

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, Mayor Traver                            |
| Highway   | Bryan Etu,  |
| Police    | Chief Justin Derway, Andy Bluman, Joseph DeAngelo   |
| Code      | Dave Armando  |
| Water     |   |
| Attorney  | Matt Fuller   |
| Public    | Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jim Thatcher, Gary Hill, Stephen Davie, Tom Roche, Mike Dickinson, Evan Lawrence |

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 **Boucher**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

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| <b>Approval of Minutes</b> | VB Monthly Meeting- November 2, 2020 |
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**REPORTS**

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

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 **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

| <u>Fund</u>  | <u>Abstract #7</u> | <u>Pay Before Audit #7</u> | <u>Comments</u>  |
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| General Fund | \$166,191.62       | \$10,039.49                | Of this balance is :<br>M & T EFC Interest Payment for the Water Plant <b>\$11,593.03</b><br>NYSLRS 2021 Payment <b>\$129,323.24</b> |
| Water Fund   | \$ 23,197.67       | \$ 1,666.55                | Of this balance is:<br>NYSLRS 2021 Payment <b>\$17,149.76</b>  |
| Air Stripper |                    |                            |  |

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 20 of 2020-2021

**ENTER INTO A MOU AGREEMENT TO CHANGE THE PBA CONTRACT FOR PAY RATE**

Motion By            Trustee Williams  
Seconded By        Trustee Cutler  
Dated                 December 7, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees to enter into a MOU agreement to amend the PBA contract rate of pay for first year full time police officers to \$21.00/ hour

**WHEREAS**, the pay rate change will be retroactive back to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this agreement is effective immediately.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Resolution 21 of 2020-2021

**RESIGNATION OF PART TIME PATROLMAN, CRAIG RAGGI**

Motion By            Trustee Carpenter  
Seconded By        Trustee Boucher  
Dated                 December 7, 2020

**WHEREAS**, Craig Raggi 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. Raggi 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.*

Resolution 22 of 2020-2021

**APPOINTMENT OF (2) PART-TIME TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

Motion By            Trustee Cutler  
Seconded By        Trustee Boucher  
Dated                 December 7, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Police Department received inquiries for two (2) position of Part-Time Police Officer, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Derway has recommended the hiring of **Thomas Schilling**: with proper documentation, including an interview and the

appropriate background and reference checks in which Chief Derway conducted.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the hiring Thomas Schilling as certified Part-Time Police Officer at a rate of \$20.00/hour and said hiring is effective immediately.

**WHEREAS**, Chief Derway has recommended the hiring of **Michael Squires** as certified Part-Time Police Officer effective November 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board of Trustees hereby approve the employment status of Michael Squires to certified part-time patrolman at a pay rate of \$20.00 per hour and said hiring is effective immediately.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- There was a proposal from Hour Electric to do the electrical work for the lights in the East Street parking lot behind the old One More Grill. The bid was for \$6,800.00 for the electrical work. The Village Highway Department, with the help of Mike Dickinson, will do the excavation and concrete work which is a savings of \$3,800.00.
- Trustee Boucher inquired about the staffing for the police department. Chief Derway has interviewed one applicant for the full-time position and Officer Michael Squires has expressed an interest in returning to full-time status. The part-time we have available on staff have been working more shifts since the increase in the pay rate.
- Trustee Williams inquired on the status of the police reform committee which is mandated by the State of New York effective April 1, 2021. It has been posted on the Village website and public comments will be accepted until December 31, 2020. We have had a number of people from different backgrounds express interest in serving on this committee. We will begin holding meetings after the beginning of the New Year so that everything is in place by the proposed deadline.
- There was a discussion on the contract with Chazen for the proposed water project on Burgoyne Avenue. It is the professional services agreement for this project (MBO Workplan). There is no specific hourly rate for this project so it may be a lump sum payment. Motion by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher** to give Mayor Traver permission to sign the professional services agreement. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*
- There was a discussion on how to handle court in the winter months during the COVID pandemic. Groups will be gathering inside the building when it gets cold and social distancing cannot be observed. There is no easy answer to this problem but safety is the number one concern. Mayor Traver will meet with Judge Malvuccio to discuss this problem and see what options are available. Patrolman DeAngelo suggested using the Canal Street Marketplace as a holding place which may be an option.
- Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando contacted the new owners of 46 Broadway. They have been clearing brush but they have got very close to the wall of the old Canal. He mentioned that the new owners will be attending the next zoning board meeting to get a variance for their new business. Dave Armando also sent a letter to 34 Baldwin Avenue which has a camper in their side yard and it seems like they are operating a business there also.
- Gary Hill reported that he sent the new letters out to the prospective loggers notifying them that it would be a two year program. He has received one bid from Dale Monroe Logging. Motion by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher** to accept the bid from Dale Monroe Logging upon receipt of the insurance certificate. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*
- Jim Thatcher said he met with Kris March from Slickfin's Brewery regarding possible funding available for local businesses. There are options out there that the Village can help these businesses. There is a Micro-Enterprises program which helps businesses with purchasing equipment such as new tables and chairs. Further information will be available in the near future.
- Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:04 PM to discuss employment status of an individual in the Police Department by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*
- Motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:18 PM by Trustee **Williams**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Motion to adjourn at 9:19 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer