

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	Justin Derway, Dean Watkins, Mike Squires, John Hogan
Code	
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Page Toomey, Jack Toomey, Larry Bickford, Paul Carpenter, Dave Booth, Fred Goodman

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 **Cutler**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	VB Public Hearing- July 1, 2019 VB Monthly Meeting- July 1, 2019
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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 **Cutler**.

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

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Accept the Audit of Monthly Bills

MOTION BY Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

AUDIT OF BILLS	PAY BEFORE AUDIT #3		AUDIT #3	
General Fund	\$ 6,993.08	General Fund	\$ 17,631.87	\$
Water Fund	\$ 1,773.70	Water Fund	\$ 3,148.98	\$
	\$ _____		\$ _____	\$

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 9 of 2019-2020
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**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LOCAL LAW**

Motion By Trustee Cutler  
 Seconded By Trustee Carpenter  
 Dated August 5, 2019

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote public health, safety and welfare of the community with the Village of Fort Edward (the "Village") the Village Board of Trustees ("Board of Trustees") has determined that it is in the public interest to adopt a local law amending the Village's Vehicle & Traffic local law to amend certain one-way travel and other amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village scheduled a public hearing to be held before the Board of Trustees on July 1, 2019 at 6:45pm at the Offices of the Village of Fort Edward, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York to hear all interested parties on the proposed Local Law; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of said public hearing was duly posted and then published in the *Post Star*, the official newspaper of the Village, and the proposed Local Law has been before the Board of Trustees for the requisite time period, all pursuant to and in conformance with Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law; and

**WHEREAS**, said public hearing was duly held and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the proposed Local Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees, upon due deliberation of the proposed Local Law and the comments presented at the public hearing, hereby introduces same for adoption; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees finds that the adoption of the same shall be in the best interests of the Village; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2019 law amending regulating Vehicle & Traffic in the Village of Fort Edward, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this resolution, is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Department of State; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

PRESENT:

AYES: Boucher, Carpenter, Cutler, Traver, Williams

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution 10 of 2019-2020

**INTERFUND TRANSFER AND CLOSEOUT OF ACCOUNTS**

Motion By Trustee Williams  
Seconded By Trustee Boucher  
Date: August 5, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to close out the Shared Services account in the amount of \$533.22 and transfer the money to the General Account and the Safe Route to Schools account in the amount of \$.58 and transfer the money to the General Account.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED  
DATE: 8/5/19

**APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Motion By Trustee Cutler  
Seconded By Trustee Williams  
Dated August 5, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint canine "Rookie" as a full time police officer.

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

Vote-

Peter Williams	Aye
John Boucher Jr.	Aye
Edward Carpenter	Aye
David Cutler	Aye
Matt Traver	Aye

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Chief Derway said that the Fort Edward Police Department was approached a month ago about acquiring a nonaggressive black Labrador canine for use in the department. The canine will be used for narcotics detection and tracking which can be used for lost persons or tracking the suspect of a crime. Sergeant Watkins said that the Fort Edward P.B.A. sent out letters to local businesses requesting donations and the response has been very positive. The cost to add the canine as a full-time patrolman on our insurance plan is less than \$900.00 a year. The amount that needs to be budgeted for next year is approximately \$1900.00 a year. This will be taken out of the part-time patrolmen's budget line.
- Mayor Traver and Village Attorney Matt Fuller met with Sean Doty of the Chazen to discuss the culvert at Baldwin Avenue over Bond Creek. Matt Fuller met with the County Historian about this property and there was actually a plan to construct a bridge over the creek at one time. Instead, a culvert was put underneath the road. This will be a major cost if this ever has to be replaced which is why the Village is taking the stance that it is not our responsibility. Will keep updated if any more information becomes available.
- There was a discussion on the railroad overpass located on Canal Street which is starting to deteriorate. A letter has been sent to CP Rail and they are aware of the problem and they have been in touch with Chief Derway. There is no timetable when or if the repairs will be done.
- The plans for the changes to the parking problems and traffic flow on Case Street were presented. The right lane on Case Street will be used as a bus drop off for the students. There will be two lanes of traffic. The left lane will be forced to head north on Burgoyne Avenue which will become a one way street until it merges with Maple Avenue. The middle lane will proceed east down Case Street until it meets with McIntyre Street. The crosswalk on Case Street will be eliminated and one wide crosswalk will be put on Burgoyne Avenue. This should make the job of the crossing guard easier since he will be only watching one crosswalk. There was a discussion on the parking situation on Case Street. There may be parking allowed on both sides of the street after the drop off area. This will be addressed at a public meeting in the near future. Chief Derway said that the school is entertaining the idea of having a bus turnaround behind the building to use that as an entrance. This is something that will not happen anytime soon.
- There was a lengthy discussion on the parking issues on Marion Street. Trustee Williams and Trustee Carpenter met with the Fort Edward Fire Department to evaluate how much space they would need to get an emergency vehicle down Marion Street with parking set up the way it is. The proposal was to flip flop the way the parking is set up now which would allow parking on the north side instead of the south side. They measured distances of 50, 75, and 100 feet from the intersection of Broadway and Marion Street to see where the "No Parking from here to corner " sign should go on the North side. Jack Toomey of 237 Broadway voiced his displeasure of where the No Parking sign is now. He mentioned that there are other streets in the Village that are much narrower than Marion Street

and they have staggered parking. An emergency vehicle was able to make the turn when the sign was 50 feet away but it was very tight. The turn was much easier from 75 feet. Motion by Trustee **Cutler**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter** to hold a public hearing on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

- Larry Bickford of 27 Case Street voiced his opinion over the proposed change to make Case Street one way. He asked if a survey was done concerning this and he was informed it was not. He said that allowing parking on both sides of Case Street past the Fort Edward School would make it extremely difficult to get into his driveway. This will be addressed at the aforementioned public hearing on August 19, 2019.
- Village Attorney Matt Fuller reported that the negotiations with General Electric concerning Air Stripper are ongoing. Hopefully, we can reach an agreement real soon.
- There was a discussion on closing two accounts and exploring what Certificate of Deposits are available. There is a 30-59 days term with a 2.05% interest rate. We have \$64,900.00 in the East Street Preservation account (\$45,848.69) and Rogers Island account (\$19,055.52). Motion by Trustee **Cutler** to allow the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to invest funds not to exceed \$75,000.00. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*
- Trustee Williams and Trustee Cutler gave an update on the Empire State Bike Trail which is going through the Village. Bike racks should be installed in Mullen Park very soon. There will also be a kiosk in the park outlining the trail and places of interest in the area. There was no further information available when the signs will be in place along the trail. Hopefully, the bike trail will be up and functional my Mid-September.
- Trustee Carpenter gave an update on the archaeological dig taking place on Rogers Island. They have found an axe, a 263 year old brass buckle and several musket balls. The dig is under the guidance of the Parks and Recreation Department and it has been extremely successful. This school was started to identify areas of interest as well as finding artifacts.
- Trustee Williams and Mike Dickinson of the Marketplace will be attending a meeting in Warrensburg on August 22, 2019 to discuss urban forestry grants. He will have further information available at the September Village Board meeting.
- Paul Carpenter of 48 Canal Street inquired about replacing the stairs which used to be on the lower level of Canal Street. Matt Fuller said that everything that you do on Village property concerning this matter has to be approved by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) .You would not be allowed to build stairs. It would have to be a ramp which would have to meet all of the specifications set forth by the ADA.
- Trustee Boucher mentioned that there are “squatters” behind the Fort Edward High School baseball field on the north side of Mullen Park. It looks like kids are setting up a camp there. Sergeant Watkins will investigate the issue.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer