

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	
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Gwen Craig, Janelle Rose, Frank Burkhardt, James Donahue, Jason Miles, Shawn Wall, Nathan Dilley Gary Hill

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 **Williams**.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes VB Monthly Mtg. February 4, 2019

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 **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT OF BILLS	PAY BEFORE AUDIT #7		AUDIT #7	
General Fund	\$ 9,849.84	General Fund	\$ 28,225.23	Phase IV (Grant \$\$) \$ _____
Water Fund	\$ 4,380.83	Water Fund	\$ 5,329.02	Phase IV Chazen (Cumby's) \$ _____
				Shared Services \$ 2,026.96 *****

***** Check from Shared Services is for the pump recently purchased from Wallace Supply for flooding on streets this winter: Hillview Avenue and Bascom Drive. Money in Shared Services is from the Highway Garage Money.

***** March Bills include \$6,000.00 to the Fort Edward Free Library which we usually pay in February.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 60 of 2018-2019

INTERFUND TRANSFER

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
Date: March 4, 2019

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to loan \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund for daily operating expenses at the village Water Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Water Fund shall pay back the General Fund the stated amount by the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

DATE: 3/4/19

Resolution 61 of 2018-2019

APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Boucher
Date: March 4, 2019

WHEREAS, Stephen Weeks and Robbin Spofford have made applications to the Fort Edward Police Department for the position of Part-Time Crossing Guards; 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 Stephen Weeks as a Part-Time Crossing Guard and Robbin Spofford as Part-Time Crossing Guard on a as needed basis, and;

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

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 62 of 2018-2019

RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD

Motion By Trustee Carpenter
Seconded By Trustee Boucher
Date: March 4, 2019

WHEREAS, Nicholas Talmage was hired as a Crossing Guard on January 7, 2019 by Resolution #55 of 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Talmage is resigning his position as crossing guard as his full-time job has changed his schedule and is unable to work part time for the village effective March 8, 2019; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby thank Nick for his service to the community in keeping our children safe; and

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 63 of 2018-2019

RESOLUTION TO RE-AFFIRM AND RE-ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 4 2018

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Boucher
Dated March 4, 2019

RESOLUTION TO RE-AFFIRM AND RE-ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2018 “PERMITTING APPOINTMENT TO THE VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER POSITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL RESIDING OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD, AND IN ANY COUNTY ADJOINING WASHINGTON COUNTY” AS LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2019

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Fort Edward has considered applicants to the position of Clerk and/or Treasurer of the Village of Fort Edward, and wishes to appoint to said positions a resident of a county adjoining Washington County, New York; and

WHEREAS, in order to make such appointment, the Village Board must consider a proposed local law permitting appointment to such positions of a person who resides outside the Village and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, a proposed local law permitting same has been drafted and is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board held a public hearing on September 4, 2018, at which time interested persons were permitted to be heard on the proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board reviewed and approved said local law but it was not filed within the time frame; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to proceed with the re-adoption of said local law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees finds that the adoption of the proposed local law is in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the Village; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed local law #2 of 2019 permitting appointment to the village clerk and/or treasurer position of an individual residing outside the limits of the Village of Fort Edward, and in any county adjoining Washington County is hereby adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

- Letters were sent out for landscaping bids for the maintenance of Underwood Park and the Yacht Basin. We are also awaiting bids for the planting and maintain of flowers. We will award these bids in April.
- Mayor Traver thanked the Fort Edward Fire Department for their help with the water break on Hillview Avenue. Also, the ladder truck was used at 50 East Street to remove metal from the roof that was becoming a safety hazard, especially for people entering the Hudson Headwaters Health Center.

- Brian Collis, who operates Mr. Ding - A - Ling, submitted the paperwork for a Peddling and Soliciting Permit to operate within the Village this summer. Motion by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher** to accept his bid. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- There was a discussion on the parking problems on Case Street during school hours. A committee has been formed and they will meet this week to explore all options to alleviate this problem. Any changes would result in a new local law and it takes up to 3 months to have this process completed. Hopefully, all changes could be finalized and a new local law enacted by the middle of August before the new school year starts in September.
- Village Attorney Matt Fuller reported that the sale of 13 Washington Street has been finalized.
- Trustee Carpenter reported that the 2nd Annual Snowshoe event at the Rogers Island Visitors Center was well attended with over 50 participants. It was a great success with people travelling from all places, such as Syracuse, to attend. Hopefully, this will continue to grow as this is a fundraiser for the Visitors Center.
- Trustee Williams reported that the LDC meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 was well attended with 18 individuals sharing a variety of ideas on how to improve and attract businesses to the Village. There was a discussion on trying to revamp the present Chamber of Commerce to meet today's businesses' needs. Matt Fuller mentioned that Glens Falls was in a similar situation as Fort Edward at one time and he stressed that businesses have to do their own thing and not wait for things to happen.
- Village resident Frank Burkhardt asked what the implications are for the Village of Fort Edward with continuing problems with the WCC. The Village is pushing to have the County foreclose on the property which would make the Village whole. The County wants to file an 1138 which withdraws a parcel from foreclosure. Mayor Traver thinks it may be worth fighting this. There are other options such as the County taking the property back and sell it or have the new LDC sell this piece of property. Another option is to have the County make us whole for the delinquent taxes, notwithstanding the WCC taxes owed. Whatever the outcome will be, the Village is treating this as zero income for all budgetary considerations. This will be a trying time for all residents of the Village with substantial financial implications.
- Gary Hill reported that the man who accepted the bid to do the logging on Reservoir Road has backed out. He mentioned that the Village needs to purchase 300 trees as soon as possible at \$1.00 per tree. The time limit to order these trees was January but Matt Fuller said he will check to see if there is a possible way to get an extension. It takes eight years before they can be used. Gary said he will look into the possibility of selling some of the sap from some of the other trees on this property. He is not sure what the market is for this venture, but he will report back to the Board. There is still some maintenance that needs to be done on the property and he will be in touch with the Village of Fort Edward Highway Department.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 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 9:08 PM and return to the Regular Meeting was made by Trustee **Boucher**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:10 PM was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer

