

MAYOR TRAVER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Williams, Mayor Traver
Highway	Bryan Etu
Police	Justin Derway
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jeanie Mullen, Steve Davie

THESE ARE NOT OFFICIALLY ADOPTED MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD AND STAFF REVISIONS. ANY REVISIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING MONTHS MINUTES AND WILL STATE SUCH APPROVAL OF SAID MINUTES.

**MINUTES**

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY MINUTES WAS MADE BY:  
 Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	VB Monthly Meeting- May 3, 2021 VB Special Meeting- May 25, 2021
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*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**REPORTS-**

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS WAS MADE BY:  
 Trustee **Cutler**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**.

Clerk/Treasurer, Village Justice, Police Chief, Street and Water Department, Code Enforcement.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Accept the Audit of Monthly Bills  
 MOTION BY Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b>12 AP</b> (Final bills for 20-21)	<b>Abstract # 1</b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
General Fund	\$8,728.38	\$371,131.50	Abstract 1 includes Annual property insurance \$51,859 M & T EFC Principal pmt and admin Water Plant- \$296,006.00
Water Fund	\$14,037.34	\$416.98	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Motion By           Trustee Williams  
Seconded By       Trustee Cutler  
Dated                June 17, 2021

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 1 of 2021-2022**

**Appointment of 2021 Recreation Employees**

Motion By       Trustee Carpenter  
Seconded By    Trustee Boucher  
Dated:           June 17, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint the following employees to the 2021 Summer Recreation Program:

James Donahue	Recreation Director	\$645.00/week
Olivia Fisher	Recreation Employee	\$12.50/hour
Michael Taylor	Recreation Employee	\$12.50/hour
Kaleb Dorsey	Recreation Employee	\$12.50/hour
Noah Dukat	Recreation Employee	\$12.50/hour

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**Resolution 2 of 2021-2022**

**RESIGNATION OF FULL TIME LABORER JUSTIN GIFFORD/FULL TIME PATROLMAN ANDREW BLUMAN**

**WHEREAS**, Justin Gifford was hired as a full time laborer for the Village Highway Department on August 31, 2015 by Resolution # 18 of 2015-2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Gifford and extends their appreciation to him for his service to the Village of Fort Edward, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this resignation is effective June 16, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Bluman was hired as a full- time patrolman for the Police Department on June 17, 2017 by Resolution number 90 of 2016-2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Bluman and extends their appreciation to him for his service to the Village of Fort Edward, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this resignation is effective June 19, 2021.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

**BOND RENEWAL FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Motion By Trustee Carpenter  
Seconded By Trustee Boucher  
Dated June 17, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the principal payment of a Bond # 4300 in the amount of **\$295,000.00** on the Water Treatment plant. The bond was due and payable on July 1, 2021 with a renewal interest rate of 4.1960 percent.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**PEDDLING & SOLICITING PERMIT, TWIN BRIDGES WASTE & RECYCLING**

Motion By Trustee Boucher  
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter  
Dated June 17, 2021

**WHEREAS** the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby approve the Peddling & Soliciting permit for Mr. Preston Doxey of Twin Bridges and Recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved days of operation are Monday - Saturday and the hours of operation are 11:00 AM to 8:30 PM from April to October.

There was a brief discussion on the number of containers in the Village and the amount of time that they stay on the Village sidewalks after their designated pickup day. Trustee Williams said that this has become a problem and need to be controlled. If this becomes a problem, Code Enforcement officer Dave Armando will issue citations to the respective companies.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

**APPOINTMENT OF WATER SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM CAPROOD JR.**

Motion By Trustee Williams  
Seconded By Trustee Cutler  
Dated June 17, 2021

**WHEREAS** the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint William Caprood Jr. as Water Superintendent at a salary of \$60,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

Resolution 6 of 2021-2022

**APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME PATROLMAN NATHAN MARSHALL**

Motion By            Trustee Cutler  
Seconded By        Trustee Carpenter  
Dated                 June 17, 2021

**WHEREAS** the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Nathan E Marshall as a full-time police officer at a rate of \$21.00/hr. Mr. Marshall has received all necessary training and is certified.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** this resolution shall take effect pending completion of background check and medical and psychological evaluation.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

Trustee Cutler reported that Albany County will allow us to send three candidates to training school tuition free. This should help get us some more potential candidates.

Resolution 7 of 2021-2022

**APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER FIRMS**

Motion By            Trustee Williams  
Seconded By        Trustee Carpenter  
Dated                 June 17, 2021

**WHEREAS** the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby renew the contracts with Chazen Companies as the designated engineering service and Meyer, Fuller and Stockwell PLLC as the designated law firm.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** this resolution shall take effect immediately.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Chief Justin Derway gave a report on the recent Governor's Traffic Safety Program held at the Fort Edward High School. There were three separate programs that the police department hosted. The first was the Battle of the Belts with NASCAR driver Ross Chastain present. There was a competition to see how fast the students could unbuckle their belts with the winners get gift cards. The second event was the Buckle up Program which stressed the importance of wearing seat belts in the front and also the back seat of cars. There was a simulated crash which showed the significance of wearing seat belts all the time. The third event involved the FEPD, FEFD, the Fort Edward Rescue Squad and Kilmer's Funeral Home. They dealt with the seriousness of drinking and driving and the problems that this can cause. These programs were a huge success leading up to the prom and graduation.
- Janelle Rose gave an update on the LEAP program. The highway department will be receiving summer help from the County. The individual will be able to work 25 hours a week from July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021.
- There was a discussion on updating the Village website. It has not been done in quite a while and is rather cluttered. Noleeo Web Design gave us a onetime price of \$500.00. We checked to see if it is ADA compliant which it is so we will have it done.
- There was a letter from Team Fredette concerning their proposed business at the old dewatering facility. They are interested in building an indoor basketball arena there. The Champlain Hudson Power Express commission has a meeting with the Waren-Washington IDA on June 23, 2021. We should have a better idea on what is going on with both projects after this meeting. Will have updates at our July Village Board meeting.
- The Village Highway department is down an employee with the resignation of Justin Gifford. The street department committee will meet with Highway Superintendent Brodie Etu to get someone hired as soon as possible. Local referrals have seemed to work best in the past and we have two applicants. A resolution will be presented at the July Village Board meeting. Motion by Trustee **Cutler** to hire a laborer pending approval by the Street Department committee and Highway Superintendent Brodie Etu. **SECONDED BY Trustee Carpenter. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando stated that it has been a very busy month. The owner of 52 Broadway was sentenced to jail time for failure to fix the broken porch. The problem still exists and the process will begin again until his property is cleaned up. The grass problem at 251 Broadway has been turned over to a property manager for the bank.

The Canal Street Marketplace has not been open for rentals because of COVID-19 but these restrictions have been lifted. There is a two hour limit on the length of parties so that should limit the amount of time that the air conditioner is used. Motion by Trustee **Cutler** to allow the Marketplace to be available to rent for five parties this season. **SECONDED BY Trustee Carpenter. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Trustee Cutler mentioned that with the increase in CHIPS money that we should consider doing an overlay on McCrea Street. The road is in really bad condition especially up to Underwood Street. We will get prices to see what the cost of this project would be.
- There was a discussion on what the plans were for hiring an additional employee for the Water Department to assist Bill Caprood. Geoff Bigelow has expressed interest in transferring from the Street Department to the Water Department but that would leave the Street Department one employee short. It has helped the Water Department and the cooperation between the two departments has improved dramatically. It would take a year to get Geoff completely trained so this could still be an issue. We will put an ad in the New York Rural Water Association website and see if we get any response. Mayor Traver reported that Ed Miller got hurt in a fall into Bond Creek trying to break up a beaver dam. He missed a few days of work, but as of now is back on the job.
- Chief Justin Derway reported that the cast will come off his hand on June 24, 2021 and after that he will be able to work alone. He will be working additional shifts at straight time to give his fellow officers some much needed time off.

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM by Trustee **Carpenter. SECONDED BY Trustee Cutler. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer