

Village Board of Trustees
 Regular Meeting
 Tuesday, January 3, 2017

MAYOR TRAVER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00PM. AFTER ROLL CALL MAYOR TRAVER LED THOSE PRESENT IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll Call	Trustee Williams	Trustee Carpenter	Trustee DeVoe	Trustee Conlon
Highway	Brodie Etu	Jeff Caprood		
Police	Justin Derway			
Code	Dave Armando			
Attorney	Matthew F. Fuller			
Public	Jeannie Mullen	Adam DeVoe		

MINUTES

A motion to accept the monthly meeting minutes for the following dates was made by **Trustee Conlon**, seconded by **Trustee Carpenter**.

Monthly VB Meeting December 5, 2016 Zoning Board Meeting November 16, 2016
 Special VB Meeting December 9, 2016 Planning Board Meeting November 15, 2016

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

A motion to accept the following monthly reports was made by **Trustee Williams**, seconded by **Trustee Conlon**.

Village Justice, Clerk/Treasurer, Code Enforcement, Highway, Groundskeeper, Police Chief, Water Superintendent.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #46 OF 2016-2017

HIRE THOMAS WOLFE, PART TIME MEO

MOTION BY **TRUSTEE WILLIAMS**, SECONDED BY **TRUSTEE CARPENTER**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Mr. Thomas Wolfe to the position of part time MEO for the Village Highway department at a rate of \$20.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #47 OF 2016-2017

SEQR- NEGATIVE DECLARATION

MOTION BY **TRUSTEE CONLON**, SECONDED BY **TRUSTEE WILLIAMS**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Fort Edward (the "Village") in coordination with the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, acquired property on Rogers Island in the Village of Fort Edward, portions of which are dedicated as parkland; and

WHEREAS, the Village and Town have been approached about applying for grant funds for the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Board is interested in pursuing such grant funding and has reviewed a proposed environmental assessment form; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the action is an unlisted action and will not have an adverse impact or effect on the environment and wishes to approve the application for grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, the Board hereby adopts a negative declaration on the proposed trail system and application for funding therefore; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documents, applications and other instruments necessary to apply for and carry out the grant funding, if awarded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #48 OF 2016-2017¹

UPDATING NATIONAL GRID LIGHT POLES ON CASE STREET

MOTION BY **TRUSTEE DEVOE**, SECONDED BY **TRUSTEE WILLIAMS** WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Fort Edward (the "Village") has applied for and received a "Safe Routes to School" grant; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this project, specific light poles on Case Street need to be updated; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, the Board hereby authorizes National Grid to update pole numbers 9, 11, 12, and 13 which are located on Case Street and the update is to include 100 watt, high pressure sodium bulbs, using a Cobra head style of lighting on each of the referenced poles.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #49 OF 2016-2017²

REVOCATION OF JP TRUCKING HAULER PERMIT

MOTION BY **TRUSTEE WILLIAMS**, SECONDED BY **TRUSTEE CONLON** WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2103 the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Fort Edward (the "Village") adopted Resolution #60 entitled Local Law #4 of 2013 Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 71 of the Code of the Village of Fort Edward "Solid Waste Collection Disposal"; and

WHEREAS, Local Law #4 of 2013 specifically outlines the rules and regulations required to be a private carter in the village and specifically, §71-5 which outlines the annual permit fee each carter is required to pay; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, the Board hereby revokes the private carter permit for JP Trucking for failure to pay the annual permit fee and for failure to comply with the local law requirements.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT OF BILLS

A MOTION BY TRUSTEE **CARPENTER**, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE **CONLON** TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT OF BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

General Fund	#7	18,493.22	General Fund	#7 PBA	7,701.80
Water Fund	#7	11,964.98	Water Fund	#7 PBA	3,038.79
Air Stripper	#7	21,027.97	Air Stripper	#7 PBA	562.20
Marketplace	#7	366.60			

OTHER BUSINESS

ROGERS ISLAND GRANT

JOINT GRANT APPLICATION WITH TOWN AND VILLAGE

Trustee Carpenter updated the board saying that there is a matching grant available through the Hudson River Greenway Trail System. The Town and Village will be co-applicants on the application and the Roger's Island Visitors Center has been doing fundraising to cover the cost of the match. The application is due in February and awards will be announced in May. If the application is successful, work will be completed in August.

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Trustee Conlon discussed the Water Distribution System Improvement report that was submitted by Chazen, dated December 15, 2016. After a lengthy, productive meeting with the Water Committee, Water Superintendent and Chazen, the result was a report on the Water System, Capital Improvement Plan and the EFC Report. The board discussed the importance of getting this particular work done as it will help with EFC financing and when applying for grants; in addition it will help with the budget process. The board discussed the following: the two pits and the needed upgrades as well as a review of water rates and infrastructure. Also discussed was the Water Storage Tower on the hill and the need for a full assessment of the tank in order to determine if it is able to be restored or demolished and replaced.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL¹

Trustee DeVoe stated that OSP Engineering (working with MJ Engineering on this project) has requested the board pass a resolution regarding upgrading specific lights on Case Street. (*see resolution #48 above*)

MARKETPLACE

Trustee Williams updated the board, saying the next Marketplace meeting will be 01/11/17 at 7:00pm to be held at the Rogers Island Visitor's Center. A brief discussion was held on the wrap up of Locktoberfest, the outcome from the surveys taken as well as a vision of what the committee will be working on at the upcoming meeting. In addition, Cobleskill offers a Marketplace Manager Certification training course once a year through the NYS Farmers Market Association. The cost is \$200.00.

BUILDING & CODE DEPARTMENT

Dave Armando said that he has been working with the Clerk's office to put together the necessary permit, forms and documents.

JP TRUCKING²

The board discussed JP Trucking and the fact that they haven't paid their annual permit fee since 2014. In addition, there are multiple garbage receptacles around the village that haven't been emptied in weeks and are overflowing with garbage. This has a negative impact on the community and quality of life for the surrounding homeowners. After a lengthy discussion, the board agreed to suspend the haulers permit for non-payment of required annual fees. The company is able to re-apply for a hauler permit, without prejudice. Attorney Fuller will draft a letter to JP Trucking as well as a resolution suspending their license.

The board further discussed garbage receptacles that are being left in the road and interfere with plowing. The department will leave notes on the canisters reminding homeowner's of their responsibilities. Attorney Fuller will draft this brief letter as well.

BUILDING & CODE DEPARTMENT

Over the New Year's weekend, 140 Broadway, which is a building owned by James Stackhouse, was closed because of a significant water break. The landlord was trying to remedy a situation and in the process broke a pipe which caused a flood in the building. All tenants were required to evacuate until the homeowner is able to make the necessary repairs.

Mr. Stackhouse is delinquent on paying back his portion of the HUD loan he received for this property. The files were given to Attorney Fuller for collections. Attorney Fuller stated that Meyer and Fuller would proceed with collection efforts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Williams congratulated the police department, specifically the officers involved in the situation with an unstable man on the bridge. They played an integral part in the positive outcome of that situation. It's examples like this that remind us why it is so important to have a village police department.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mayor Traver gave the board a financial update through the end of December, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adam DeVoe

191 Broadway

Gave the board an update on the 2016 year and mentioned how the businesses have been supportive of the Chamber. In 2017, the Chamber has identified their focus and it will be on the assets in the village.

Concerns

Did the Irving Tissue contractors put up a bond for the demolition? He said that during one of the phases of demolition of the Methodist Church, he witnessed the light pole get hit with a piece of equipment, the decorative snowflake that is on the same light pole has been moved as well. The decorations on the poles were purchased by business and/or residents. What insurance do we have that they will remain undamaged? In addition, the heavy machinery has been driving on the new village sidewalks. What will be done to ensure the sidewalks aren't cracked or in need of repair. The day the bell tower came down, the crew wasn't soaking the debris with water; dust went down Broadway, to the point, which spectators had to move. The banners in that area will need to be cleaned because they are covered in dust.

Suggestions

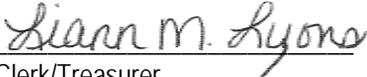
1. **Irving Tissue-** The Methodist Church brought intangible character to the community. The board needs to hold Irving Tissue accountable to complete the landscape plans they submitted to the village and to hold them accountable to what was outlined in the planning board resolution. Irving Tissue didn't provide any landscaping plans for the Satterlee Lane property. What is the plan for that? It is important that the board continues to ensure they do something nice there.
2. **East Side Broadway-** The potential for development on the West side of the Broadway is gone. Consider reimagining the East side of the street as a professional area.
3. **Church Street-** Is it possible to widen Church Street and use that for parking? Perhaps Irving Tissue would be willing to allow some of their property to be used for public parking.
4. **Yacht Basin-**The yacht basin has some issues. The bollards are broken. The water leaks and there are outlets that don't work. This summer there were people sleeping in the bathhouse overnight, impacting the cleanliness of the building.
5. **Gazebo-** Now that the gazebo has been removed, the Chamber would like to see an amphitheater in the corner nearest Satterlee Lane and Terminal Lane. Adam DeVoe said he would like to pursue this development.
6. **Old Williams Property-** 62 Canal Street owned by the village. What is the plan for that property? Mayor Traver said the building has asbestos in it. At one point the discussion centered on the LDC; once they were in a secure financial position, the LDC was going to market that property along with 50 East Street. Potentially marketing this to a developer that would remodel the East Street property into senior housing. The thinking was, a walking connection could be made between 50 East Street and 62 Canal Street. This would connect senior housing to the health center and to the Marketplace. Mayor Traver finished by saying that at this point, the village doesn't have hard numbers to take the building down or to be tested for asbestos.
7. **50 East Street-** This is another property owned by the village. The soffits are rotting away and the longer the building sits vacant, the greater potential for problems. Adam DeVoe stated that we need to do things that will have a positive impact on the community.

8. **Keating Avenue-** There are two homes on Keating Avenue that are being renovated. 13 Washington Street is an eyesore. That area is congested with bus traffic during the week and that makes it impossible for emergency vehicles to access this area. Dave Armando said that 13 Washington Street is bank owned and he believes a local contractor is in discussion with the bank to purchase this property.

Trustee Conlon thanked Adam DeVoe and the Chamber for all of their hard work. As Trustee Conlon has stated, he has a personal connection to the Church as this is where he was baptized and where his parents were married. However, Irving purchased the property and this is where the village is at. Over the last several years the village has seen a lot of younger families move in and he believes there are still a lot of positive things going on in the village.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting at 8:35 was made by **Trustee Carpenter**, seconded by **Trustee Conlon**. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Clerk/Treasurer

Dated: January 4, 2017