

Village Board of Trustees  
 Regular Meeting  
 October 2, 2023

TRUSTEE Carpenter CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler
Absent	Mayor Traver, Trustee Williams
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matthew Fuller
Water	
Street	Jeff Caprood
Clerk	Janelle Rose
Public	Kyle Cozzens, Herb Wetherby, CM Kimball, Jason Miles, Frank Burkhardt

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 – September 6, 2023**

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MONTHLY MINUTES WAS MADE BY:  
 Trustee **Cutler**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**REPORTS – September 2023**

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

**Clerk/Treasurer, Village Justice, Street, Water Department, Code Enforcement, Sheriff's Report**  
*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

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

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**General PBA ~~~~~ \$13,614.02**  
**General Abstract #5 ~~~~~ \$94,595.93** of which \$56,750.00 is the paving project reimbursable by CHIPS and \$21,000 for the 2023 Village Assessment payment to Washington County  
  
**Water PBA ~~~~~ \$3,515.82**  
**Water Fund Abstract #5 ~~~~~ \$3,262.98**

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Resolution 10 of 2023-2024 Collections of Water Rents for October 2023**

Motion by Trustee Cutler  
Seconded by Trustee Boucher  
Date October 2, 2023

Motion by Trustee Cutler  
Seconded by Trustee Boucher  
Dated: October 2, 2023

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Clerk's office to collect water rents in the amount of ~~\$134894.86~~ for the October 2023 billing period.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED*

## OTHER BUSINESS

- **138-140 Broadway** – RFPQ's are ready to release. Matt Fuller and Jim Thatcher worked on them and will mail next week giving 5-6 weeks to respond. Site visits can be scheduled during the times Dave Armando is in the office so he can take them through the buildings. Jim will target approximately 10-11 firms. Hopefully, by the December board meeting we will have responses to review. Leslie Ryan also expressed interest in selling her building which is on that same block with 138-140 Broadway.
- **NYS Canal Grant/Kayak launch** – This item will be tabled until November's meeting.
- **PB/ZBA** - Table until November's meeting.
- **County Control Call list** – The discussion came up about the call list at the county when there is a need for assistance from the village. The call list is for the Water and Street Departments. Department heads are called first, then second in line. Each department needs additional numbers in the event the department head does not answer or cannot make the call.
- **215 Broadway** – The property is due for an inspection by Code Enforcement. Two other businesses are also on the schedule for inspections, SlickFin and Stumpy's. There's been a lot of complaints regarding the activity at the motel. With Dave having an inspection, he should be able to verify these complaints. Once the inspections are complete for the three properties, he will write his report and submit it to the board of trustees.
- **DPW** – The DPW needs a laborer. Janelle will put the posting on Indeed as well as FB. Trustee Cutler will stop in the office and go over the position with Janelle before posting.
- **Broadway** – Dave Armando sent letters to all businesses/homeowners on Broadway to clean up the face of their buildings. Some houses to the north have their porches filled with stuff.

- **Jim Thatcher** – DOT is issuing funding under Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The program is similar to the prior TEP grant that helped replace sidewalks and streetlights on East Street many years ago. Funds are meant to get people out of their cars and walking, biking, connected to major destinations, downtowns, other trail systems, etc. The grant is 80/20 % with 80% in federal funds and 20% local match. Maximum request is \$5 million, and the recent scoping of the trail using the original Champlain Canal parallel to Canal Street could be a good candidate. That recent study by AGFTC had a price tag of \$1 million +/-, which this grant could help defray those design and construction costs. Deadline is early January 2024, but there is a pre-review submission for extra credit at the end of November. I can work up a grant-writing proposal if the BOT wants to consider these funds..
- **Champlain Power line** – Frank Burkhardt asked if we had any updates on the power line. Trustee Carpenter said that there is nothing to report in this area yet. Attorney Fuller said most of the work is up north right now. They will have special barges for the spools to go through the canal.
- **Solar Farm**– Dave explained that the solar company interested in the property on State Rte 197 has not been before the Zoning/Planning board yet. They only provided Dave with a packet of information to review before applying. Dave explained that it is in the R1 zone, so a use variance is required then site plan review. Trustee Carpenter explained that if there was a contract on the property and an application before the Zoning/Planning Board, notices would go out to the surrounding residents, so they are aware of the public hearing date.
- **Canal Street** – Frank Burkhardt commented on how nice Canal Street looks after the DPW cleaned up around the fence on the back side of School Street and the corner of the parking lot entrance to Village Hall off Canal Street.
- **Mullen Park** – Trustee Boucher mentioned that they started working on the courts at the park.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb Wetherby  
State Rte 4

Herb mentioned that the solar farms were big projects, but he has seen people walking away from them. The state gave money to build them then after 5 years they are no good. Herb also commented on how nice Weber's parking lot looks after cleaning along the fence. Herb asked if Cumbie's sold yet. It was confirmed it did sell to Irving Consumer Products. There is still no information as to what they are building there, however they are coming before the Planning Board on October 18<sup>th</sup> for a demolition permit to remove the building.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Trustee Boucher**, seconded by **Trustee Cutler**.  
All ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janelle M. Rose, Clerk-Treasurer  
October 2, 2023