

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
Highway	
Police	Justin Derway
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matthew Fuller
Water	
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jeanie Mullen, Steve Davie, Mike Dickinson, Leah Breeyear, Elizabeth Cox

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 Carpenter**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes	VB Monthly Meeting- December 6, 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 **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 **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

<u>Fund</u>	Abstract # 8	PBA # 8	Comments
General Fund	\$34,044.46	\$12,519.72	
Water Fund	\$24,133.90	\$ 2,790.47	\$12,115.37 Town of Moreau Taxes
Air Stripper	\$420.00		Town of Moreau County Taxes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 25 of 2021-2022

RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING PORTION OF CHURCH STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD

Motion By Trustee Cutler

Seconded By Trustee Williams

Dated January 3, 2022

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Village of Fort Edward (the “Village”) previously received a request to discontinue a portion of “Church Street” in the Village; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Law §6-612, the Board may by resolution provide for laying out, altering, widening, narrowing, discontinuing or accepting the dedication of a street in the Village; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Law §6-614, the Board must hold a public hearing concerning said proposed discontinuance pursuant to and in accordance with Article 21 of the Village Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board scheduled a public hearing to be held before the Board on January 3, 2022 on the proposed discontinuance of Church Street and Mill Street in the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board has reviewed the environmental assessment form and hereby determines that the proposed discontinuance will not have the potential for one or more environmental impacts and hereby issues a negative declaration thereon; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the portion of Church Street to be discontinued is as shown on a map presented with this resolution and attached hereto identified as commencing at the “Highway Boundary” on the east and continuing west a distance of +/- 269 feet to lands now or formerly of Irving Tissue, Inc., provided that such discontinuance is conditioned on the following as offered and agreed to by Irving Tissue, Inc.:

- a. Irving Tissue, Inc. shall pay to the Village the sum of \$37,500 as agreed;
- b. Within twelve (12) months from the date of this resolution, Irving Tissue, Inc. shall:
 - (1) Cause to be cut and capped any water service to Church Street as may be approved by the Village DPW Superintendent, and
 - (2) Cause to be cut and capped any sanitary sewer service to Church Street as may be approved by the Washington County Sewer District No. 2, and
 - (3) Cause to be installed a sidewalk with related curbs along Route 4/Broadway in similar form, substance and appearance as the existing sidewalks along Route 4/Broadway.
- c. Irving Tissue shall in perpetuity unless discontinued with the approval of the Board, to maintain any stormwater infrastructure within Church Street.
- d. Title to any conveyance instrument shall be condition on:
 - (1) a reversion clause providing that if the foregoing conditions are not met, title shall revert to the Village, and
 - (2) a reservation to the Village for access to Church Street on its behalf or as it may authorize, for any required water, sewer, stormwater or other utilities or improvements that now or may be located in the area discontinued as above;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYES: Boucher, Carpenter, Cutler, Williams
NAYS:
ABSENT:

Resolution 25 of 2021-2022

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND CONVEYANCE OF PORTION OF CHURCH STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD

Motion By Trustee Boucher
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
Dated December 6, 2021

WHEREAS the Village is the owner of a certain street known as Church Street located in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has been approached by adjoining owners Irving Tissue with a request to discontinue a portion of Church Street, and to convey any remaining rights, subject to utilities and conditions as the Board of Trustees may adopt with payment to Village for such rights and within the portion of Church Street to be discontinued; and

WHEREAS Irving Tissue has provided a map of the portion requested to be discontinued and conveyed, which map is provided with this resolution; and

WHEREAS the Village Board wishes to hold a public hearing concerning the proposed local law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the consideration and proposed adoption of this Local Law is an action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Village Board hereby declares that this action is an Unlisted pursuant to SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be scheduled for the consideration of this proposed discontinuance and conveyance to be held by the Village Board on January 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Fort Edward Village Hall [or by remote access to be published on the Village's website and in the notice of public hearing]; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is direct to post and publish a notice of said public hearing in the Post Star at least five (5) days before the public hearing.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 26 of 2021-2022

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD AS A GREENWAY COMMUNITY

Motion By Trustee Carpenter
Seconded By Trustee Boucher
Dated January 3, 2022

WHEREAS the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act, (hereinafter, the “Greenway Act”) Chapter 748 of the Laws of 1991, has as a legislative goal the establishment of the Greenway Compact, a process for voluntary regional cooperation and decision-making among the communities of the Hudson River Valley, and

WHEREAS, the process and programs that will comprise the Compact are under development, and

WHEREAS, communities may participate in the initiation and implementation of the compact process, and

WHEREAS the Village of Fort Edward is situated in the Greenway area as it was officially designated in the Greenway Act, and

WHEREAS the Greenway Act permits the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council (hereinafter the “Council”), and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. (hereinafter the “Conservancy”) to assist communities in developing local planning and projects related to the five criteria contained in the Greenway Act: natural and cultural resource protection, regional planning, economic development (including tourism, agriculture and urban redevelopment), enhancing public access to the Hudson River and heritage and environmental education, and

WHEREAS communities can become eligible to receive technical and financial assistance from the Greenway, and

WHEREAS community participation in the Greenway planning process is voluntary, and

WHEREAS the Greenway Act does not supersede or change the powers that the State has previously granted municipal governments under the New York State Constitution, the Municipal Home Rule Law or pursuant to the various municipal enabling acts, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Village of Fort Edward supports the criteria contained in the Greenway Act and the process by which the Compact will be achieved, and

The Village of Fort Edward endorses the designation of the Village of Fort Edward by the Greenway Council and Conservancy as a *Greenway Community*.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Leah Breeyear and Elizabeth Cox of Planned Parenthood gave a presentation on a potential Resource Fair which they would like to have at the yacht basin in the spring of 2022. The resource committee would like to invite members to become involved in local services that are available to community members which would focus on families, health, and mental wellness. The event would be free to the public. They would like to use the yacht basin because the area is walkable, has parking and is accessible by foot. The potential date is Friday, May 2022 from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Invited vendors include WWAMH, LEAP, Local EMS, Police and Fire Departments, Office for the Aging and Council for Prevention. The committee plans on contacting local sponsors to help offset any expenses. They plan on contacting the Fort Edward Fire Department to see if they would be interested in providing food and plan on having fresh food available from local farms. Any funds that are left over will be donated back into the community. Trustee Cutler thanked them for choosing Fort Edward as their first community to launch this type of pilot program. Mayor Traver informed them that they will have to fill out a facilities use permit to secure this date.
- Mike Dickinson inquired about how the Canal Street Marketplace will progress and sustain its existence in the future. He stated that he believes that the market is the center of the Village, but there is a definite need for more financial assistance. Mayor Traver reported that it may be possible to use some of the ARPA money which we received from the COVID-19 pandemic, possibly \$10,000 and we can look into what we budget for the marketplace next year.
- Trustee Cutler commended the Water and Street Departments for the job that they did repairing the recent water break in King Edward Knolls. The job was rather extensive, and the departments were there for 12 hours. Job well done.
- Water Superintendent Bill Caprood Jr. reported that we need to replace the obsolete radio link between the Broadway pump house

and Burgoyne Avenue tank with secure radio. Control System Integration quoted us a price of \$10,000.00 which was budgeted for in this year's budget. An additional \$6,000.00 will be due in June of 2022.

- There is no update available on 138 – 140 Broadway. Mayor Traver has contacted Washington County Sheriff Jeff Murphy to see if the property will ever go up for sale. Will update when more information becomes available.
- The proposed sale of the Fort Edward High School Annex to the Village is in limbo. There is a feeling that the property will have to be sold at fair market value. The school will have to decide if they want to put this up for a public referendum when the budget is voted on in May.
- New York State has issued a moratorium on the penalties for water payments. The Village will have to offer a deferred payment plan if a small business or an individual can prove hardship from the COVID-19 pandemic. This moratorium will be in effect until the end of June.
- Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando reported that a building permit has been issued to renovate 74 Broadway. Also, the work is progressing on the old One More Grill building and several inspections have been done already.
- Village Mechanic Tom Wolfe recommended that we should consider replacing the Chief's hybrid car because it has become difficult getting parts and the costs of the repairs are prohibitive. The car has not been very useful since we purchased it and it may be better now to cut our losses. We could possibly trade it in and use the money to purchase new vehicles.

Motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:09 PM by Trustee **Cutler**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**. *ALL AYES. MOTION Carried.*

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:36 PM by Trustee **Cutler**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**. *ALL AYES. MOTION Carried.*

Motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer