

VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD DPW WORKSHOP - NOVEMBER 2, 2009

MAYOR TRAVER CALLED WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 6:00PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Ives, Highway Supt. Stimpson, Ben Miller, Attorney Fuller.

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The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed building of the new DPW Garage on Lock, Culver, Lincoln and McKie Street.

The Town & Village received a Shared Services grant in the amount of \$410,000. to build a new garage near the Town garage. There is approximately \$300,000. left.

Vision Engineering had given the board a proposal in the amount of \$653,520. to build the new DPW garage on Wing Street.

Mayor Traver told the board that there are a couple of options available.

1 – Bonding the entire project.

2 – Doing the foundation work/site work and all utilities and wait until there are monies available to finish the garage.

Trustee Boucher asked if the village bonds the project does we have to pay prevailing wage.

Attorney Fuller said yes – it would be considered a Public Works Project.

Trustee DeVoe said that she has filed the budget amendments with the state for the extension and transfer of monies.

Trustee Williams he feels that the Shared Services grant was not designed to burden the taxpayers. He said he was in shock at the cost and the size.

K. Stimpson said that a smaller size is not adequate to store all equipment the Village owns.

Trustee Williams said maybe building another building to use in conjunction with the current DPW garage.

Mayor Traver feels that the Village DPW must be located near the Town DPW in order to utilize shared services.

Trustee Williams feels that the village residents have enough burdens now with the Water Filtration Plant – a 5 Million dollar bond for 20 years.

Trustee DeVoe pointed out that the current barn is in unstable condition to make additions to and property is better suited for the planned Canal Street Marketplace.

Mayor Traver said a \$600,000 building for \$300,000 is a savings to the taxpayers

The board held a discussion regarding the projected costs, which are written on the Vision Engineering quote.

Mayor Traver said that he would contact a couple of firms he knows and see if they could give the Village a rough estimate on the costs.

Motion by Trustee Williams seconded by Trustee DeVoe to adjourn workshop at 6:50PM.

ALL AYES

Dated – November 3, 2009

Patricia Ives, Clerk

VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Ives, Highway Supt. Stimpson, Ben Miller, Attorney Fuller, and Sgt. Derway.

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Thatcher - Avalon Associates, Jeanne Mullen, Jesse Howard, Jim Durler, Jesse Howard, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Howard.

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

Public Hearing of October 5, 2009
Regular Meeting of October 5, 2009

ALL AYES

Mayor Traver explained to the board about the new testing to be done at the water treatment plant. The EPA mandates a new test for Cryptosporidium for two years at a cost of approximately \$1600. monthly for two years.

The only way around this testing is to install a UV Filtration Plant.

The Mayor would like to get a cost of installing the UV Filtration Plant.

In review of the water report the Mayor noted the charges that Todd Mallory suggested to charge for supply's and repairs that the Village of Hudson Falls charges. (charges for tanker fillips, new meters, remotes, frost caps, corner horns and fittings, also charges to homeowners for the work performed by the water department.

The Mayor said that the board would have to sit and discuss raising the water rents to help defray the costs of the expenses at the water plant.

Mayor Traver also told the board about the removal of the beavers and the beaver dam.

The village has hired Jim Comstock who had been recommended by ENCON.

He has trapped a few of the beavers and broken up part of the dam.

The beaver dam has made the water accumulate by the Aqueduct and Notre Dame Street
K. Stimpson commented that this water buildup is damaging the archway by the Aqueduct.

Mayor Traver asked K. Stimpson the put up some type of barricade stopping people from using the roadway over the archway.

Mayor Traver told the board that Dave Armando – Code Enforcement Officer – is on vacation but he had talked to him regarding the business out behind the Dentist's office on Broadway.

He has served the tenants a summons to appear in court.

Mayor Traver commented on the bill from VanDuesen & Steves for the Topographical Survey in the amount of \$8160.20. The board members feel that this should work should follow the procurement policy the Village has in place.

Attorney Fuller said that is not needed if it is part of the engineer's request.

Vision Engineering hired the survey company and the board wants Vision Engineering to know that in the future before they hire anyone to do work they should contact the Village. After talking to VanDuesen & Steves they will reduce the bill by 20% - new total \$6528.16.

Mayor Traver asked Attorney Fuller about the cobra lights on Broadway. Attorney Fuller told the board he had talked to John Murphy- National Grid. He had sent Attorney Fuller a copy of the Street lighting bill to review and see the cost of the lights. The village is charged anywhere from \$3.80 to \$6.12 per light depending on the wattage. Attorney Fuller said he had sent Mr. Murphy another copy of the resolution authorizing the removal of the lights and he told Attorney Fuller he would pursue this.

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Forte to approve the monthly reports from the following departments: Clerk-Treasurer, Village Justice, and Water Superintendent, Planning Board-September 09, Highway Superintendent, Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Boucher seconded by Trustee Forte to adopt **Resolution Number 43**, which states:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the increase in the rate of pay for John Miller to \$17.46 per hour, and

WHEREAS, Resolution #13-2006 states that John Miller will receive incremental increases for the first three (3) years of service. After three (3) years and upon review the employee will receive the current pay for that title.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Williams seconded by Trustee DeVoe to approve **Resolution Number 44** which states:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward will hold a general election on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 from the hours of 12 noon to 9:00PM.

WHEREAS, all voting will be held at the Fort Edward Village Offices at 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Williams seconded by Trustee Boucher to approve **Resolution Number 45**, which states:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board be and hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Elected officials are required to submit, bi-annually, a record of activities for a one-month time period. This record must contain a daily detail of hours worked and duties performed.

Mayor

Trustees

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Five-day workweek, eight (8) hour day

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Members of the Planning Board

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Five day work week, eight (8) hour day

Clerk

Deputy Clerk

Police Justice Clerk

Highway Superintendent

Water Superintendent

Code Enforcement Officer

ALL AYES

The clerk read a letter from the Office of the State Comptroller, which stated that they did a review of the Village's financial operations during the month of August and found that the Village was not in need of further services from them at this time.

A request from Jesse Howard the owner of 182 Broadway to make a driveway cut in front of his building. At the present time the tenants at 182 Broadway gained access to

their property through 3 Washington Street. Another owner has purchased the property at 3 Washington Street that property has been denied.

A letter from Mr. Howard's Attorney was sent to all board members along with pictures of the proposed cut. The letter from the attorney explained that when Mr. Howard purchased the property he was not aware of the parking issue. There was not an issue before because 182 Broadway & 3 Washington Street was owned by the same owner. Mr. Howard stated that he tried in good faith to work with the new landowner, but all his efforts were rebuffed. Mr. Howard has no recourse against this landowner, as there was no easement granted in any deed. Unfortunately, that is not the case as the new landowner said that he would have the tenants arrested for trespass if they continue to use the driveway.

Therefore, Mr. Howard is requesting approval of the Village Board so that they are able to make a request of the NYSDOT to cut the curb so that access can be granted to the existing parking lot behind the building from Broadway.

Mayor Traver has concerns regarding the disruption of all the work, which was done by the State through the Route 4 project (all new sidewalks and granite curbing) At the present time there is a (10) year no dig on Broadway.

Mr. Howard told the board he had talked to Ian Miller – NYSDOT – in regard to cutting the curbing.

Attorney Fuller said that he also talked to Ian Miller and he will abide by the decision of the Village and he really does not want to see the curb cut.

Mr. Miller also told Attorney Fuller that this work must be bonded with involving engineering costs and this could be substantial.

Trustee Williams commented on the planning for the Route 4 Project – there were 2 public hearings and at that time the owner of 182 Broadway should have approached the Village to do the cut.

At that time Mr. Howard said that the owner of 182 Broadway also owned 3 Washington Street.

The Mayor has concerns with the storm drain located in front of 182 Broadway.

The plan by the Howard family is to move the driveway 10 feet away from the storm drain – this would make a curved driveway.

The board feels that the ingress and egress would be difficult.

Mr. Howard said all he wants is to make the house presentable to the Village.

The board asked him if he could try to work something out with the owner of 3 Washington Street – Mr. Howard said NO.

Trustee DeVoe asked what the plans are for the tree that is planted in front of 182 Broadway – The plans are to move the tree. Trustee DeVoe said that this is further disrupting the sidewalk and snow storage area.

Trustee Boucher also asked if he could make another attempt to talk to the owner of 3 Washington Street.

Attorney Fuller said that he is surprised that the title company did not catch the fact that this property does not have a legal right-of-way.

Dave Howard told the board that the granite curbing does not need to be removed that a cut could be made to have the driveway access.

Attorney Fuller told the Howard family that the Village Engineer would draw up the specs for this driveway and whoever did the work would following those specs.

This could be very costly.

Mayor Traver asked the board what their decision was regarding the cut.

All board members were not in favor of cutting Broadway.

The board does not wish Mr. Howard any ill will.

Mr. Howard commented on the fact that there is no parking on Broadway from November 15th through April 15th.

Could the board pass a resolution to allow his tenants to park on Broadway.
The board said NO.

Jim Thatcher – Avalon Associates

Jim Thatcher addressed the board in regard to the next round of funding approaching. As you know the village did not receive funding for the CDBG Water Infrastructure Replacement Program. Avalon Associates would like to go down to Albany and review the previous application. The Mayor will be attending this meeting. Avalon Associates would like to resubmit the application **free of charge.**

Also, Avalon Associates would like to submit a HOME application, which would include a community-wide housing rehabilitation program focusing on encouraging significant investment in affordable owner-occupied homes within substandard neighborhoods throughout the Village and Town of Fort Edward.

Jim Thatcher feels that this application would be attractive with the State – it would show that the Village & Town of Fort Edward work together.

The board discussed the fact that the Village Code needs to have something in place in regard to cutting of Broadway and other new streets.

Attorney Fuller suggested that the Village review the Street & Sidewalk Code and make the necessary changes.

Trustee Williams asked if a moratorium could be put in place during the review.

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

GENERAL FUND –	8062.60
HUD RENTAL -	2464.69
WATER FUND –	6721.28
AIR STRIPPER FUND –	6760.07
2007 CDBG -	37787.17
SHARED SERVICES -	10018.23
PAID BEFORE AUDIT –	
GENERAL –14401.11	
WATER -	2760.92

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Boucher seconded by Trustee DeVoe to adjourn meeting at 8:39PM.

ALL AYES

Dated – November 3, 2009

Patricia Ives
Clerk