

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	Bryan Etu
Police	Ed Ackley, Nathan Marshall
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Water	Bill Caprood Jr.
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Deborah Sien, Jim Thatcher, Jeanie Mullen, Jeannie Williams

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 **Williams**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes	VB Monthly Meeting- August 2, 2021
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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 **Boucher**.

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

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Accept the Audit of Monthly Bills
 MOTION BY Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

<u>Fund</u>	Abstract # 4	PBA # 4	Comments
General Fund	\$22,737.00	\$8,013.82	
Water Fund	\$56,545.80	\$1,955.29	Moreau Receiver of Taxes- School taxes for Water Plant & Air Stripper properties- \$50,091.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 16 of 2021-2022

ADDITION OF TWO VILLAGE STREETS

Motion By Trustee Carpenter

Seconded By Trustee Boucher

Dated September 7, 2021

WHEREAS the Fort Edward Village board does hereby authorize the addition of two village streets and,

WHEREAS the Village Clerk's office will file all the necessary paperwork to the NYS DOT to acquire Terminal Lane and Dr. David Starbuck Lane as village streets and,

WHEREAS the Village of Fort Edward accepts the responsibility for maintenance and repair of Terminal Lane's limits of 0.10 miles and Dr. David Starbuck Lane's limits of 0.65 miles along with legal responsibility for these roadways and,

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution will take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Traver

Trustee Williams Aye

Trustee Carpenter Aye

Trustee Boucher Aye

Trustee Cutler Aye

Resolution 17 of 2021-2022

SURPLUS OF 2010 DODGER CHARGE PATROL/K-9 CAR

Motion By Trustee Boucher

Seconded By Trustee Cutler

Dated September 7, 2021

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby declare the 2010 Dodge Charger surplus, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

AUTHORIZATION OF ADMIN FOR DASNY GRANT

Motion By Trustee Cutler
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
Dated September 7, 2021

WHEREAS the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize CT Male to be the admin for the DASNY Grant for the Police Department and

WHEREAS the Mayor of the Village of Fort Edward will sign the agreement which states it will not exceed \$4,800.00 in fees and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED this resolution will take effect immediately

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The DASNY grant is for \$150,000 and the fee for CT Male is approximately \$4,300.00. If we are not going to receive the money in a reasonable period, the Village should probably authorize a BAN to front the grant money. Jim Thatcher recommends that we spend all the money up front so that only one disbursement request is submitted. This may help speed up the process of receiving the grant money. A BAN resolution will be presented at the October Village Board meeting.

AUTHORIZATION OF EFPR GROUP TO BE ADMIN FOR ARPA FUNDS

Motion By Trustee Cutler
Seconded By Trustee Williams
Dated September 7, 2021

WHEREAS the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize EFPR to be the admin for the ARPA Funds to find “lost revenue” for the village and

WHEREAS the Fort Edward Village Board authorizes the payment to EFPR be made payable from the ARPA funds and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED this resolution will take effect immediately

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Jeannie Williams of the Feeder Canal Alliance thanked the Village for their help in getting the trail operational. She proposed that the Village become members of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act which is an advisory committee to assist communities in developing specific local projects. These projects can include economic development and regional planning and increased tourism. This is an advisory committee which gives non-profit groups a chance to obtain grant money. If the Village agrees to become a member, a resolution will be presented at the October Village board meeting.
- Deb Sien of 116 McCrea Street inquired about the truck traffic on McCrea Street. Trustee Cutler said that he has been in contact with Irving Tissue, and they have contacted all their trucking companies to update their GPS systems. There will also be notices on their sign on Eddy Street. This should alleviate the problem of trucks going down McCrea Street.
- There are no updates on the erosion problems on River Street. We will contact Sean Doty of Chazen Companies and report back next month.
- There was a discussion on the proposed transfer of the annex to the Village. The Fort Edward school needs to put the sale of the annex out to a public referendum. We thought the sale of the property would be finished by now, but there were concerns about the legality of the transfer. Once the proposed sale is approved by the public, the sale should be finalized. Village Attorney Matt Fuller will research the law concerning the sale/transfer of the annex to the Village.
- The parking lot on East Street has begun to take shape. One load of gravel has been spread over the entire parking lot and if they need more, the Village will supply it.
- Trustee Cutler reported that the police committee has been meeting with the PBA and Chief Derway to address any concerns that they may have. The biggest concern is the need for a new vehicle to replace the Dodge Charger. The police department would also like to begin promoting the department in a positive manner to show the community the work they have been accomplishing. If some information is drawn up, it could be posted on our Village Facebook page.
- Trustee Boucher reported that Hogwash Cleaning Solutions has cleaned the water tower at the water plant. The tower is in good shape with a few rust spots toward the bottom. We will be able to touch up these spots so any further rusting will be prevented.
- There was a discussion on hiring another laborer for the Street Department. The Street Department is down one employee with the resignation of one employee and one employee transferring to the Water Department. The Street Department is in need of someone to do some plowing during the winter. There is a possibility of hiring a part-time driver to plow snow. This would save on payroll expense because there would be no hospitalization for this employee.
- There was a discussion on the proposed sale of Church Street to Irving Tissue. We still do not have the contract from Irving Tissue. We should have the signed papers by the October Village monthly meeting.
- The contract for Water District II with the Town of Fort Edward has been updated. Motion by Trustee **Williams** to renew the contract with the Town of Fort Edward. **SECONDED BY Trustee Boucher. All Ayes. Motion Carried.** It would be nice if the northern section of the Town of Fort Edward would get the water from the Village instead of Queensbury. It makes no sense for taxpayer money to be spent out of town when the Village could supply them the water.
- The property at 140 Broadway remains vacant and the owner has been difficult to reach. One possibility is to have an executive sale by the Sheriff's Department to possibly expediate the sale. Another option would be for any prospective buyer to contact the owner directly to purchase this property and satisfy all outstanding liens.
- Code Enforcement officer Dave Armando reported that the owner of 52 Broadway will be back in court on Thursday, September 9, 2021. The property has not been cleaned up and repairs to the front of the house have not been started. Will update next month.
- There was a discussion on the new laws concerning retail cannabis licensing in New York. The Village has until December 31, 2021, to make a decision to opt out of this program. The Village Board voiced their opposition to any on site consumption at a dispensary. We will have to have a public hearing and a local law will need to be adopted concerning the cannabis dispensary.

- Mayor Traver reported that Clean Earth, formerly ESMI, has filed a permit with DEC to test for PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) in certain types of soil. They would like to find ways to make the soil clean and dispose of these chemicals. Will update when more information is available.
- There was a discussion on the HUD program which has been inactive in the Village for some time. There may be some homeowners in the Village who may benefit from this program. We will determine if we should advertise this program soon to see if there is any potential interest.
- Glens Falls National Bank is closing their branch in the Village on November 30, 2021. This branch has been vital to Village residents for many years, and it will be a big loss to the community. There will still be the Washington County branch at 343 Broadway which is doing some upgrades to the branch.
- There was a discussion on masks with the increase in COVID- 19 cases. It was determined that masks must be worn no matter of vaccination status when people enter the Village offices. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer