
VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2009

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Ives, Highway Supt. Stimpson, Code Enforcement Officer Armando, and Sgt. Derway.

OTHERS PRESENT: Alex Bodner, Jim Durrler, Jeanne Mullen, Jim Thatcher – Avalon Associates and Bernard & Caroline Brown.

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Regular Meeting of May 4, 2009
Special Meeting of May 27, 2009

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Boucher seconded by Trustee DeVoe to approve the reports from the following departments:

Water Superintendent, Clerk-Treasurer, Police Chief,
Village Justice, Highway Superintendent, Code
Enforcement Officer.

ALL AYES

Trustee DeVoe asked Sgt. Derway about 12 Church Street – was there a fire at the property? Sgt. Derway said they would check into this.

Trustee DeVoe asked Code Enforcement Officer Armando about the garage behind the Dental Office on Broadway. There is an unregistered vehicle located at the property. Code Enforcement Officer Armando said that he has contacted the renters of the building explaining to them they need to appear in front of the Village Planning Board before operation of the business begins.

Trustee Williams asked about the vendor who has been selling tie-dye t-shirts at the Episcopal Church. Code Enforcement Officer Armando said that he would not be selling shirts because he does not want to pay the \$250.00 vending license fee.

Mayor Traver told Highway Supt. Stimpson that he had contacted someone to trap the beavers in the industrial park. The beavers have been building dams, which are affecting the property located on Factory Street. The cellars are flooding.

Trustee Williams asked Highway Supt. Stimpson about the tree, which fell on the bridge to Rogers Island and closed the walkway.

Mayor Traver told the board that he had contacted the state last week and they were waiting for the tree crew from Saratoga to clear the tree and open the walkway.

Mayor Traver asked Highway Supt. Stimpson about the water line work being done on Rogers Island.

Highway Supt. Stimpson said the water would be shut down on Thursday (June 4th) to install a valve. After the valve is installed they will continue down Riverside Street.

Mayor Traver asked about the repairs on the garage at Liberty Street.

Dave Armando said all the repairs have been done.

Mayor Traver updated the board on the East Street Project.

Peckham will be completing the curbing on the south side of East Street this week. The light poles have not been delivered yet.

Once the water line on Rogers Island is completed and then they will be putting in the sidewalk on the south side of East Street.

Trustee Williams asked that there is some confusion on brush & grass pickup in the Village.

Highway Supt. Stimpson said that the village would pick up brush and grass on Fridays for the summer months.

Trustee Williams also said there are many limbs down in the village.

A discussion was held on the slate the village has accumulated from the sidewalk program.

The Mayor asked the clerk to contact Paul McCarty from the Historical Society about a price the Village could charge for the slate.

Jim Durler said the Village should save the slate for future use.

Trustee Boucher, DeVoe, and Forte (Water Committee) met with the Water Superintendent last week about concerns he has at the Water Plant.

Trustee Boucher is getting quotes for a new mower for the Reservoir.

Water Superintendent O'Connell asked to purchase back flow prevented for the pool water vendors.

Mayor Traver asked what the status is on the tank testing. Trustee DeVoe said that the company has been notified that they had the job. They have not started yet.

Jim Thatcher – Avalon Associates – told the board that the Phase 1 – Neighborhood Water Project has been submitted to the NYS Office of Community Renewal for consideration. The time frame for the awarding is late August early September.

Trustee DeVoe commented on the Route 4 Project. There are 9 dead trees and many cracked sidewalks in the Village.

Mayor Traver asked that a list be forwarded to him and he will get in touch with the Town Supervisor to prepare a list of issues in the town to send to the State.

Motion by Trustee Williams seconded by Trustee Boucher to adopt **Resolution #1**, which states:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to sign the tax warrant for fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$1,292,005.80 and also authorize the Clerk to collect taxes as of June 1, 2009.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Forte seconded by Trustee Boucher to adopt **Resolution # 2**, which states:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Don Corriveau to the Zoning Board of Appeals contingent on him taking the continuing education class to be held on Wednesday June 3, 2009. This will allow him to be certified to sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Boucher to adopt **Resolution #3, which** states:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint James Donahue as Recreation Director and four (4) Recreation employees and three (3) part-time employees for the Street Department.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Forte seconded by Trustee Boucher to adopt **Resolution #4**, which states:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of Sean Mahoney as a part-time patrolman for the Fort Edward Police Department.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Williams to adopt **Resolution #5**, which states:

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Dredging has begun in the Fort Edward Yacht Basin where the Heritage Day Celebration has always been held, and

WHEREAS, those involved with the dredging will supply FESTA with generators and portable restrooms for a change of venue, and

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does request FESTA notify the surrounding homeowners as to the date, time and locations of this event, and

WHEREAS, FESTA hereby requests Heritage Days to be temporarily relocated to Canal Street in the Village of Fort Edward from East Street to the Railroad Overpass from Thursday, June 25th through Sunday, June 28th, and

BE IT RESOLVED, The Fort Edward Village Board does hereby allow FESTA to hold Heritage Days on Canal Street in the Village of Fort Edward.

ALL AYES

A discussion was held on the new policy for employee/fireman in regard to leaving work for fire related activities.

The board and Village Attorney will review the draft policy and address it at the July meeting.

A letter was received from the owner of the McCrea Hotel in regard to having a block party on June 20, 2009.

The attorney feels their needs to be more information with the letter; therefore, the party cannot be approved for June 20, 2009.

The clerk will contact the owner, ask if she could come to the July meeting, and discuss the particulars of the block party.

Carolyn & Bernard Brown – Gregory Lane – Asked what the status of paving Gregory Lane is.

Highway Supt. Stimpson said that Gregory Lane is on the list.

Also can the new part time employees mow the area in front of the KEK subdivision?

Jim Durrler told the board that he met with an archeologist this past week and he was told that there are artifacts from the Route 4 Project in the western part of the state looking to be appraised.

The board said they are supporting those who want to keep the artifacts found in Fort Edward kept in Fort Edward.

Attorney Fuller questions

Mayor Traver asked about the Rogers Island situation. Attorney Fuller said that he has not received any word from the State relative to a contract.

The board would like Attorney Fuller to peruse the annexation of the tip of the island into the Village.

Mayor Traver asked about the status of 62 Canal Street. The property is on the tax foreclosure list for purchase in June.

What is the status of 12 Church Street – Attorney Fuller said the case is moving forward. He had sent a letter to the owner in regard to her ability to access the property with the Code Enforcement Officer. Dave Armando said she has not contacted him to enter the building.

A discussion was held on the Shared Services Grant –

A discussion was held in regard to the McKie Street properties the Village closed on this past month.

The board told Highway Superintendent Stimpson to contact National Grid to cut the power and gas service to the property.

Also, the Village needs to shut off the water to the property.

The next step is to contact the engineer to prepare the properties for the new village highway barn.

Motion by Trustee Forte seconded by Trustee Williams to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer pay the following bills:

General Fund -	\$60182.11
Water Fund -	442.80
2007 CDBG -	6300.00
2005 Rental -	25254.01
2006 CDBG -	6339.37

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Boucher seconded by Trustee DeVoe to adjourn into executive session at 9:00PM to discuss litigation.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Boucher seconded by Trustee Williams to adjourn executive session at 9:25PM and reopen the regular meeting.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Forte seconded by Trustee DeVoe to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:31PM.

ALL AYES

Dated: June 2, 2009

Patricia Ives, Clerk