

Town of Fowler Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2016 at 7PM

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, Deputy Highway Superintendent Fran Cole, CEO Rick Whitford, Bookkeeper Barb Finnie, Judge Paul Lamson, Assessor Sherry Geer, Vicky Cappellino, Debbie Tupper, Wanda Fayette, Dillon Hart, Mike Macaulay, Joanne Orford, David and Uta Parow, Jim McGregor, Mike Cole, St. Lawrence County Legislator Joel LaPierre, Cindy Carr, Jessica and Nelson Bice II, Tami Gale and Barry, Carmen and Marina Wright.

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 May 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to open the public hearing at 7:05 PM to discuss proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2016, Sylvia Lake Beach laws. There was some discussion about how many feet motorboats or other motorized vehicles should be permitted within the shore of the public beach. A motion was made by Councilperson Bishop and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to change the distance from 100 yards to 100 feet from the shore. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Newvine to close the public hearing at 8:20 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. A motion was made by Councilperson Bishop and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to accept Local Law No.1 of 2016. Bishop-

yes, Simmons- No, Fayette- yes, Newvine- No, Cappellino- yes. MOTION CARRIED.

There were 3 Bids for Road Work for 2016 opened.

Hanson Aggregates- Bid was not accepted because it was not bid correctly.

Barrett Paving- California Rd- \$260,525, Hull Rd- \$38,270, Gulf Rd.- \$49,510, Doane Rd.- \$126,250, Mill St.- \$15,485 for a total of \$490,040 included was a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate

Sheehan- California Rd.-\$202,980, Hull Rd.- \$31,732, Gulf Rd.- \$43,590, Doane Rd.- \$91,828, Mill St.- 19,655 for a total of \$ 389,785 included was a Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate

After some discussion, Councilperson Newvine thought that the board should wait on a decision until Highway Superintendent Durham could look over the bids. A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to accept Sheehan's bid of \$389,785. Fayette- Yes, Bishop- Yes, Simmons- Yes, Newvine- No, Cappellino- Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

St. Lawrence County Legislator Joel LaPierre reported that the Bay Road Bridge repairs should start in 2-3 weeks. They are just waiting on the deck. He stated that it should take about a month to finish. He reported that the County put some cold patch down on the Emeryville Road Bridge. He spoke with Heather Soper, from NYSDOT Bridge Inspection Crew, and she had stated that the Emeryville Road Bridge would be inspected in a couple of weeks.

Supervisor Cappellino reported for the St. Lawrence County Housing Council stating that 2 projects were complete and that there were 7 active projects at this time.

Assessor Sherry Geer stated that she attended an Ethic's Class in Lake Placid last week, along with Assessor Fuller and Assessor Andrews. There have been changes with the STAR program. It will not affect anybody that purchased their home before August 1, 2015. If you have any further questions please contact the Assessors at (315)287-9792.

Judge Paul Lamson stated that with graduation season starting soon he wanted to remind parents of the repercussions of serving minors. It is a Class A misdemeanor, which means if you were convicted you would never be able to own a gun.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer stated that she was finished collecting taxes for the year. She reported that she had collected 76.73% of the tax warrant, issued 44 dog licenses, a marriage license, marriage transcript, and several fishing licenses. She stated that the Auditors had been here last Thursday and finished everything in one day.

Councilperson Simmons reported for Dog Control Officer Dan Moyer. She stated that there was a dog picked up on the Island Branch Road and was in the kennel for two days. There were 2 tickets issued to a resident- 1 for dog at large and one for unlicensed dog.

Councilperson Simmons also reported for the Beaver Control stating that they had gotten 1 beaver on the Shantyville Road and there was no more activity there. They also got 4 beavers on the Country Club road and are still working at that site. That is a total of 17 beavers since March 1st.

Historian Simmons stated that she had sent out a recipe book, that was donated from the Fowler Baptist Church, to Fowler, Illinois. They were

celebrating 160 years and were reaching out to other towns named Fowler.

CEO Rick Whitford issued 10 permits in the month of May.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Fran Cole reported for Highway Superintendent Durham who was at Highway school. Deputy Cole stated that they would like to put a bid out for pug mill needed for the shoulders of the roads. A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to put the pug mill out to bid. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. He stated that they were ready to put the surplus equipment out for bid. Bids for both the pug mill and the surplus equipment will come in at the July meeting.

Councilperson Bishop stated that the mowing of the cemeteries and town properties has not been up to par. He will talk to Albert Wallace about keeping up with it better. Councilperson Bishop asked Highway Deputy Cole if they had been calling Dig Safely before digging anywhere and when they were going to start mowing the road sides. Highway Deputy Cole stated that they had been calling Dig Safely and that the mower was going out on the next rain day.

After some discussion, Councilperson Newvine suggested that we have Albert Wallace mow the ball field in Hailesboro twice a week because the school would like to use it Mondays and Wednesdays.

Councilperson Newvine offered to check it during the week and notify Albert when it needed to be mowed. Councilperson Newvine stated that he had received 10 applications for lifeguards for the beach and he will be meeting with them shortly. He stated that he needed to change the locks. Councilperson Newvine stated that they have been working on getting things lined up for the Fowler Family Day on July 23, 2016.

The next meeting to discuss plans for the Fowler Family Day will be June 16, 2016 at 6 PM.

Councilperson Fayette stated that with the Williams Street Bridge out in Gouverneur there has been more traffic rerouted on the Bay Road and the shoulders are starting to break up. He is going to talk to the State to see if there is anything they can do to help. Councilperson Fayette stated he had been speaking with Highway Superintendent Durham about making part of the Byrns Road a seasonal road. There are only two houses on that section of the Byrns road, one on each end of it. They will need to post it before winter if they decide to make it seasonal.

Michael Crowner, who has been in charge of taking care of the plots on the Fullerville Cemetery, stated that he would not be able to do it any longer. The town will need someone else to take care of it. Mr. Crowner also stated that he was not pleased that the board decided to donate the grader to BOCES. The board stated that it was donated to BOCES in exchange for all the times that we had used their bulldozer.

Supervisor Cappellino asked Councilperson Bishop if he had looked into the solar panels. Councilperson Bishop said that he hadn't had time to look in to it. Supervisor Cappellino had received a letter from a farmer on the California Road stating that they have an organic farm and wanted the town to be aware of this. Supervisor Cappellino stated that any organic farms in the area should contact National Grid, the telephone companies, and anybody else who may spray herbicides to make them aware of it.

Kathy Moses wanted to again thank everyone for the donations for the Kiwanis Backpack Program. The back pack program will start back up in

September, please hold all donations until then. Supervisor Cappellino wanted to thank Kathy Moses for everything she has done for the Town.

The board thanked BOCES for picking up the trash along the road sides on Highway 58.

The bills audited for the general and highway fund were #167- 210 with a total of \$23,538.48

The next regular meeting will be held on July 5, 2016 at 7 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Newvine and seconded by Councilperson Fayette to go into executive session at 9:18 PM to discuss issues with the beach. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED. The Board returned from executive session at 9:43 PM.

A motion was made by Councilperson Fayette and seconded by Councilperson Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. All in Favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Cappellino; Supervisor

Dustin Fayette; Councilperson

Lynn Bishop; Councilperson

Rick Newvine; Councilperson

Karen Simmons; Councilperson

Kelly Harmer; Town Clerk