

MAYOR TRAVER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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| Roll Call | Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Williams  |
| Highway   | Bryan Etu   |
| Police    |   |
| Code      | Dave Armando  |
| Attorney  | Matthew Fuller  |
| Water     |   |
| Clerk     | Janelle Rose  |
| Public    | Frank Burkhardt, Mike Dickinson, Melanie Dickinson, Jim Thatcher, Chris Pray, Steve Davie, Tadgh Nealon, Maria Rosenbum, Brian Katz |

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 – October 3, 2022**

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

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**REPORTS - October 2022**

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

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.*

| <b>Fund</b>  | <b>Abstract #6</b> | <b>PBA #6</b> | <b>Comments</b>                           |
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| General Fund | \$ 65,838.39       | \$10,503.91   | Abstract 6 \$28,162.15 is DASNY purchases |
| Water Fund   | \$9,818.09         | \$2,389.44    |   |

**Resolution #12 of 2022-2023**  
**Washington County Youth Bureau Program for 2023**

Motion By Trustee Williams  
 Seconded By Trustee Cutler  
 Dated November 7, 2022

**WHEREAS** the Village of Fort Edward will provide a Recreation Program in 2023 and submit the Program Annual Report to the Youth Bureau; and

**WHEREAS** the Village of Fort Edward will receive \$1,120.00 to offset expenses contingent upon funding being approved by NYS OCFS and the funding shall commence January 1, 2023, and shall end December 31, 2023; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor is authorized to sign and date the agreement for payment, effective immediately.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

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### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Annual Highway Work Permit** - Allowing Bryan Etu to sign the annual permit for DOT. Motion made by Trustee **Carpenter**, seconded by Trustee **Boucher**. All ayes. Motion Carried.
- **Trees on Bridge Street** - They cut three of the four of the trees down. Looks pretty good. Trustee Cutler stated that they are going to be back to do the last tree. There was a small mix up with Nat Grid's forestry department with the chipper, they did not bring one, so we had to borrow one. The mayor stated there is a program for tree replacement, so we will be looking into that as well. We also will have to pay to have the stumps grinded down.
- **FE/Kingsbury Senior Center** - We have a request for the Stipend for 2023-2024. A letter from Max McDonnell requesting \$7,000.00 this year. Trustee Cutler stated it is a great program and well deserved. The mayor asked to keep this in our notes for budget time so we can budget for that amount for them next year. Trustee Boucher asked about the new van they wanted to purchase. They need a new one for trips. The mayor asked if they were successful in getting any grant money to help pay for the vehicle. They were looking for \$60,000.00.
- **Office Construction** - Janelle explained the quote that came in from the construction company, Northern Enterprises in South Glens Falls who does commercial / office construction. The quote is verbal at this point but looking to get a written quote before the Town board meeting this month for approval. The mayor would like to see it in writing how the construction will look. He explained to the rest of the board that there needs to be more privacy and security in the office. We need to do something to make it more secure. The mayor would like the construction to tie into the old building. He will reuse the counter. Trustee Carpenter explained that if you go to the county, there is no contact with people and they are all secure.
- **138-140 Broadway** – Property is off the auction. Back taxes will be paid and upon sale of property, reimbursement will be made back to village. Currently, both parcels, \$63,000. This includes interest and penalties. The mayor did talk to the finance committee, like what the town did with Market 32, they had a deal with the county that they would reimburse them upon sale of the property. Cambridge did the same thing with a parcel they are interested in. I think we can work out a deal where we put a small portion down and then the rest of it. Matt Fuller is requesting that the village submit a proposal for the purchase of the properties. The village will pay to the county, upon transfer of the deed to the properties or the closing of the sale, the sum equal to that which the county has made the village whole for Village taxes, etc. We believe that is a reasonable start to repaying the village and county the sums owed on these properties and that way the county taxpayers have not subsidized the village taxpayers. The village acknowledges of course the sums due and owing for Town, County and School taxes as well as interest and penalties. In that regard, the village would offer the following additional payment to the county; Upon sale of the property to a third-party developer selected by the village, if the county is willing to waive the interest and penalties, the village would also waive its interest in the judgement the Village has on the properties. That interest is estimated at around \$25,524.00 as of our last meeting at the county. The principal owed to the village is \$63,438.55. The village would propose that we add the county's principal owed plus the village's principal above. Our goal would be to recoup that amount, at a minimum, from a developer. To the extent that the village does not recoup that entire amount, we would reimburse the county "pro-rata" as follows:

$\$ = PP \times [C / (C + V)]$  – Where \$ = Amount to be reimbursed to the county. PP = Purchase price paid by developer net of closing costs (title searches, etc.) C = Amount due to county for taxes plus made whole payments as above. V – Village's principal due of \$63,438.55.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **Chris Pray – 64 McCrea Street** I own the building at 64 McCrea Street and one of my issues that I cannot control is the lack of parking on my parcel. The village has the no parking for winter, so I am trying to see if there is anything we can do to get parking for the tenants. I have a suggestion to alternate parking on each side of the street, or maybe not give the people who park overnight a

ticket. The mayor asked Chris how many units he has in there now. In the past there hasn't been a lot of people with vehicles, but as I improve the units and get better people in there, (ones without a criminal history) I am sure they will be likely to have vehicles. Right now, I have two tenants who have vehicles, but I have more applicants who also have vehicles. The mayor asked what he has now for parking, Chris explained that he has none. Chris thought he had one in the back of the building but the space in the back cannot fit a vehicle. The mayor asked if there was anything along the side of the building that could be used to park. Chris is concerned about parking there with plowing. On the other side of the building and out front he isn't sure of the line, but there is a telephone pole there, otherwise, he was thinking about making a driveway there. If there was a way to get the pole moved, he would consider that. Chris mentioned across the street there is a parking area, but he was not sure who it belongs to, either National Grid or Irving Tissue. Trustee Williams explained that the issue is back 100 years ago people rented rooms didn't have cars. It wasn't built to accommodate modern times today. Usually our ordinances, if you want to rent out to folks you must have parking for them. It is written in our local laws, and we are behind the 8 ball on it. Trustee Cutler suggested asking the American Legion if they could park there. Chris Pray wants to see if the parking can get a permit or pass to not get a ticket for parking on the street. Mayor Traver explained that we cannot do that for one street because then we would have to honor it for everyone. Mayor thinks the best option is to park in the alley. The DPW can always come back to plow the alley when done with the major streets. Trustee Williams asked if anyone else uses the alley way. There are a couple of residents who use it. Gabriel Gaal owns the lot where the bus is. Chris should reach out to him to see if he would allow his tenants to park there as well. Chris asked if they could park over the curb, and it is a danger to anyone who is walking. The board will get with Bryan Etu and try to come up with parking to help.

- **Brian Katz – Town of Fort Edward, Fort Miller** Thanked the Village DPW for their assistance in cleaning up after the storm that destroyed most of Fort Miller.
- **Tadgh Nealon 38 Canal Street** – Expressed his interest in being on the Zoning Board of Appeals, one or two of the two empty seats. The mayor requested they send a letter in and will appoint at the next village board meeting.
- **Mike Dickinson** – Asked if a town resident can sit on the Village Zoning Board of Appeals. Unfortunately, a town resident cannot.
- **Parking Lot** – Mayor talked to Sean Doty, and he should have some information and drawings on the parking lot. Mayor is meeting tomorrow with LaBella with the water project. WE will be getting some updates on that as well. Next year in December 2023 we will go out to bid for 2024 project. We should be in better shape.
- **Tennis Courts** – Trustee Boucher met with some more people on the courts, and they can submit a bid, but can only guarantee the bids for the asphalt part. They are only bidding less than two months at a time. They can do the asphalt part, but Trustee Boucher said they want it done all at one time. Mayor stated it may be cheaper next year. Mayor Traver mentioned getting a quote from a contractor that does street paving. New Castle is coming in to give us a quote for our three streets, Barton, Baldwin, and Williams. He wonders if they could look at the asphalt part of the project and then get someone else to do the coating. Could we have New Castle look at the court and see if it's something they could do while they are here.
- **Fence on Reservoir Road** - Trustee Carpenter talked about the brush hogging over on Reservoir Road when fence comes down. He has been trying to get quotes from fence companies and he is hoping that DOH will allow a snow fence until we can get to it in the spring.
- **Glens Falls Hospital Grant** – Signs are ready to go up. The business district signs. The Yacht Basin sign that trampoline designed for us, DOT turned down the approval of the signs. They stated they are not conforming for Route 4. Looking to relocate the sign where the split rail fence borders the parking lot and the yacht basin. John Huggins will discuss next years project. Would like to do a pedestrian alleyway. Make it a lighted walkway to the yacht basin. They can help us with gravel, no paving. We may have some extra lamp posts. Bryan Etu will check. Currently that alley way is not paved. It used to be. There is a storm drain underneath there that is made of wood. Probably not hooked up now, but its infrastructure from the 1800's. The alley way would have to be paved closest to the sidewalk because gravel will just wash away.
- **Police Department** – Attorney Fuller needs the scope and needs to review contracts and dollar figures, etc. Fuller will work on a draft and have it for next meeting and will get back to Roger Wicks. The scope defines the permissions. The mayor will talk to Sheriff Murphy to decide what is going to be in the contract. We talked about the quality-of-life stuff, like the nuisance stuff. Currently it is being handled by the PD, will they do that as well to help Dave. If we move forward the way we are going, we could have a public hearing next.
- **Court Cases for Code** – We have had a few court cases and had a planning board meeting for 117 Broadway to start renovations for business and apartments. Owner, Brian Matthis looking to purchase Corsall's as well as the purple building on the other side. The downstairs is going to be the offices for his real estate business and his construction business.
- **Jim Thatcher** – We need to do another letter of intent to apply by November 30<sup>th</sup> and can have a public hearing in December.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle M. Rose, Clerk-Treasurer  
November 7, 2022