set up a work session with the board.

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Councilperson Karen Simmons reported that the Town will be having a free rabies clinic on May 15, 2014 at the Town Barn from 6 - 8 PM for cats, dog, & ferrets.

Supervisor Cappellino reported that the attorneys are still working on the Fire Department contract. Barry Gale of the Gouverneur Fire Department reported that 5 calls have been handled in Fowler & 22 hours of service in Fowler in February.

Supervisor Cappellino stated that he has won a week at DEC camp for a girl between the age of 11 - 13 at Rushford, NY & is looking for a girl who could take advantage of this. Anyone that is interested should call Supervisor Cappellino at 315/323-7987.

Councilperson Natalie Spilman is working on the Data Collector Bid. When complete, she will provide it to Town Clerk Sherrie Williams to advertise. The bids will be due to be in by the April 10, 2014 meeting.

The next regular meeting will be on April 10, 2014 at 7 PM at the Fowler Town Hall.

The Town Board went into executive session at 9:10 concerning Sylvia Lake Beach issues. At 9:15 the executive session was done & Supervisor Cappellino reported the executive session was concerning the Sylvia Lake Beach of which the results will be revealed at the next meeting.

The bills audited for the General Fund were #40 - #57 - \$7,294.41 & the Highway Fund #22 - #42 - \$23,261.64.

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A motion was made by Councilperson Rick Newvine to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM & seconded by Councilperson Lynn Bishop. Roll call vote showed Michael Cappellino; Yes, Rick Newvine; Yes, Natalie Spilman; Yes, Karen Simmons; 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