

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	
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Tammy Mullen, Tom Roche, Barb Forkin, Kristopher March, Bob Haley, Lester Losaw Lauren Grogan, Mike Dickinson

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.

Approval of Minutes	VB Public Hearing- August 19, 20
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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 **Boucher**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS	PAY BEFORE AUDIT #4	AUDIT #4 (\$25,000.00 Annual Payment to Town for Buildin
General Fund	\$ <u>7,830.13</u>	General Fund \$ <u>49,999.87</u> \$
Water Fund	\$ <u>2,106.51</u>	Water Fund \$ <u>7,834.61</u> \$
	\$ _____	\$ _____ \$

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 13 of 2019-2020

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #4 AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LOCAL LAW

Motion By: Trustee Cutler

Seconded By: Trustee Boucher

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 no parking and no standing areas on Case Street, Burgoyne Avenue and Marion Street in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village scheduled a public hearing to be held before the Board of Trustees on August 19, 2019 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 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. 4 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: All

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution 14 of 2019-2020

RESIGNATION OF PART TIME PATROLMAN, DANIEL CARPENTER

Motion By: Trustee Williams

Seconded By: Trustee Carpenter

WHEREAS, Daniel Carpenter was hired as a part time patrolman for the Police Department on October 1, 2018 by resolution number 38 of 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Carpenter 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

- The Promote Fort Edward Group, which is comprised of local business owners, are looking for ways to reinvigorate the present businesses and hopefully, attract new businesses. Tom Roche presented an outline on some changes that could be considered for adoption. A copy of the proposals will be attached to the Village Board minutes.
- There was a discussion on the broken window at 145 Broadway which is owned by Nasser Awawdeh. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando has sent an order to remedy letter to the owner. The window has been ordered from Adirondack Glass, but due to financial and legal issues which the owner is dealing with, this has not been fixed as of yet. Mayor Traver recommended that the matter be turned over to the court and let the judicial system make a decision on this matter. Kris Marks, owner of Slickfin Brewery, questioned when this would become a health issue such as the cat urine smell at 145 Broadway. There is a Board of Health consisting of Dr. David Foote, the Mayor, the Town Supervisor, one member from each respective Board, and the Code Enforcement officer. They could potentially examine the building and determine if it is in livable condition and if not, the building would be condemned.
- The vacant buildings at 138-140 Broadway was another topic of discussion. The taxes on this property are delinquent and it does not look like the bank will start foreclosure proceedings anytime soon. The Village has spent upwards of \$80,000.00 in repairs so far. The building needs to be put on the market and when and if it is sold, The Village will hopefully recoup some of the money that they have invested. Tom Roche said that there are grants available and he said members of this group would help with the paperwork. Mayor Traver mentioned that most of the available grants have to be completed by the actual property owner. Some of the actual grants require that the building be owner occupied which would make that extremely difficult here.
- There is a need for signs in the Village to inform potential customers where certain businesses are located. It was discussed placing a sign on Bridge Street when you enter the Village but there could be some issues with that location. It was mentioned that there is a lot across from Stewart's on School Street that would be a perfect spot for the sign. The group will contact Bonnie Silvernail, who is the owner of this piece of property, to see if this could be placed there. The Village maintains that road so this may help persuade the owner. Another potential place for a sign is on the corner of East Street. Mayor Traver said he will contact the State Department of Transportation on Burgoyne Avenue to see if they could help us out with this. Another option is to put one in the yacht basin. This would definitely increase traffic in the downtown area by boaters. It was also mentioned that the group should contact the County to have their businesses listed as points of interest on the Washington County Tourism maps. They can also promote the businesses on the Village of Fort Edward website.
- Parking is always a problem in the Village but there are some areas available. There is a parking lot behind St. James Church which is not that far from the business district. There is also the Municipal parking lot across from Spruce Street. There is a parking lot behind the old One More Grill that also could be used. Some work may need to be done to make this more useable. Mike Dickinson will meet with Trustee Williams and Trustee Cutler and Highway Superintendent Etu to see what repairs need to be done.
- Snow Removal- The Village will try to be more aware of monitoring the snow banks in front of the local businesses and try to keep a path from the street to the sidewalk.
- Bob Haley of 110 McCrea Street reported that there are major issues occurring at 43 McCrea Street. There is garbage in front of the building, cars parked on the sidewalk and the stench inside the house is unbearable. The police department has been called there on numerous occasions. Also, there are issues with the building at 39 Seminary Street. The Mayor will meet with Chief Derway to check on the point status on 43 McCrea Street and take appropriate action.
- Trustee Cutler reported that the slab has been poured at Mullen Park for the Empire State Bike Trail. The trail should be up and operational within the next couple of weeks.
- Trustee Williams and Mike Dickinson of the Canal Street Marketplace attended a meeting with the DEC about Urban Forestry Grants. A tree management plan and a tree management survey would have to be completed by a certified arborist before the grant could be submitted. This grant could help with equipment purchase, such as a bucket loader, and assorted tree services which could be used for stump removal and sidewalk repair.

- The Village received a bill from Washington County for the chargeback resulting from the WCC settlement. We will check the fund balance, determine what we have collected in taxes to determine the amount of money that needs to be borrowed. We should be able to make payment by the end of the year.
- There was a discussion on how the CHIPS money will be allocated this year. The box on the white truck will be repaired and we will get prices on a new F-550 truck. The following places will be paved this fall- the north side of Glen Drive / Marion Street to the railroad tracks / Seminary Street where the “S” turns are located.
- Trustee Williams, Village Historian Paul McCarty, Superintendent of Fort Edward schools Dan Ward and Tom Roche had a meeting to discuss making the old Annex building a community archive. This would provide extra storage for the Village, school, the Historical Association and the Rogers Island Visitors Center.
- Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando mentioned that he would like to purchase a portable radio to help with the increasing amount of safety issues that he has to deal with on a daily basis. The Cost would be approximately \$300 and there is money in his budget for it. The Board was in approval of this and one will be purchased.
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- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer