

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	
Police	Chief Justin Derway
Code	
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jeanie Mullen, Carrie Trzaskos, Jeff Durkee, Amanda Durkee, Tom Roche, Audra Aul

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 **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	VB Monthly Meeting- July 6, 2020	VB Special Meeting- July 16, 2020
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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 **Williams**.

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 **Carpenter**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Abstract #3</u>	<u>Pay Before Audit #3</u>	<u>Comments</u>
General Fund	\$70,412.46	\$7,044.96	Bills include payment for Highway Garage- ** Payoff- \$36,657.88
Water Fund	\$2,643.25	\$2,333.29	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 10 of 2020-2021

### **RESIGNATION OF FULL TIME PATROLMAN, JOHN HOGAN**

Motion By Trustee Carpenter  
Seconded By Trustee Cutler  
Dated August 3, 2020

**WHEREAS**, John Hogan was hired as a full- time patrolman for the Police Department on December 3, 2018 by resolution number 51 of 2018-2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Hogan 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 immediately.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- There was a discussion on the resignation of John Hogan from the Police Department. Officer Hogan suffered an injury during the academy and was not able to complete his physical training. The Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) said that Officer Hogan would have to complete the rest of his training at the Glens Falls Police Department and would become an employee at the GFPD. Chief Derway mentioned that he has never encountered anything like this before, but the Village has no recourse.
- There was a discussion on the repairs that need to be done to the railroad bridge on Canal Street. The Village met with CP Rail last fall on the deterioration of the stone blocks on this bridge. One possibility was filling in the road closing the road to traffic. The second option was to fill in the road and leave a 10' wide bike path. Some of the concerns with filling the road in is the water and storm sewer lines under the road. The Village asked for new water and sewer lines and this seemed like an option in the fall, but as of the last meeting, it did not seem like a viable option. There is quite a bit of traffic on Canal Street but emergency vehicles do not use the road because of the height of the trestle. If it is filled in, a 36" line should be installed. CP Rail has not been easy to negotiate with so this is a difficult decision. There could be maintenance issues if we have to close the road. Mayor Traver will contact Sean Doty from Chazen Engineering to see how we proceed with this project. We will reach out to CP Rail and schedule a public meeting to get the resident's feedback.
- Carrie Trzaskos of 54 Center Street is organizing a community effort to help support the Fort Edward Booster Club. The meeting will be held Thursday, August 6 at the Canal Street Marketplace. The Village cannot donate money to the school but if there are funds available from the Recreation Department budget, it may be possible to assist in operating certain programs. The ski club may be a program that could operate under this scenario. Mayor Traver said that not only sports but also music and band programs must be considered. Tom Roche mentioned that whatever money that is raised for the booster club cannot be earmarked for one particular sport. Village Attorney Matt Fuller recommended that the Village should consult with the school attorney before we proceed with anything. Trustee Williams said the group is allowed to use the marketplace's grounds but as of now, all Village properties and offices will remain closed.
- The Audit of the Books for the Clerk-Treasurer and the Justice needs to be submitted by September 30, 2020. Motion by Trustee **Williams** to hold a Special Meeting on September 8, 2020 at 6:15 PM to audit the books. **SECONDED BY Trustee Cutler. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- There was a discussion on the property on Canal Street owned by National Grid. Attorney Fuller said that this piece of property is zoned as residential. This property was cleaned up years ago to commercial standards set by the DEC. If we don't change the zoning of this property, National Grid will have to go back and clean up the property to a higher standard. Mayor Traver said that he would like to see this property remained zoned as residential.

- The building at 140 Broadway will be going up for auction by Washington County in the near future. The Village has approximately \$75,000 invested in this building. If it was sold at the auction, we would get nothing from the sale. A possibility would be for the Village to purchase this for back taxes owed. We will check with the County to see what the amount of back taxes owed actually is. Trustee Williams inquired about possibly contracting with a realtor to look at 50 East Street and other properties that the Village has to see what the market for the buildings are as long as the sale met our conditions.
- Dan Durkee submitted his letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. With only 2 members left on the zoning board, this would be the perfect time to consolidate the zoning and planning boards. There are six members between the 2 boards so one member would have to be an alternate. Tom Roche will contact the members of the planning board to see if one of them would consider being an alternate. Village Attorney will draw up the paperwork to start the process to consolidate the two boards. Motion by TRUSTEE **Cutler**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter** to accept Dan Durkee's letter of resignation. *All Ayes. Motion Carried.*
- Trustee Carpenter and Trustee Boucher toured the Water Department building and said it is in need of some repairs. The building needs to be power washed and the inside of the building needs to be painted. Brush needs to be cleared from the fences and mowing needs to be done regularly. There is growth in the settling ponds and this could be a major issue. If there is too much work for the Water Department to do, the Highway Department could be of some assistance. The Water Department Committee has documented what needs to be done and they will meet with them.
- Trustee Boucher met with Harry Gutheil, Mayor of South Glens Falls, concerning the possible sale of the water tower located in King Edward Knolls. There seems to be some interest and hopefully, there will be more information available next month.
- The Veterans' Banners are up in the Village and they look really nice. Thank you to the Fort Edward Fire Department and the Village and Town Highway Departments for all of their help.
- There continues to be a water leak in the road on Frederick Drive. This has been going on for quite some time and needs to be addressed. We will contact the Washington County Sewer Agency to have them check out the situation and see what the issue is. Allen Burnham from the Sewer Department said they dye tested and shot the sewer main. They are going to dig a test hole Tuesday and test the water to see what is going on there.
- Trustee Cutler mentioned that Broadway could use some cleaning from McCrea Street to Stewart's. There is garbage and dirt which makes the Village look bad. We will have the Highway Department clean up that area twice a week for a few hours which will help improve the appearance of the Village.
- Matt Fuller has the highway contract which was recently negotiated. There is some minor language to be changed and it will be typed and signed. Once this is finished, back pay for the employees will be reimbursed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer