

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	
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Gwen Craig, Janelle Rose, Jim Thatcher, James Donahue, Tom Roche

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

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes VB Monthly Mtg. January 7, 2019

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

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

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 **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT OF BILLS	PAY BEFORE AUDIT #7		AUDIT #7				
General Fund	\$	16,045.28	General Fund	\$ 13,900.43	Phase IV (Grant \$\$)	\$	
Water Fund	\$	4,080.20	Water Fund	\$ 3920.04 ***	Phase IV Chazen (Cumby's)	\$	
					HUD/CT Male	\$	

*** Water fund will have a balance remaining in the amount of \$2,834.06 resulting in borrowing from General Fund for March PBA #10

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 59 of 2018-2019

RESOLUTION TO RE-AFFIRM AND RE-ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 5 2018

Motion By Trustee Williams
 Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
 Dated February 4, 2019

RESOLUTION TO RE-AFFIRM AND RE-ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2018 "CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD" AS LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fort Edward to adopt a resolution to re-number the local law as provided for in the letter dated January 31 2019 from the NYS Secretary of State; and

BE IT RESOLVED copies of the text of the above-named local law shall be filed in the office of the Village Clerk and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Village Clerk shall file the text with NYS Secretary of State within 20 days of adoption and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mayor Matt Traver gave an update on the proposed parking lot on Rogers Street across from the Amtrak Station. The Mayor will sign the required paperwork and give it to Amtrak. We should probably not be plowing the parking lot since it is not Village property until we work out all the necessary details.
- There was a discussion on the Empire State Trail which will go through McIntyre Park. They are going to do improvements near the pond on Towpath Road. There will be benches on the trail, a bicycle repair stand, and kiosks which could be used by local businesses for advertising purposes. There is a possibility of doing some landscaping in the area if we think it will improve the appearance of the trail. The Village will have to maintain the upkeep of the area once everything has been completed. The Empire State Trail should be open by late spring or early summer.
- Mayor Traver mentioned that he received an email from Dan Ward, Superintendent of the Fort Edward School, about the traffic and parking problems on Case Street during school hours. There was a discussion on making Case Street one way and the lower end of Burgoyne Avenue one way, whether it is north or southbound. We will form a committee with members from the Village Board, the Police Department, the Fort Edward School Board, and the Parents Teachers Organization (PTO). Tom Roche mentioned that the school appreciates having a police presence there in the morning on various occasions. This has helped alleviate some of the problems. Trustee Boucher will serve as the Village representative on this committee. It was mentioned that the proposed changes should be completed as soon as possible because public hearings will have to be held and this takes several months. The plan is to have all the changes adopted by the start of the school year in September of 2019.
- The problems with the tenants of 4 Keating Avenue has been finally resolved. They have been evicted and were placed in new housing by Washington County.
- Dave Armando mentioned that Shaun Condon of 10 Cooper Street appeared in Court and was fined \$1,000.00. There are still issues with the property and this will be continued to be monitored. There have been no changes in the property situation of 5 McKie Street. It is in the hands of the court system. Dave Armando said that there have been no repairs to the property at 138-140 Broadway. We will follow up with Mr. Stackhouse to see what if any plans he has to repair the issues with this property.
- The Village has been in contact with General Electric concerning a settlement with Air Stripper. We have made a counter offer and it should be settled soon.
- Mayor Traver mentioned that there was a water break on Hillview Avenue on Friday, February 1, 2019 and everything has been repaired.
- Trustee Williams reported that there will be a LDC meeting Wednesday, February 06, 2019 at SlickFin Brewery. They are trying to get input from local businesses on any concerns they may have and what we can do to help them and hopefully, attract some other businesses to the downtown area.

- Trustee Carpenter said the Rogers Island Visitor's Center is having a snowshoe event on Saturday, February 16, 2019. There will be a \$10.00 admission charge to benefit the Visitor's Center. The event will include a moonlit tour of Rogers Island with stops along the path.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM and go into Executive Session was made by Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:40 PM and return to the Regular Meeting was made by Trustee **Williams**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to authorize counsel to pursue settlement with Washington County as to back taxes on tax map parcel 163.15-1-4 was made by Trustee **Williams**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:47 PM was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer