

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	Jeff Caprood
Police	Justin Derway, Ed Ackley, Joe DeAngelo
Code	
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Water	Bill Caprood Jr.
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Steve Davie, Deborah Sien, Patty Anderson, K. Elms, Neal Cameron

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 **Cutler**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	VB Monthly Meeting- July 6, 2021
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*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

### REPORTS-

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

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b>Abstract # 3</b>	<b>PBA # 3</b>	<b>Comments</b>
General Fund	\$19,739.22	\$7,769.73	
Water Fund	\$ 832.96	\$2,520.49	

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 13 of 2021-2022**

#### **RESIGNATION OF PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS, THOMAS SCHILLING, DAN WILLIS, ANTHONY BREEYEAR**

Motion By            Trustee Boucher  
Seconded By        Trustee Carpenter  
Dated                 August 2, 2021

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Schilling was hired as a part time police officer for the Police Department on November 7, 2020 by Resolution # 22 of 2020-2021; and Dan Willis was hired as a part-time police officer for the Police Department on September 4, 2018 by Resolution # 32 of 2018-2019, and Anthony Breeyear was hired as a part-time police officer for the Police Department on May 7, 2018 by Resolution # 117 of 2017-2018,

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignations of Mr. Schilling, Mr. Willis and Mr. Breeyear extends their appreciation to them for their service to the Village of Fort Edward, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this resignation is effective immediately.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

### **Resolution 14 of 2021-2022**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT TO BUDGET REVENUES**

Motion By            Trustee Cutler  
Seconded By        Trustee Williams  
Dated                 August 2, 2021

**WHEREAS** the following revenue line as of August 2021, will be added to the budget due to unforeseen revenue from COVID-19 **ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)** funds shall be added to the budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board does hereby approve this budget modification as detailed below; and

FROM ACCOUNT # (DEBIT)	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT TYPE	AMOUNT	TO ACCOUNT # (CREDIT)	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME
A0.0200.000	Cash Checkbook	General Fund	\$166,907.80	A0.3001.10	\$166,907.80	State Aid ARPA

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

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Roll Call Vote-

Trustee Boucher Aye  
Trustee Carpenter Aye  
Trustee Cutler Aye  
Trustee Williams Aye

Some of this money could be used to restore funds from lost revenue with the court being shut down. It could also be Used for some infrastructure work. There are strict guidelines to follow when this money is allocated.

Resolution 15 of 2021-2022

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE**

Motion By Trustee Cutler  
Seconded By Trustee Boucher  
Dated August 2, 2021

**WHEREAS** the Fort Edward Village does hereby authorize the hire of Geoffrey Bigelow as a full time Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee effective August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at a rate of \$23.03/hour

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board does hereby approve this budget modification as detailed below; and

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

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Residents from the Seminary Street area were present to address the problems with the tenants at 61 Seminary Street. There is drug activity and prostitution occurring at this address. The Police Department has been called there numerous times and the neighborhood could become somewhat dangerous. Child Protective Services has been called because there are young children living there and are witnessing all this activity. Chief Derway will check all the records to see if they have exceeded the allowable points for possible evictions. He has reached out to the landlord, but her phone has been disconnected. Police Officer Ackley stated that there have been multiple arrests and they will continue to monitor the neighborhood closely.
- The school is adopting a resolution to finalize the transfer of the old annex building, the garage, and the adjacent property. The school will still be able to use the parking lot after the sale is finalized. We will see if there is any grant money available to do any repairs to the building and if some of the stimulus money could be used to offset any expenditures.
- There was a discussion on Terminal Lane not being on the State's register of streets in the Village of Fort Edward. This is confusing because we have received CHIPS money in the past to do repairs to this street. The State has moved the stop marker in front of the entrance to the road. By doing this, the entrance is blocked, and no emergency vehicles could enter the road. We have contacted the State and they are trying to remedy this problem. We would also like to have Rogers Island Drive added to the list. We will change the name of that road to Dr. David Starbuck Lane when we submit these changes. Motion by Trustee **Williams** to schedule a public hearing on September 7, 2021, at 6:45 PM to adopt a new local law to add these streets to the State registry. **SECONDED BY Trustee Carpenter. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- Deborah Sien of 116 McCrea Street voiced her concerns over trucks going down McCrea Street instead of turning into Irving Tissue. There could possibly be wires tore down because of the height of these tractor trailers. The GPS system on these trucks is sending

them down McCrea Street on an alternative route. Once these trucks get to the upper level of McCrea Street, there is no way for them to turn around. This could cause a problem with emergency vehicles having to get down the street. We will reach out to Irving Tissue to see if they could help remedy this problem. Trustee Cutler will reach out to Greg VanGrow and report back next month.

- Trustee Boucher reported that the road is beginning to deteriorate on the upper level of River Street. The bank needs to be reinforced and possibly put guard rails there which might prevent an accident. If this is National Grid property, they may be responsible for any repairs to that area. We will contact Sean Doty of Chazen Companies to address this situation.
- Trustee Cutler said that we will getting prices on doing some paving on the lower portion of McCrea Street. There are also two Village DPW trucks that are in need of some major repairs. The plow motor for the Water Department's truck will also have to be replaced. We should have more information by the September Village Board meeting.
- Chief Derway reported that Jim Thatcher is working on the DASNY grant which would benefit the police department. The \$150,000 grant money could be used to purchase a new patrol care and for upgrades for the police department.
- Trustee Williams reported that the Village Highway Department mowed the field at the Fort Edward Little League because the grass was so high. The Little League is aware that they are responsible for the upkeep of that and will do so in the future. Also, Highway employee Ed Miller has returned to work after sustaining a fall. With Geoff Bigelow transferring from the Street Department to the Water Department, we will be looking for an additional laborer. We will continue to have the person from the LEAP program for an extended period, but an additional employee is a must.
- Rasheed Bhatti of 215 Broadway has been to court to address the issues with the apartments at the old Victorian restaurant. They are not zoned for that, so this has become an issue. Also, the owner of 52 Broadway has failed to finish cleaning up and repairing his property. He will be back in court on Thursday, August 5, 2021, to address these issues.
- There was a discussion on the proposed sale of Church Street to Irving Tissue. We will be drawing up the paperwork with them to complete the sale. The street needs to be surveyed so this would Irving Tissue's responsibility. They will install the sidewalk which will cross over Church Street and do the landscaping as well.
- There was a discussion on the new cannabis dispensary law which has been adopted by New York. The Village will have to make a decision soon whether to opt out of this program. We have until the end of the year to make a final decision.
- An architect from downstate New York contacted Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando about purchasing 138, 140, and 151 Broadway. He told them about the conditions of the buildings, and they seem interested. We have back taxes that we have to deal with, and it would be nice if we could recover some of the money that we have spent on repairs to 140 Broadway. Will forward any available updates.
- The parking lot on East Street is almost finished. When the sale of Church Street is finalized, it is possible that we can use some of the money from the sale to pave this.

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer