

VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 6, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM BY MAYOR TRAVER.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Traver, Trustees Forte, Boucher, DeVoe, and Williams.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Ives, Sgt. Derway, Highway Supt. Stimpson, and Attorney Fuller.

OTHERS PRESENT: Donald Walling.

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Forte to approve the following minutes:
Regular Meeting of June 1, 2009

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Boucher seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the reports of the following departments:
Clerk-Treasurer, Village Justice, Police Chief, Water Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer, Highway Superintendent, ZBA Minutes (May & June 2009), Planning Board Minutes (May 2009).

Mayor Traver asked Highway Supt. Stimpson the status of the East Street Project – Supt. Stimpson said the sidewalks on the south side would be finished this week and all topsoil in by next week.

Peckham Road Corporation is waiting for the light for the poles to come in from the company.

Mayor Traver asked Supt. Stimpson what the status of the shared parking lot on Wing Street. Supt. Stimpson said he would get together with Town Highway Supt. Brockway to plan job.

A discussion was held in regard to the slate the Village has been storing from the sidewalk program.

Trustee Williams said he has been talking with Paul McCarty about a price for the slate pieces if the Village sells them.

A price of \$10 to \$15 per square foot has been set for the sale of the slate.

The board feels that the Historical Society and Rogers Island can use any slate needed. If there is any surplus – the Village will sell the slate.

K. Stimpson told the board that the pressure tests have all passed on the water line on Rogers Island.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee DeVoe Seconded by Trustee Williams to adopt **Resolution #6** which states:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby amend the 2008-2009 Village Budget as follows:

WATER FUND

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
F1950.4	8414.04	F8310.1	21590.00
F8310.2	5500.00	F8320.4	2519.58
F8310.4	8108.97	F8330.4	5526.26
F8330.2	1000.00	F8340.1	720.00
F9060.8	2283.76	F8340.4	8423.10
F9010.8	8000.00	F9030.8	761.19
F9710.7	6233.36		
	<u>39540.13</u>		<u>39540.13</u>

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Boucher to adopt **Resolution #7** which states:

WHEREAS, General Electric Company and the EPA are undergoing a massive dredging project in the Hudson River, and

WHEREAS, the dredging process will continue for approximately eight (8) years, and

WHEREAS, a Dewatering Facility has been built in the Town & Village of Fort Edward to process the debris dredged from the Hudson River, and

WHEREAS, since the location of this facility is able to be served by multiple modes of transportation the Village hereby commits to serving on a committee to work with the Town for the purpose of devising a redevelopment strategy for a possible distribution/processing facility,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby support the efforts for the reuse of the facility for future growth in the Town and Village of Fort Edward.

ALL AYES

The Mayor addressed the board regarding the reuse of the Dewatering Facility. Preston Gilbert is working to pursue using this facility for future development. Mayor Traver said that there might be monies available to hire someone to look into uses for the Dewatering Facility.

The Mayor told the board that the wharf of the Dewatering Facility on the canal is a perfect access area.

The WCC, who borders the dewatering facility are on board with the future development of the facility.

Trustee DeVoe told the Board that Aaron Frankenfield, Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council, there are monies available to form a committee for a reuse strategy for the Dewatering Facility.

The board would like all members to be involved on the committee for future development of the Dewatering Facility.

It is important to get the committee formed now to start the process for future development.

Trustee DeVoe told the board about the Brownfield Opportunity Grant –

The nomination stage is going forward. The priority areas are:

- 1) the access road from Broadway to Burgoyne Avenue in the Town of Fort Edward.
- 2) The island and downtown areas

Trustee DeVoe expects funding for both of the grants. This grant will fund the market analysis and market strategy for Fort Edward, which will be available for future developers in Fort Edward.

Trustee DeVoe said that they would need a letter of support from the Village for the grant.

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the license application from Time Warner cable to solicit in the Village.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Forte to authorize the Treasurer to pay the following abstracts:

2007 CDBG -	\$ 35938.98
East Street	233557.31
HUD Grant -	6502.82
Shared Services -	2302.00
2006 Water Line -	6339.37
General Fund A/P -	10799.23
Water Fund A/P -	5692.05
General Fund -	36896.91
Water Fund -	3428.24
Air Stripper -	3317.96

ALL AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee DeVoe asked if the extra monies paid to Black Dog Landscaping for mowing around the fence in the Yacht Basin can be submitted to GE for reimbursement. Mayor Traver said he would talk to Behan Communications regarding the matter.

Donald Walling addressed the board in regard to not having a place to dock his boat for the summer due to the dredging.

Mr. Walling docks his boat at the Russo property and GE said that their boats couldn't be installed because of their needs to be dredging in that location.

Mr. Walling has been in contact with Behan Communications regarding the docking problem.

He would like to dock his boat at the far end of the Yacht Basin where there are no barges.

The village has been told that the dredging in the Yacht Basin should be done in approximately 2 to 3 weeks.

Mayor Traver said that he would contact Behan Communications and talk to them about Mr. Wallings situation and let him know.

Sgt. Derway addressed the board about the situation in the Village and the vandalism at the Yacht Basin Bathhouse.

There was a discussion regarding the so-called gang members involved in the vandalism.

Mayor Traver said that maybe if there were boats at the yacht basin there might have not been vandalism.

The Police Department will be doing a quality of life patrol along the business block and the yacht basin evenings in the village during the summer months.

Mr. Walling said that he would be happy to contribute to the installation of cameras in the yacht basin.

Mayor Traver told the Highway Superintendent that the village is ready to start the process for the new highway garage.

The Mayor told K. Stimpson to contact Vision Engineering and have some plans drawn up for the Highway garage.

Attorney Fuller told the board that Washington County did not put 62 Canal Street on the list for properties for sale.

The county will give the property to the village for back taxes. There is approximately \$10,000.00 owed on the property.

A discussion was held regarding asking the county to waive all taxes.

Mayor Traver said he would attend the next County Supervisors meeting to ask about waiving all back taxes.

Attorney Fuller said that he has not received any word from the State relative to a contract on Rogers Island.

Mayor Traver said he has been in contact with Rich Harris (Canal Corporation) in regard to purchasing canal property on the southern tip of the island for about three to six thousand. This is approximately a third of an acre.

A survey is still needed on portions of the southern tip of the island.

Attorney Fuller prepared a proposed intergovernmental agreement between the Village and the Town for the purpose of agreeing to jointly acquire the canal property and proceed with the annexation process.

Trustee Williams explained to the board about the Drum Corp Show, which was to be held on July 1, 2009 and had to be cancelled due to lighting storms.

There has been letters to the editor regarding the cancellation – many of those who bought tickets thought they should get their money back.

Trustee Williams (Lions Club member) told the board that any one who asks would get a refund.

Motion by Trustee Boucher seconded by Trustee Williams to adjourn into executive session for a litigation matter at 8:50PM.

ALL AYES

The board discussed the property on 12 Church Street in the Village of Fort Edward. At the present time the village is in the process of taking the property under the abandoned property law.

Attorney Fuller gave the board a copy of the letter from William Nikas who is representing Ms. Meiler the owner of 12 Church Street asking to demolish the building and leave Ms. Meiler with some residual value of the asset. He also gave a copy of the letter from the court granting Ms. Meiler an extension until July 20, 2009. Attorney Fuller told the board that this is not unusual when an attorney becomes involved.

After a lengthy discussion the board told Attorney Fuller to send a letter to Attorney Nikas stating the conditions of the village.

Motion by Trustee Williams seconded by Trustee Boucher to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:48PM.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Boucher seconded by Trustee Williams to adopt **Resolution #8**, which states:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby permit Mary Sabina Meiler, owner of 12 Church Street in the Village of Fort Edward, until July 20, 2009 to remove the structure and fill the property with clean fill, and

WHEREAS, once the structure has been demolished, filled and landscaped it must be maintained on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, the Village would like to be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in the process upon the sale of the property, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Resolution is null and void unless all conditions are met.

VOTE

Trustee Williams – Yes

Trustee Boucher – Yes

Trustee Forte – Yes

Trustee DeVoe - No

Trustee DeVoe told the board she was against the resolution because she feels Ms. Meiler has shown no commitment or consideration to the community or the neighbors. And furthermore she does not feel that recouping our legal costs is negotiable.

Motion by Trustee Williams seconded by Trustee DeVoe to adjourn meeting at 9:52PM.

ALL AYES

Dated – July 8, 2009

Patricia Ives, Clerk