

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

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Williams, Mayor Traver
Highway	
Police	Justin Derway
Code	Dave Armando
Attorney	Matt Fuller, Mary Ellen Stockwell
Public	Peter C. Amorosi, Gwen Craig, Janelle Rose, Jacob Shaw, Dale Farrand, Shannon Sawyer, William McMurray, Sarah O'Neill, Jim Thatcher

MAYOR TRAVER WELCOMED TRUSTEES DAVID CUTLER AND EDWARD CARPENTER TO THE VILLAGE BOARD.

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. March 4, 2019

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

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

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

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT Clerk/ Treasurer Escrow # 5489- \$5,331.73 Escrow #8468- \$3,041.03 Savings- #9941- \$5,483.80

AUDIT OF BILLS

Accept the Audit of Monthly Bills
 MOTION BY Trustee **Cutler**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT OF BILLS	PAY BEFORE AUDIT #11		AUDIT #11	
General Fund	\$ 8,926.19	General Fund	\$ 18,326.62	Phase IV (Grant \$\$) \$
Water Fund	\$ 3,583.05	Water Fund	\$ 1,628.06	Phase IV Chazen (Cumby's) \$
				Shared Services \$

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 65 of 2018-2019

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS FROM MARCH 19, 2019 VILLAGE ELECTION

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Boucher
Dated April 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the results of the March 19, 2019 Village Election as prepared by the Election Inspectors on March 19, 2019:

TRUSTEES	PARTY	VOTES
Edward Carpenter	Republican	38
David Cutler	Democrat	34

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 66 of 2018-2019

Appointment of 2019 Recreation Employees

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
Dated April 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint the following employees to the 2019 Summer Recreation Program:

James Donahue	Recreation Director	\$678.38/week
John Godfrey	Senior Rec Employee (1)	\$12.50/hour
Samantha Godfrey	Senior Rec Employee (2)	\$11.50/hour
Logan Catone	Recreation Employee	\$11.10/hour
Olivia Fisher	Recreation Employee	\$11.10/hour

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution 67 of 2018-2019

COLLECTION OF WATER RENTS, APRIL 2019

Motion By Trustee Cutler

Seconded By Trustee Boucher
Dated April 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to collect water rents in the amount of **\$126,572.54** for the April 2019 billing period.

All Ayes. Motion Carried

Resolution 68 of 2018-2019

HIRE PART TIME SUMMER LABORER, CAMERON SULLIVAN

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Boucher
Dated April 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Cameron Sullivan as a Part-Time Laborer for the Street Department for the Summer of 2019 at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. This seasonal appointment will begin no earlier than 06/01/2019 and end no later than 09/03/2019.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 69 of 2018-2019

RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL HIGHWAY WORK PERMIT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD AND NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Motion By Trustee Carpenter
Seconded By Trustee Williams
Dated April 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward is a municipality in New York and from time to time, the Village Street Department may need to conduct activities and operations upon highways and/or within right-of-ways controlled by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, as detailed on Perm 1, the State of New York requires municipalities to execute an Undertaking (entitled "UNDERTAKING for the benefit of The New York State Department of Transportation In Connection with Work Affecting State Highways") once every twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, the Undertaking was executed on May 1, 2017 via resolution #80 of 2016-2017 and according to NYS DOT standards the Undertaking will not need to be renewed until May 1, 2027; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees authorizes Bryan Etu, DPW Superintendent, to execute the required PERM 1 forms and any other documents pertaining to said renewal.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 70 of 2018-2019

FACILITY USE PERMIT, ADIRONDACK USSSA PRIDE SOFTBALL

Motion By Trustee Williams
Seconded By Trustee Cutler
Dated April 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby acknowledge receipt of the Facility Use Permit and supporting documentation from the Adirondack USSSA Pride Softball organization; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby grant the Adirondack USSSA Pride Softball organization, permission to use the Fort Edward recreation fields located at Mullen Park.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 73 of 2018-2019

NUISANCE PROPERTY 24 WING STREET

Motion By Trustee Boucher
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter
Date: April 1, 2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 62 of the Code of the Village of Fort Edward, the Village of Fort Edward has the authority to declare certain parcels nuisance properties where they pose a threat to the interest of the public in the quality of life and total community environment, commerce in the Village, property values and public health, safety, peace, comfort, conveniences and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has received reports from the Village Police Department and complaints from the public and the police relative to nuisance activities at property located at 24 Wing Street in the Village of Fort Edward; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to set a public hearing whereat the owner of the above property and any interested parties may appear and be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby sets a public hearing under the above Chapter 62 of the Code of the Village of Fort Edward for April 9, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Village offices at 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York, whereas all interested parties relative to potential enforcement against said property and occupants thereat under said Chapter 62 of the Code of the Village of Fort Edward shall be heard by the Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that counsel to the Village and the Village clerk with the assistance of the Village Police Department shall cause to be served such notices as may be required under said Chapter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Dale Farrand of 78 McCrea Street requested permission that his sidewalk be blocked off on his property during the remainder of his construction project. He will put up an orange construction fence so that no individual will be injured on his property. He presented a list of construction problems that have developed during the building of his new home. Mayor Traver recommended that he seek legal counsel concerning this matter since this is not a Village issue. Motion by Trustee **Williams**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler** to grant permission to Mr. Farrand to block off his sidewalk on his property during the remainder of this construction process. .ALL AYES.

MOTION CARRIED. .

- The Village received a bid proposal from Cassela Waste concerning the recycling dumpster located behind the police department which Village residents are allowed to use. We are awaiting a bid from Waste Management who is our current carrier and then we will explore all options. There has been a considerable increase in usage since the Town of Fort Edward stopped picking up recyclables last year. Mayor Traver mentioned that he has met with Town Supervisor Terry Middleton to see if the Town would share a portion of the cost of the dumpster since the residents of the town are also using it. Further information will be available at the Village Board Meeting in May.
- Trustee Boucher gave a committee report concerning the ongoing problems with parking on Case Street during school hours. There was a suggestion to make Case Street one way from Broadway down to McIntyre Street. There would be two lanes off Broadway with the right lane going straight down Case Street and the left lane going up Burgoyne Avenue. Chief Derway, Highway Superintendent Etu and Trustee Boucher will meet to determine which side of Case Street would have parking available. Another proposal was to make Burgoyne Avenue one way from Case Street until it intersects with Maple Avenue. Since Burgoyne Avenue is a County road, the County will have to be petitioned to see how we could make this portion one way going north. We would like to have everything finalized because with the scheduling of public hearings and then adopting a new local law, this could take up to three months. Our goal is to have everything finalized and adopted by the start of the school year in September of 2019.
- There was a discussion on the problems that have been occurring at 24 Wing Street during the past six months. The Police Department has been summoned their numerous times and it was mentioned that the owner may be subletting rooms which is not allowed in the Village. There have been orders of protection issued to some of the residents in the neighborhood with threats of violence towards them. These are very serious accusations and something needs to be done. Jacob Shaw, the property manager at 24 Wing Street, said that all of the tenants have been evicted and the locks have been changed. He said he is bringing a crew in to clean up the property. The Village Board could pull the Certificate of Occupancy for a period of up to six months depending on the discretion of the Board. Chief Derway mentioned that this could actually benefit the property owner by protecting them from any of the former tenants claiming their rights to this property. Village Attorney Mary Ellen Stockwell suggested Jacob Shaw get whatever eviction papers he may have served in order and have them available at the public hearing. Mayor Traver reported that a public hearing on this matter will be held on Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm immediately following the budget adoption meeting.
- Mayor Traver reported that National Grid has begun a program to replace all HID lights at no charge with more efficient LED lights. We will fill out whatever paperwork is necessary to participate in this program.
- Village Attorney Matt Fuller reported that our negotiations with General Electric concerning the Air Stripper project is still ongoing. Hopefully, this will be resolved quickly.
- There is a meeting with Chazen scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 concerning the FEIA project. This proposed project was for water issues that need to be repaired on McCrea Street. Jim Thatcher said we have been approved for \$4 million in grant money but hopefully, more money will become available to help bridge the gap and make this project more feasible.
-

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50 PM was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer

