

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

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Williams, Mayor Traver
Highway	
Police	Chief Justin Derway,
Code	Dave Armando
Water	
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jim Thatcher, Evan Lawrence, Jeanie Mullen, Stephen Davie

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.*

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	VB Monthly Meeting- March 1, 2021
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**REPORTS**

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

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

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Abstract #12</u>	<u>Pay Before Audit #12</u>	<u>Comments</u>
General Fund	\$18,565.79	\$10,168.06	
Water Fund	\$ 7,352.88	\$ 4,788.32	
Air Stripper			

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 30 of 2020-2021

**RESIGNATION OF WATER PLANT OPERATOR, JOHN MILLER**

Motion By           Trustee Cutler  
Seconded By       Trustee Boucher  
Dated                April 5, 2021

**WHEREAS**, John Miller was hired as a Water Plant Operator on October 18, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Miller and extends their appreciation to him for his service to the Village of Fort Edward, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, this resignation is effective March 12, 2021.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

Resolution 31 of 2020-2021

**GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS FROM MARCH 16, 2021 VILLAGE ELECTION**

Motion By           Trustee Cutler  
Seconded By       Trustee Boucher  
Dated                April 5, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the results of the March 16, 2021 Village Election as prepared by the Election Inspectors on March 16, 2021:

<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
Matthew Traver	Republican	51
<b>TRUSTEE</b>		
Edward Carpenter	Republican	49
Peter Williams	Democratic	42
<b>JUSTICE</b>		
Joseph Malvuccio	Democratic	45

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Resolution 32 of 2020-2021

**COLLECTION OF WATER RENTS, APRIL 2021**

Motion By           Trustee Carpenter  
Seconded By       Trustee Williams  
Dated                April 5, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Clerks' office to collect water rents in the amount of **\$117,223.54** for the April 2021 billing period.

*All Ayes. Motion Carried*

Resolution 33 of 2020-2021

**PEDDLING & SOLICITING PERMIT, MR. TY'S TACO-RIA**

Motion By Trustee Williams  
Seconded By Trustee Cutler  
Dated April 5, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby approve the Peddling & Soliciting permit for Mr. Tylan Klinker who operates Ty's Taco-Ria, and

**WHEREAS**, the approved days of operation are Friday & Saturday and the hours of operation are 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM from April to October; and

*All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

Resolution 34 of 2020-2021

**FACILITY USE PERMIT, FE YOUTH SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION**

Motion By Trustee Boucher  
Seconded By Trustee Carpenter  
Dated April 5, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby acknowledge receipt of the Facility Use Permit and supporting documentation from the Fort Edward Youth Baseball organization; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby grant the Youth Baseball organization, permission to use the Fort Edward baseball field located at the Fort Edward Little Park.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

Resolution 35 of 2020-2021

**CHAMPLAIN HUDSON POWER EXPRESS**

Motion By Trustee Williams  
Seconded By Trustee Cutler

Dated

April 5 2021

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
BBOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD**

WHEREAS, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (including its successors and/or assigns, "CHPEI") is developing the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project (the "Project"), an approximately 1,000 megawatt underground and underwater high voltage, direct current electric transmission facility extending from the United States' border with Canada to Queens, New York; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission (the "PSC") has ruled that the Project will supply clean, renewable hydroelectricity to New York State and has issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need authorizing the construction and operation of the Project (including any amendments thereto, the "Certificate"); and

WHEREAS, CHPEI has discussed the concept of the Project with the Village of Fort Edward (the "Village"), as a portion of the Project will be located within the Village and will occupy certain privately and/or publicly-owned land; and

WHEREAS, CHPEI has materially represented to the Village that the Project will provide significant economic and environmental benefits to New York State and the Village in the form of lower electric rates, a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and increased jobs, including local jobs during the Project's construction; and

WHEREAS, CHPEI has materially represented to the Village that the Project will provide significant tax revenue to the Village during the course of its expected 40-60 year operating life; and

WHEREAS, prior to construction within the Village, the Village will require a Road Crossing Agreement with the CHPEI that will include, at a minimum, construction responsibilities and plans, restoration and repair of damage, dispute resolution, bonding, insurance and indemnification provisions; and

WHEREAS, CHPEI has materially represented to the Village that once the Project commences operation, it is not expected to require any services from the Municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. That the Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Board") is familiar with Project, including the use and occupancy of privately and/or publicly-owned land in the Municipality, as represented by CHPEI.

2. That the Board hereby grants its preliminary consent to CHPEI, in accordance with section 11(3) of the New York State Transportation Corporations Law, to lay down, construct and maintain its wires, conductors, conduits and other fixtures in and under the streets and avenues in the Municipality in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate, subject to the terms of this resolution and a Road Crossing Agreement in form and substance acceptable to the Board.

3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate measures to implement the intent of this Resolution and the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy hereof to CHPEI at the Pieter Schuyler Building, 600 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207.

4. That the Board approves the inclusion of a copy of this Resolution as a part of any filing made by CHPEI with any governmental bodies when and as required or requested by the same and the use of this Resolution in public statements made by CHPEI regarding host community support for the Project.

5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

*ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Trustee Williams reported that the committee has met with the PBA and contract negotiations are ongoing. This should be finalized soon.
- Trustee Boucher contacted Stanton Fence and the fence at the Water Plant will be repaired during this fiscal year.
- Mayor Traver discussed the resolution regarding the Champlain Hudson Power Express. The resolution says that we support in concept what they plan to do, but there are stipulations on our part concerning engineering issues that need to be addressed.
- Mayor Traver reported that there was a significant water break in Drifting Ridge. One of the taps were leaking and the clamps are beginning to deteriorate. The break was very deep and an outside crew had to be called in. The bill could be considerable since it was a lengthy job and a holiday on top of things.
- Mayor Traver reported that the highway department is aware that there will be no summer help this year due to budget constraints. Also, leaves and brush will be picked up on Monday and Thursday. This will free up additional time for other work.
- We have received a bid of \$30,600 for the backhoe. If the bid is accepted and finalized, the transaction cannot be completed until June 1, 2021 so the money can go into next year's budget. Motion by Trustee **Williams** to tentatively accept the bid for \$30,600. SECONDED by Trustee **Cutler**. *ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*
- Trustee Cutler reported that Recreation Director James Donahue plans on having all the programs this summer and only have local field trips. He will have three employees plus himself to operate the programs.
- Trustee Carpenter mentioned that Hogwash will be able to clean the tank this year so it will be applied to our 2020 – 2021 budget, The Town of Fort Edward highway department will be able to use their brush hog to clean up the area at the water plant.
- Jim Thatcher reported that there may be CDBG funding available sometime just not sure when. The income survey results from the Moon Street and surrounding streets are not trending the way that is needed. With the weather improving, door to door canvassing while wearing a mask could become an option. He will check and see if Notre Dame and Lydius Streets can be added to this project. With the low income housing in that area, the income survey would not be a problem. The only concern is crossing Broadway may be a problem because this would not make this a contiguous project. There may be money available for Mullen Park and it would be beneficial if we had a plan in place stating what renovations need to be done and an approximate cost.

Motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:55 PM by Trustee **Williams**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**. *All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:25 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. *All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

Motion to adjourn at 9:27 PM by Trustee **Carpenter**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Cutler**. *All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer