

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	Chief Justin Derway
Code	Dave Armando
Water	John Miller
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jeanie Mullen, Mike Dickinson, Jeff Durkee, Amanda Durkee, Tom Roche, Jim Thatcher

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 **Williams**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes	VB Monthly Meeting- August 3, 2020
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REPORTS

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS WAS MADE BY:
 Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**.

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

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS

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

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Abstract #4</u>	<u>Pay Before Audit #4</u>	<u>Comments</u>
General Fund	\$12,895.00	\$7,286.92	
Water Fund	\$59,177.66	\$2,107.63	School Taxes for Reservoir Road Generator for Pump House
Air Stripper	\$1,778.74		Portion of School Taxes for Reservoir Road

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 12 of 2020-2021

APPOINTMENT OF FULL TIME PATROLMAN

Motion by Trustee Williams
Seconded by Trustee Carpenter
Dated September 8, 2020

WHEREAS, Joe DeAngelo was previously appointed a part-time police officer by Resolution # 32 of 2018 -2019 and is in good standing with the department;

WHEREAS, Joe DeAngelo’s certification with the county is pending results of his physical and;

Joe DeAngelo’s full time appointment is contingent on the results of certification from the county and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby the appointment of Joe DeAngelo to the position of full-time permanent police officer at \$16.50 per hour, contingent on the results of certification from the county and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as of confirmation of DeAngelo’s certification he will be entitled to the terms, conditions and benefits as outlined in the current Fort Edward Police Benevolent Association’s contract effective June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2021.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution 13 of 2020-2021

GREATER GLENS FALLS TRANSIT OPERATING AGREEMENT

Motion By Trustee Carpenter
Seconded By Trustee Cutler
Dated September 8, 2020

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby agree to the continuation of Greater Glens Falls Transit services to the Village in 2020-2021. The agreement is identical to the ones that have been signed in the past. The cost of the annual service contract is \$7,620.00.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was a discussion on the Greater Glens Falls Transit contract for 2020- 2021. Resolution # 13 will be drawn up to address this. Motion by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler** to give Mayor Traver permission to sign the contract. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- There was a discussion on Church Street and the interest that Irving Tissue has in acquiring this property. This is basically an abandoned street. The negotiations to have an amphitheater built in the yacht basin never materialized. Irving Tissue has proposed

giving the Village the Old Satterlee Hose Company building located at 175 Broadway in exchange for Church Street. Trustee Cutler said that a proposed paved and striped parking lot would be better than a small park area. The property on Church Street is certainly worth more than the building on 175 Broadway. Irving Tissue would have to do street improvements no matter what the deal is.

- There was a discussion on the sign that the Fort Edward Free Library would like to put up on the corner of Broadway and East Street. Mayor Traver requested that the library submit a plan for the type and dimensions of the proposed sign and there should be no problem with that.
- Mike Dickinson gave a report on the proposed addition of lights behind the old One More Grill building on East Street. Brownell Electric submitted a bid of \$11,000 for the entire project. He said he will contact Hour Electric to get an additional quote. Nasser Awawdeh, who owns the building, said he would help with the existing curb removal and also with the underground excavating for the electrical work. It was mentioned that we counteroffer with Irving Tissue to pave this parking lot as an additional part of the Church Street deal. Mayor Traver will present this to them and report back at the October Village Board meeting.
- Village Mechanic Tom Wolfe requested that the Village change to Motorcraft motor oil. The cost is \$200 more for a 55 gallon drum but he believes that this will help prevent some repairs on all of the Village vehicles. There is enough money in the water, street, and police budgets to cover this additional cost.
- Tom Roche questioned why the Promote Fort Edward group was denied an outing at the Fort Edward Yacht Basin. The State is still maintaining that gatherings should be limited to 50 people maximum. Even though the Canal Street Marketplace may have had over that amount on some occasions, the Village still does not feel comfortable allowing this to take place for the safety of the Village residents. Trustee Carpenter reported that the reenactment on Rogers Island has been cancelled this year for the same reason. Tom Roche reported that their group has contracted with Normandin Marketing to gather more ideas and information to continue the revitalization of downtown Fort Edward.
- Amanda Durkee of 24 Seminary Street inquired about an e-mail that she sent to the Mayor and all the Village Trustees. The e-mail voiced her concerns over the status of the entire community- school, town and village. These are extremely trying times that everyone is going through and Mayor Traver said that we always welcome opinions from residents. He thanked her for her concerns and will always explore whatever options are available to help the Village.
- Jim Thatcher reported that there is growing concerns on what and if any money will be available from the State this year because of the ongoing pandemic. He said another income survey was sent out for the proposed water project in the lower portion of the Village so we will have to wait to see what the responses are. There is CDBG money available but he is not sure how it will be allocated at the present time. There is also FEMA money available that could possibly be used to help with any infrastructure that could be affected by potential flooding.
- Trustee Carpenter reported that the fence at the water treatment plant needs to be repaired. The Highway department can bring the loader over and hopefully help repair the fence. Also, the growth around the old dam on Burt Road needs to be addressed according to a letter we received from the DEC.
- Trustee Cutler reported that a second round of spraying was applied on the pavers and they look really nice. We will schedule two rounds of treatment next year so that will make it easier to keep up with them. This will also free up additional time to keep Broadway clean.
- Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando inquired about the status of the combination of the planning and zoning boards. There is a zoning issue that needs to be resolved but there is not an active zoning board in place. Janelle Rose will send out another email to the members of both boards to see if anyone would be interested in becoming an alternate. We will have to adopt a local law in October to combine the planning and zoning boards. Motion by Trustee **Williams**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler** to hold a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- There was a discussion on opening the Village Offices to the public. At the present time, the office is closed to the public. There is a drop box out front of the town office entrance that worked really well when we collected water rents and Village taxes. Residents can also make appointments if they need to physically be in the office. The Mayor recommended that the door between the Village and Town office be locked and business be continued as it has been until further notice. The Mayor will contact town Supervisor Losaw to reiterate what our current operating plan is.

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Motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer