

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

Roll Call	Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Williams, Mayor Traver Absent- Trustee Boucher
Highway	
Police	Justin Derway
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Julia Wilson, James Wilson, Cathy Kegan, John Weber

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 **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes VB Monthly Meeting- December 2, 2019

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

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

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 **Williams**.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 30 of 2019-2020

BUDGET AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Motion By Trustee Carpenter
 Seconded By Trustee Williams
 Dated January 6, 2020

WHEREAS, the appropriation line known as Unemployment, **A0.9050.800**, was budgeted **\$0.00** for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and as of December 2019 this line item has been charged in the amount of **\$5.39** due to a claim; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation line known as Retirement, **F0.9010.800**, was budgeted **\$17,000.00** for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and as of December 2019 this line item has been fully expended; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board does hereby authorize the transfer of **\$142.05** from the Contingent appropriation code (**A0.1990.400**) to the contractual codes as stated above and detailed below; and

FROM ACCOUNT # (DEBIT)	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT TYPE	AMOUNT	TO ACCOUNT # (CREDIT)	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT TYPE
A0.1990.400	Contingent	Appropriation	20.00	A0.9050.800	Unemployment	Contractual
A0.1990.400	Contingent	Appropriation	122.05	F0.9010.800	Retirement	Contractual
			142.05			

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution will take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 31 of 2019-2020

CHARGEBACK- WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX CLAIM PAYMENT

Motion By Trustee Cutler
 Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
 Dated January 6, 2020

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to remit payment to the Washington County Treasurer in the amount of \$340,276.91 for the chargeback for the Washington County Tax claim settlement.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Julia Wilson of 167 East Street expressed her concerns with the proposed W. L. Plastics plant being put on the site of the former dewatering facility. She was curious where the access road to the plant would be. Currently, there is an access road from Route 196 to Lock 8 which is owned by the New York State Canal Corporation. The proposal would have the truck traffic use this entrance. John Weber said it would benefit the Village businesses if there was an access road for the workers off East Street. There would be approximately 40 vehicles going through the Village each day which would be beneficial for all the local businesses. She expressed her displeasure with the so-called secrecy of this whole project and also, the potential pollution impact on the neighborhood. Mayor Traver mentioned that the Village was asked to have a representative on the Fort Edward LPDC, but he did not feel comfortable appointing anyone due to the lack of information available at the time. The Village and Town Planning Boards will have a joint meeting to make sure all of the proper procedures are being followed. Trustee Cutler said that he attended a meeting at the County with the

Warren-Washington IDA and an engineer from W. L. Plastics gave a detailed report on how the plant would operate. The engineer stated that there would be more pollution generated from the forklift trucks being used than the emissions from the entire plant. When the next meeting was held for the public, the information provided that day was not very informative. Village Attorney Matt Fuller said that W. L. Plastics applied to the IDA for economic breaks which is common practice. They have not applied to the respective planning and zoning boards at the present time. There will be public meetings when the appropriate applications are filed.

- There was a discussion on the salt shed agreement with the Town of Fort Edward. A new agreement will have to be drawn up with the new Supervisor's name. Motion by Trustee **Williams**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler** to enter into a new agreement with the Town of Fort Edward. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*
- Mayor Traver reported that the Village has been awarded a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) grant in the amount not to exceed \$2,766,698.00. The total cost of the project that the Village is looking at is approximately \$4.6 million. This would cover the water tower on Burgoyne Avenue (\$1.75 million to replace it). The following water lines will be replaced with a cost of approximately \$2.765 million. The 4" galvanized water lines on Prospect, Grove and Cooper Streets would be replaced with 8" PVC piping. A 10" cast iron main on West Summit Street near Broadway to Thornwood Drive will be replaced with 10" PVC. A 4" cast iron main on Case Street from Burgoyne Avenue to Broadway will be replaced with a new 8" PVC. An 8" cast iron main on Burgoyne Avenue from Harrison Street to Maple Avenue will be replaced with a new 8" PVC. A 6" cast iron main on the side streets of Harrison and Summit will be replaced with an 8" PVC. Overall, this includes about 7,600-LF of water main replacement including associated site restoration. There will be upgrades to the pump station but unfortunately, this grant will not cover replacement of old water meters. There was a discussion on putting an antenna on the water tower and possibly see if we could work out something with the Village of Hudson Falls. The Village would be responsible for the remaining 40% or \$1.8 million. We will see if there are any other grants available and explore all available borrowing options. Motion by Trustee **Cutler**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams** to give permission to Mayor Traver to sign the paperwork with the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*
- The new recycling container from Waste Management seems to be working a little better. It may take a little more time and effort to place your recyclables in there but it does work. Trustee Cutler reported that 12 bundles of the Post Star were found in the unit. The Post Star was contacted and the person responsible is no longer employed by them. Chief Derway has other cameras and he will check to see if the picture is of better quality with them or possibly adding another camera. This will continue to be monitored before any decision is made on reducing hours and/or having an individual man it.
- The Town hired a new individual last year to clean the offices and the job that is being done is not acceptable. The Village will contact the Town and a letter will be drafted to the Town Supervisor that we are not happy with the way the offices are being cleaned.
- There were no new updates of the proposed building of a gazebo in the yacht basin by Irving Tissue. We will contact them and hopefully have some more information by next month.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer