

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

Roll Call	Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Boucher, Trustee Williams, Mayor Traver
Highway	Jeff Caprood
Police	Justin Derway
Code	absent
Attorney	Matthew F. Fuller
Public	Jeanie Mullen, Peter Amorosi, Jim and Claire Marlow, Donna and Ron Graham, Nasser Awadaweh, Roxanne Growley

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 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES WITH A CHANGE TO HOW THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE LOCAL LAW CONCLUDED WAS MADE BY Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS LEFT OPENED AND TABLED FOR AUGUST 6 AT 6:45:

Approval of Minutes	VB Monthly Mtg. July 2, 2018	VB Public Hearing 6:30 July 2, 2018	VB Public Hearing 6:45 July 2, 2018
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ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS WAS MADE BY:

Trustee **Perry**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**.

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 **Boucher**.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT OF BILLS	PAY BEFORE AUDIT #3		AUDIT #3	
General Fund	\$ 9,202.93	General Fund	\$ 33,969.30	Phase IV (Grant \$\$) \$ 54,607.70
Water Fund	\$ 1,877.85	Water Fund	\$ 2,249.36	Phase IV Chazen (Cumby's) \$ 4,230.25
				HUD/CT Male \$ 5,500.00

AUDIT OF BILLS	PAY BEFORE AUDIT #12AP		AUDIT #12AP	
General Fund	\$ 6,325.62	General Fund	\$ 11,403.49	Phase IV (Grant \$\$) \$
Water Fund	\$ 1,491.99	Water Fund	\$ 1,485.61	Phase IV (Cumby's) \$
Air Stripper	\$ N/A	Air Stripper	\$ N/A	HUD \$ N/A

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #17 OF 2018-2019

Appointment of 2 (two) full time Police Officers

MOTION BY Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Michael Squires and Matthew Secor as Fort Edward Police Officers on a provisional basis pending the passing of the Police Academy and the Civil Service Test. They also must be eligible on the County list, and **WHEREAS**, the two officers will be paid a rate of \$15.00 per hour with health benefits. The employees share of health benefits will be 25% of the premium, and

BE IT RESOLVED, before entering the Academy the officers will sign a three (3) year contract with the Village of Fort Edward and

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

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #18 OF 2018-2019

Facility Use Permit

MOTION BY Trustee **Boucher**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Perry**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby approve the Facility Use Permit for the use of the Canal Street Marketplace Barn by the Fort Edward Free Library on July 16th from 6:30PM to 9:30PM, and

WHEREAS, the Library would like to hold a "Women's Self Defense Class" for ages 16 and older at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

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

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #19 OF 2018-2019

Appointment of Planning Board Clerk

MOTION BY Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Perry**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Janelle Rose to the position of Planning Board Clerk at the rate of \$125.00 per month effective June 18, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution takes effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #20 OF 2018-2019

Increase wages to meet the NYS Minimum wage rate for two (2) recreation employees

MOTION BY Trustee **Boucher**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Perry**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby agree to increase wages for two recreation employees, Samantha Godfrey and Alexis Thomas.

WHEREAS, the NYS minimum wage for 2017-2018 is \$10.40 per hour, and currently Samantha Godfrey has a pay rate under the minimum at 9.95/hr., while Alexis Thomas has a pay rate under the minimum at \$9.89/hr.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the clerk's office will calculate retro pay for these two employees back to their first day of work, Monday June 25, 2018 and;

BE IT RESOLVED, this will take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #21 OF 2018-2019

Franchise Agreement – Charter Communications

MOTION BY Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, in a full public proceeding affording due process to all parties, Grantor considered and found adequate and feasible Grantee's plans for constructing and operating the cable television system, and Grantor considered and determined that the financial condition, character, legal and technical ability of the Grantee are sufficient to provide services, facilities and equipment necessary to meet the future cable-related needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Grantor finds that the Grantee has substantially complied with the material terms of the current Franchise under applicable laws, that this Franchise complies with New York Public Service Commission's ("NYPSC") franchise standards under Title 16, Chapter VIII, Part 895 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, and that the grant of a nonexclusive franchise to Grantee is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Grantor and Grantee have complied with all federal and State-mandated procedural and substantive requirements pertinent to this franchise renewal; and

WHEREAS, Grantor desires to enter into this Franchise with the Grantee for the construction and operation of a cable system on the terms set forth herein;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the renewal Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the Village of Fort Edward and Charter Communications for a period of ten (10) years

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #22 OF 2018-2019

Acceptance of PBA Contract for June 1, 2018 – May 31 2021

MOTION BY Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) contract expires on May 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee has met with PBA representatives and come to an agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees does hereby accept and approve the PBA contract which covers the

time period of June 1, 2018-May 31, 2021 and authorizes retro pay for from June 1 2018 through August 5 2018; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution takes effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #23 OF 2018-2019

Facility Use Permit – NYS Canal Corp

MOTION BY Trustee **Boucher**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Perry**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby approve the Facility Use Permit for the use of the Canal Street Marketplace Barn by the NYS Canal Corp on September 13th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Canal Corp would like to hold a Safety Barbeque for employees

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

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #24 OF 2018-2019

Appointment of Full time Village Clerk/Treasurer

MOTION BY Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Perry**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Peter Amorosi as Fort Edward Village Clerk/Treasurer

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk/Treasurer will be paid a rate of \$24.00 per hour; and

BE IT RESOLVED, before the start date of September 4th 2018 appointed clerk will sign a contract with the Village of Fort Edward for September 1 2018 through March 31 2020, and

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

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #25 OF 2018-2019

Authorizing Engineering Application for final payment upon completion of SRTS Project.

MOTION BY Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, MJ Engineering provided documentation for Certificate for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward is responsible for their share of \$2,917.00 which is the final Engineering payment for SRTS project; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Fort Edward will not be billed in the future for any additional or leftover work for SRTS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign and submit the AIA Document as completion of the SRTS Project

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #26 OF 2018-2019

Authorizing Engineering Application for Final Payment upon completion of Phase IV

MOTION BY Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, Chazen Engineering provided documentation for Certificate for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward is responsible for payment in the amount of \$54,607.70 which is the final Draw #11 for Phase IV; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign and submit the final documentation as completion of the Phase IV Project

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #27 OF 2018-2019

Washington County Youth Bureau Agreement

MOTION BY Trustee **Boucher**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**, WHICH STATES:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward will provide a Recreation Program in 2018 and submit the Program Annual Report to the Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward will receive \$1,120.00 to offset expenses contingent upon funding being approved by NYS OCFS and the funding shall commence January 1 2018 and shall end December 31 2018; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to sign and date the agreement for payment, effective immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

Schedule review of Treasurer and Court Financials.

Motion to set audit of books on September 4 2018 at 6:15 was made by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Boucher. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Traver opened the meeting to the public for comments at 7:30 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CLAIRE MARLOW

Prospect Street

Mr. and Mrs. Marlow are concerned about 10 Cooper Street which is a house behind theirs. The house has been abandoned and there is junk piled up on the front porch and there are ducks in the pool. She also mentioned that a while back there was 4ft of water in the basement. Mrs. Marlow was able to find the owner of the property and gave the information to the board to pass along to code enforcement. Mayor Traver had a concern regarding code enforcement entering the property as it is illegal to do so, Jim Marlow told the mayor that Dave could view the backyard from his property which sits behind 10 Cooper Street.

RON GRAHAM

21 Frank Street

Water up on the point has caused his cellar to flood. Mr. Graham feels this water issue has gotten worse since Williams farm has been vacant. Mr. Graham asked who owns the property. The mayor explained that it is owned by Larry Clute. Mr. Graham would like to see someone looking into this to possibly resolve this issue.

Trustee Williams explained to Mr. Graham that this water problem is not secluded to his location, however this issue is also on Mechanic Street, King Edward Knolls and other areas that never used to get flooded basements. Mr. Graham explained that since the farmland has become vacant, it has turned into a swamp area, holding water. Trustee Carpenter explained that it would need an engineer to assess the situation. Mayor Traver told Mr. Graham that he will call Larry to discuss and see if something can be done. Mr. Graham asked if drainage could be placed up there and discharge into the river. M. Fuller explained that legally the village cannot do any such thing as it is not our property. Trustee Williams asked Ron what his ground is made of on Frank Street. His response was "shale". Again, the mayor told Mr. Graham that he will put a call into Larry Clute and get back to him. M. Fuller did explain that the ground water issue is shifting from location to location over the years. At one point, there was a swamp on Thornwood Dr. when he was growing up and now it's all dry land.

ROXANNE GROWLEY

11 Washington Street

Roxanne Growley recently purchased 11 Washington Street. When the village board decided there was no use for 13 Washington Street after the demolition of the structure, the clerk's office sent letters to both owners on each side of 13 Washington Street. Ms. Growley showed interest in the property and has been working with Meyer & Fuller to acquire the property.

Roxanne was asked to attend the meeting by attorney Fuller. M. Fuller presented a preliminary map showing a boundary line adjustment and deed reference for 13 Washington Street, previously owned by the village.

Jeanie Mullen

111 East Street

Jeanie asked about garbage cans out on Baldwin Avenue. It was mentioned by Trustee Carpenter that it is Jordan's property. D. Armando will look into it.

Nasser Awadaweh

70 East Street

Nasser asked if the village was getting rid of our police department as he has heard rumors around the village. The mayor explained village is not getting rid of their police department. The 6th position was not filled after a full-time officer left because there were no qualified applicants who were certified to fill the position. The applicants would have to go through a year of training and certification first so the 6th position was not put into the budget. Two other officers left not because of instability, however to further advance their careers. The village PD is a small department and there is not much room for advancement and growth for our young officers.

Nasser also asked about 140 Broadway and what the status was. The mayor explained that the owner has walked away from the property and because it was a hazard to the community for the deterioration of the out side of the building, it was the responsibility of the village to fix the problem as it was a liability.

TRUSTEE PERRY

Mr. Perry asked M. Fuller if there was a code violation for people leaving furniture out for grabs in front of their property. Currently, the code enforcement officer sends an order to remedy. The board discussed skipping the step of a letter allowing time to clean it up before a violation and going straight to issuing a violation immediately. Mayor Traver will discuss with code enforcement.

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:25 pm to discuss Article 7, was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, seconded by Trustee **Boucher**. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn out of executive session at **9:30 pm** was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, seconded by Trustee **Boucher**. All ayes. Motion carried

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at **9:31 pm** was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, seconded by Trustee **Williams**. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle Rose Dated: August 6, 2018