

**Village Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2017**

MAYOR TRAVER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:45PM.

Roll Call	Trustee Williams	Trustee Carpenter	Mayor Traver	Trustee Conlon
Attorney	Matthew F. Fuller, Esq.			
Attendees	Sue Phillips	Lisa Graham	Bryan Etu, DPW Superintendent	Jeff Caprood
	Justin Derway	Dave Armando		

PUBLIC HEARING/JIM THATCHER, CT MALE

Phase IV Water & Sewer Line Replacement Project/Broadway East Side Renaissance Project

Location: Liberty, Washington, Spruce Streets & Keating Avenue

Activities/Linear Feet: 1,350 of 8"/350 of 6" and Hydrants and Shutoffs

The Broadway East Side Renaissance Project represents the successful culminations of coordinated infrastructure projects shared by the Village of Fort Edward and Washington County and its Sewer District, which maintains the sanitary sewer system in Fort Edward, and it represents a significant investment of local capital funding in addition to the requested CDBG awards to eliminate failing and damaged infrastructure and prepare much of Downtown Fort Edward for redevelopment. The Safe Water component of this comprehensive Project consists of the replacement of 1,700 feet of cast iron water pipe with eight or six inch ductile iron mains, connections to the existing trunk main on Broadway and looped to Canal Street and East Street, and necessary shutoff valves and hydrants supporting the new distribution.

Public Comments

Sue Phillips Lisa Graham
6 Keating Avenue 18 Liberty Street

Both residents provided feedback on the project, expressing concern with the way the project is being done. As of the meeting, there were still pipes sticking up from the ground. Parking has been a nightmare. Residents haven't been able to access their driveways and when they parked on Broadway they were issued warning tickets. There was no plan for those that live in the area to get in and out during the construction. Liberty Street is a one-way street yet there were several times residents had to leave out the street the wrong way. Both residents stressed how much of a safety concern this was. During the project there were times that emergency access was impossible; if an ambulance needed to get to a home on Liberty Street it would have been impossible. Workers involved in the project have parked on their lawns and have left garbage behind which is disrespectful. A large hole in the road was left unsecured overnight, not being taped off or blocked which is a safety hazard. Garbage pick-up has been terrible and the hauler wasn't able to pick up refuse for several weeks. Both residents stated that communication during the project wasn't adequate, not providing the residents enough information about the inconveniences they would be experiencing.

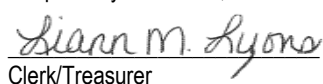
Ms. Graham stated that she agrees with the project and understands the importance of the work that is being done. However the communication needs to be better during the second part of the project that will be done in the spring. When construction begins on Liberty Street, Ms. Graham offered the following suggestions.

1. Communicate clearly with the homeowners in the construction area.
2. Provide an option for alternative parking.
3. Come up with a plan to get the residents garbage picked up each week.
4. Leave the construction area accessible at the end of the day to ensure emergency vehicles can access the area.
5. When a residents driveway isn't able to be used, let the homeowner know and at the end of the day, provide temporary access to driveways.
6. Better signage directing residents where to drive.

Mayor Traver apologized to Ms. Phillips and Ms. Graham for the inconveniences that they have experienced and thanked them for coming. He said he would make sure these concerns were discussed with the Engineer and Contractor to ensure a better job is done in the spring when they are working on Liberty Street. He provided an updated on the project and ensured site restoration will be complete prior to the crew leaving for the winter.

There being no further business, a motion to close the meeting at **7:03pm** was made by **Trustee Carpenter**, seconded by **Trustee Williams**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Clerk/Treasurer

Dated: December 8, 2017