

**Village Board of Trustees
Public Hearing
Monday, August 19, 2019**

MAYOR TRAVER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM.

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher	Trustee Carpenter	Trustee Cutler	Trustee Williams
Absent				
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Justin Derway, Vanessa Derway, Larry Bickford, Page Toomey			

PUBLIC HEARING- Parking on Case Street, Burgoyne Avenue and Marion Street

A public hearing was held to discuss the continuing traffic problems near the Fort Edward High School on Case Street. Chief Justin Derway said that he met with the Village engineer, the highway department, the Fort Edward Fire Department and officials from the school to determine what would be best to alleviate some of the issues. Case Street will become one way proceeding east off Route 4. There will be a bus drop off in front of the high school entrance. In addition, there will be two lanes- the middle lane will proceed east down Case Street and the left lane will be directed up Burgoyne Avenue. There will be a 25' drop off only area on the lower section of Burgoyne Avenue with no parking allowed on either side of Burgoyne Avenue after that designated area. There will be one large crosswalk at the intersection of Burgoyne Avenue and Case Street. The south side of Case Street will have parking available from the teacher's parking lot to McIntyre Street Hill. The north side of Case Street will have additional parking spaces. Larry Bickford of 27 Case Street voiced his displeasure on making Case Street one way. He said that this will cause inconveniences to the neighbors, as well as, the Postal Service and UPS who make deliveries every day. Mayor Matt Traver said there was a discussion about making Case Street one way during school hours only but the liability and enforcement issues did not make it feasible.

There was a discussion on the current parking laws on Marion Street. As it stands now, there is no parking allowed on the north side and parking on the south side only. There is a "No Parking from here to the corner" sign 50' from Broadway on the north side of Marion Street. An emergency vehicle can make the turn where the sign is presently located, but it is a tight turn. This would become an even bigger issue during the winter months with snow banks. Trustee Carpenter recommended that this sign be placed 60' from the intersection of Route 4 and Marion Street on the north side. This would allow two additional parking spots at the beginning of Marion Street on the north side. By changing the parking from the south side to the north side, this would create an additional 12 parking spaces. Page Toomey of 237 Broadway expressed her gratitude to the Village Board for all of their help in resolving this issue.

A motion to close the public hearing at 6:48 PM was made by **Trustee Williams**, SECONDED BY **Trustee Cutler**. *All ayes. Motion carried.*

The public meeting was opened at 6:50 PM. Mayor Traver read a letter from Arvid H. O'Connell requesting that he retire on August 30, 2019.

Resolution 12 of 2019-2020

RETIREMENT OF GROUNDSKEEPER ARVID O'CONNELL

Motion By Trustee Carpenter
 Seconded By Trustee Williams
 Dated August 19, 2019

WHEREAS, Groundskeeper, Arvid H. O'Connell was hired as a full-time employee for the Fort Edward Street Department since January 3, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation and retirement of Mr. O'Connell and extends their appreciation for his 35 years of service to the Village of Fort Edward, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby accept the letter of intent to retire effective August 30, 2019.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

There was a discussion on how the Village will fill Mr. O'Connell's position on the highway department. We will need someone to continue in his position, but not at the same salary structure. We will probably be looking for another Class B driver because at the present time, Geoff Bigelow and John Miller are the only drivers we have. We are looking at hiring another individual by the middle of September or early October. This would keep us under budget for that position after paying Arvid O'Connell his accrued benefits.

Mayor Traver reported that there is a possibility of a pipe company opening a business where the WCC property is located. There is a meeting scheduled next week at the Visitor's Center so hopefully, we will have more information by the September Village Board meeting.

Trustee Boucher inquired on how the new canine "Rookie" has been doing since her appointment. Mayor Traver said the reaction from the public has certainly been positive. Village Attorney Matt Fuller is drawing up a contract which will be reviewed by the Mayor, Chief Derway, and Sergeant Watkins.

A motion to close the public meeting at 7:31 P.M. was made by **Trustee Carpenter**, SECONDED BY **Trustee Williams**. *All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Dated: August 19, 2019