

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

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Williams, Mayor Traver
Highway	
Police	Justin Derway
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Jeanie Mullen, Gwen Craig, Janelle Rose, Jim Thatcher, Gary Hill

RESOLUTION # 56 WAS READ AND APPROVED. EDWARD CARPENTER TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE AS VILLAGE TRUSTEE.

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 **Boucher**.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**Approval of Minutes** VB Monthly Mtg. December 3, 2018

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS**

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

Clerk/Treasurer, Village Justice, Police Chief, Street and Water Department, Groundskeeper, Code Enforcement.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Accept the Audit of Monthly Bills

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

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT OF BILLS	PAY BEFORE AUDIT #7		AUDIT #7					
General Fund	\$	14,601.95	General Fund	\$	21,487.67	Phase IV (Grant \$\$)	\$	
Water Fund	\$	2,262.66	Water Fund	\$	13,211.78	Phase IV Chazen (Cumby's)	\$	
						HUD/CT Male	\$	

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 53 of 2018-2019**

STANDARD MEDICAL TESTING ANNUAL CONTRACT, 2019

Motion By Trustee Boucher

Seconded By Trustee Williams

Dated January 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Standard Medical Testing Services for the 2019 calendar year, for random drug and alcohol testing of required employees as defined by DOT rules and regulations outlined in section 49 CFR 40 entitled; "Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution is retroactive to January 1, 2019.

**Resolution 54 of 2018-2019**

**LOCAL LAW #6 AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LOCAL LAW**

Motion By Trustee Carpenter  
Seconded By Trustee Williams  
Dated January 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote public health, safety and welfare of the community with the Village of Fort Edward (the "Village") the Village Board of Trustees ("Board of Trustees") has determined that it is in the public interest to adopt a local law amending the Village's Vehicle & Traffic local law to amend the parking restrictions on Route 4, Broadway and

**WHEREAS**, the Village will schedule a public hearing to be held before the Board of Trustees on February 4, 2018 at 6:45 pm at the Offices of the Village of Fort Edward, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York to hear all interested parties on the proposed Local Law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees, upon due deliberation of the proposed Local Law, hereby introduces same for adoption; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees shall hold a public meeting on February 4, 2019 at 6:45 pm

**RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**Resolution 55 of 2018-2019**

**APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD**

Motion By Trustee Williams  
Seconded By Trustee Boucher  
Dated January 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, Nicholas Talmage has made application to the Fort Edward Police Department for the position of Part-Time Crossing Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, after a review of proper documentation, an interview and the appropriate background and reference checks were conducted, Chief Derway has recommended the hiring of Mr. Nicholas Talmage as a Part-Time Crossing Guard on a as needed basis replacing Robert LaPoint, and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the hiring of Mr. Nicholas Talmage as Part-Time Crossing Guard at a rate of \$12.00/hour and said hiring is effective immediately.

**ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 56 of 2018-2019**

**Letter of Retirement and Appointment of Village Trustee**

Motion By Trustee Williams  
Seconded By Trustee Boucher  
Dated January 7, 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Fort Edward Trustee Edward Carpenter has presented the board with his letter of retirement effective December 30,

2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Fort Edward has a five-member Board of Trustees, that meets on a monthly basis and as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a vacancy on the board of trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, as per Village Law, Section 3-312(3), the Mayor has the authority to appoint Edward Carpenter to the position of Village Trustee, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board of Trustees does hereby appoint Edward Carpenter as a Village Trustee whose term expires on March 31, 2019.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- There was a discussion on the continuing problems at 4 Keating Avenue. The landlord has accumulated enough points to have the Certificate of Occupancy pulled. There is a court date scheduled for January 17, 2019. After further discussion, it was decided that a public hearing will be set for February. The landlord and the respective tenants will be notified by certified mail. Motion by Trustee **Williams**, Seconded by Trustee **Carpenter** to schedule a public hearing pertaining to the public nuisance law on February 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- Dave Armando sent a letter of violation to James Stackhouse, who is the owner of 138-140 Broadway, about the condition of this property. He has responded to the letter, but there have been no repairs as of now. There is severe water damage inside the building and the floors are starting to buckle. The back wall of the building, which is cement, could become a problem with water freezing and thawing. This situation will be monitored and further information will be available next month.
- The Village received a franchise renewal form from Charter Communications. Since a resolution has already been passed, this is just a formality.
- Mayor Traver gave a report on the proposed changes in the parking lot on the corner of Rogers Street across from the train station. CP Rail would like to put a parking lot there with sidewalks down to 70 East Street and across the street back to the train station. This would include spots for handicap access as well. Dave Armando mentioned if this would impact the parking for the tenants at 4 Rogers Street. This should not because there should be enough extra space for them to park. They are looking to start construction in late spring or early summer. Matt Fuller will contact CP Rail about proof of insurance papers. Motion by Trustee **Williams**, Seconded by Trustee **Carpenter** to give approval for the start of this project. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- The Village has been in contact with General Electric concerning a settlement with Air Stripper. We are hoping to have figures by the end of February or the beginning of March.
- Dave Armando reported that Shaun Condon, who is the owner of 10 Cooper Street, has a court date scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2019.
- There was a discussion on the cost of the recycling container we contract with Waste Management. There has been a sharp increase in the usage over the past few months. The dumpster is being used by people who are not Village residents, and in some instances, not even from Fort Edward. It is great service we provide to the residents of the Village of Fort Edward, but it is extremely expensive. We will have to explore other options, such as, limiting the hours, making sure the gate is always locked, possibly manning it for certain hours.
- Gary Hill mentioned that he sent out seven letters to people interested in potentially logging the property off of Reservoir Road. Heath Reynolds submitted the only bid. Gary Hill said this was a reasonable bid and it was determined to accept this bid. The Village Highway Department put a culvert in so the access to the property would handle the heavy traffic of the logging trucks. He is checking with Cornell Cooperative Extension to see what would be the best types of trees to plant there based on the soil conditions.
- Mayor Traver reported that the bid for the McCrea Street project has been denied by the State of New York. There is a possibility of rewriting the grant and reapplying in June since the proposed construction project would not begin until 2020. Mayor Traver and Trustee Williams will meet with Jim Thatcher to see what grant money may be available for local businesses who are here and to possibly lure prospective businesses to the vacant storefronts.

- Matt Fuller said he will continue to contact the owners of the property at 13 West Summit Street who would like to donate this piece of property to the Village.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM and go into Executive Session was made by **Trustee Boucher**, SECONDED BY **Trustee Carpenter**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:02 PM and return to the Regular Meeting was made by **Trustee Williams**, SECONDED BY **Trustee Carpenter**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:04 PM was made by **Trustee Boucher**, SECONDED BY **Trustee Williams**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer