

VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 3, 2010

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Traver, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Conlon, Trustee DeVoe, and Trustee Williams.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Ives, Attorney Matthew Fuller, and Sgt. Derway, Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando, Water Supt. Arvid O'Connell, Street Supt. Kevin Stimpson, Village Historian R. Paul McCarty.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeanne Mullen, Sister Donna Irvine, Shawn Conners, and Colleen Godfrey.

Motion by Trustee Williams seconded by Trustee Conlon to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

Regular Meeting of April 5, 2010
Organizational Meeting of April 5, 2010
Public Hearing of April 5, 2010
Tentative Budget Meeting of April 15, 2010
Special Meeting of April 27, 2010

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Carpenter Seconded by Trustee DeVoe to approve the reports from the following departments:

Clerk-Treasurer, Police Justice, Police Chief,
Code Enforcement Officer, Water Dept.,
Street Supt., Planning Board Minutes – 2/10

ALL AYES

Trustee DeVoe asked Sgt. Derway if there have been any other incidents at 27-29 Taylor Street. Sgt. DeVoe said that it has been very quiet there lately.

Attorney Fuller asked if the Police Department could be more specific when using the Nuisance Law. The more clarification on the violations would allow for faster prosecution.

Attorney Fuller will contact George & Susan Harrington owner of 27-29 Taylor Street regarding the point system in the Nuisance Law.

Trustee Williams asked about parking on Lock Street. With parking on both sides of the street it would be hard for an emergency vehicle on the street.

The office will check the Traffic Code as to parking on Lock Street and put signs up where needed. If there is no reference to parking on Lock Street the board will address this.

Trustee Williams asked about parking on East Street - Someone asked him if there are new parking regulations on East Street.

Street Supt. Stimpson said that there is no parking on both sides from Broadway to Canal and parking on the north side from Canal to the Train Station.

Mayor Traver updated the board on his meeting with Paul Hare (GE), Hal Hermance, Mike Ferrell (Vision Engineering) and Arvid O'Connell in regard to the Air Stripper. General Electric gives the Village of Fort Edward \$92,000.00 a year to run the Air Stripper.

The Mayor said that Hal Hermance has done the work at the Air Stripper since the stripper was built. Hal now spends his winters in Florida.

Mayor Traver would like to see the Village of Fort Edward do some of the work at the Air Stripper and receive the monies.

Mayor Traver asked if the office could send a copy of the agreement for the Air Stripper to Mike Ferrell.

Mayor Traver said that even though General Electric does pay for everything at the Air Stripper it still goes through Village of Fort Edward bookkeeping, therefore, all procurement policies have to be abided by.

Attorney Fuller asked how often Hal is at the Air Stripper. Mayor Traver said that he has employees who do the maintenance at the air stripper.

Mayor Traver said the purpose of the meeting with Paul Hare is to see how they feel about the Village of Fort Edward doing more of the work at the Air Stripper. Can the Village bring in their own engineer or does GE want Hal Hermance to still do all the work. Paul Hare (General Electric) seems to be very receptive to Vision Engineering.

The Department of Health would like a procedure in place for emergencies at the Air Stripper. Someone from the Health Department will meet with Arvid O'Connell to do a walk through at the Air Stripper. They have never done this in the 25 years the Air Stripper has been there.

Mayor Traver said that there are specific daily procedures in place at the Air Stripper.

Arvid O'Connell said that a company comes in twice a year to clean out the basins of the TCE's and dispose of them.

Arvid O'Connell told the board about the problem at the tank in King Edward Knolls. It seems that the tank has not been servicing the Knolls because the two valves are off. Mike Ferrell (Vision Engineering) will be meeting with Arvid on May 4, 2010 at the plant to discuss the plan for the tank at King Edward Knolls. Trustee Conlon told Arvid that he would like to attend the meeting on May 4, 2010.

Motion by Trustee Conlon seconded by Trustee Carpenter to adopt Resolution #86, which states:

WHEREAS, James Richardson has been appointed by the Fort Edward Village Board as Acting Village Justice, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Acting Village Justice, James Richardson, to open a checking account for court related business.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee DeVoe seconded by Trustee Williams to adopt Resolution #87, which states:

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT NAVIGATIONAL DREDGING OF THE HUDSON RIVER/CHAMPLAIN CANAL CHANNEL BE CONDUCTED CONCURRENTLY WITH PCB REMEDIATION DREDGING

WHEREAS, the Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership's mission is to preserve, enhance and develop the historic, agricultural, scenic, natural, and recreational resources and the significant waterways within the Partnership region. Through the tradition of municipal home rule, the Partnership will foster collaborative projects with pertinent non-profit and governmental entities with an emphasis on both agricultural and open space protection, economic and tourism development, and the protection and interpretation of our natural and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the USEPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) in February of 2002 which requires the General Electric Company to dredge PCB-contaminated sediments for a 40-mile stretch of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, there is an identified need to dredge several areas of the Hudson River/Champlain Canal channel to a depth of 12-feet for navigational purposes within the aforementioned Hudson River remediation area which is beyond the scope of the PCB remediation action; and

WHEREAS, the removal of these materials in the navigation channel has, heretofore, been unable to be conducted due to PCB contamination overlying these sediments and its completion is imperative to the restoration of safe commercial and recreational boating on the Hudson River/Champlain Canal; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Canal Corporation does not have environmental dredging equipment and/or disposal sites available which will accommodate the removal of PCB contaminated sediments from certain portions of the Hudson River/Champlain Canal's navigational channel; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Village of Fort Edward recommends that it is appropriate and cost-effective to the citizens of New York State to address Hudson River/Champlain Canal navigational dredging needs which are identified in certain areas within the proposed federal PCB remediation action concurrently with said remediation action to assure the timely restoration of safe boat navigation on the upper Hudson River area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to:
United States Senator Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Congressman Scott Murphy
New York State Governor David A. Paterson
New York State Senator Elizabeth O'C Little
New York State Senator Roy J. McDonald
New York State Assemblymember Tony Jordan
New York State Assemblymember Steven Englebright
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Alexander Grannis
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Carol Ash
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Patrick Hooker
United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 Administrator Judith Enck
United States Environmental Protection Agency Hudson River Field Office Director David H. King
New York State Canal Corporation Director Carmella R. Mantello
All members of the Historic Saratoga-Washington on the Hudson Partnership

ALL AYES

R. Paul McCarty – Village Historian –

Paul invited the board to an open house on May 19, 2010 at 7:00PM to show both the Village Board and the Town Board changes at the Old Fort Museum.

Paul also asked on behalf of the Lions Club to have the Village Board change McIntyre Park to Charles "Coochie" Mullen Park. Drum Corp International would like to contribute to placing a monument in his honor at the Park.

Mr. Mullen recently passed away and he has been very active in the community his whole life.

When Mr. Mullen was Mayor of the Village of Fort Edward he procured the funding for McIntyre Park.

The Village Board was all in favor of changing the name of McIntyre Park.

Attorney Fuller said he would draft a resolution for the changing of McIntyre Park to Mullen Park for the June 2010 meeting.

Paul also asked if the highway department could remove the marker in front of the Jane McCrea Monument on Broadway and the marker in front of the Dangelico property on Broadway. It seems the pole is broken and the sign needs painting. Paul will have his workers paint this summer.

Paul would also like to put a marker on Seminary Street where the old Fort Edward Institute was located, preferably where the original gate is standing.

Mayor Traver said he feels the homeowner would not have an issue with a marker there. Paul will contact the current homeowner.

Paul also asked if something could be done regarding the speed of the boats on the Hudson River. Paul owns property on the river and the wake of the boats has reduced his property.

Mayor Traver asked the clerk to contact Glen Hendricks at the Canal Department to see if something could be done.

Trustee DeVoe asked the board if they have reviewed the plans for health insurance. Mayor Traver would like three (3) plans picked to present to the bargaining unit for the Police, Street, and Water Department. After reviewing the many proposals the Village Board picked CDPHP plans 810 and 910, Blue Shield – Sky Plan and Empire Blue Cross 12.

Mayor Traver addressed the board regarding the Bid opening on April 29th for the Highway Garage.

The low bidder was Mercer Construction for \$362,000 and 69,700 for alternate #1. The engineer is reviewing the bid documents.

Currently there is about \$200,000 in the Shared Services Grant. The clerk has talked to Glens Falls National Bank in regard to funding. It would require a Statutory Installment Bond. This could be for 10 years.

Attorney Fuller said the Village would have to set a public hearing to start the process. It is necessary to make sure enough monies are bonded for the total work.

Motion by Trustee Williams seconded by Trustee DeVoe to adopt Resolution #88, which states:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward has received an assessment notification for the property at the Fort Edward Reservoir with an increase in assessment of \$2,905,505.00, and

WHEREAS, the only day to grieve the assessment is May 25, 2010, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Edward Village does hereby authorize Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, and Firth Law Firm to start the grievance process on the new assessment on the Reservoir Property.

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Carpenter seconded by Trustee Conlon to adopt Resolution #89, which states:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward is in the process of annexing the southern tip of Rogers Island into the Village, and

WHEREAS, this property is currently located in the Town of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, the in the process it is necessary to have the southern tip surveyed, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby retain the services of STANTEC to survey the southern tip of the island at a cost of \$750.00.

ALL AYES

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

GENERAL FUND –	20154.48
Paid before Audit	9320.77
WATER FUND –	8117.24
Paid before Audit	3623.81
AIR STRIPPER FUND –	2267.83
Paid Before Audit	952.63
SHARED SERVICES –	14730.64
HUD Repayment	475.00

ALL AYES

Motion by Trustee Carpenter seconded by Trustee Williams to adjourn meeting at 8:31PM.

ALL AYES

Dated – May 4, 2010

Patricia Ives, Clerk