Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, May 3, 2021

## 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	Bryan Etu		
Police			
Code	Dave Armando		
Water	Bill Caprood Jr.		
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 Cutler, SECONDED BY Trustee Williams.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes	VB Monthly Meeting- May 3, 2021

#### **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, Code Enforcement.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **AUDIT OF BILLS**

Accept the Audit of Monthly Bills

MOTION BY Trustee Cutler. SECONDED BY Trustee Carpenter.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

<u>Fund</u>	Abstract #12	Pay Before Audit #12	<b>Comments</b>
General Fund	\$26,253.82	\$ 9,883.80	
Water Fund	\$ 5,510.80	\$ 2,139.21	
Air Stripper			

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Trustee Williams inquired when the restriction signs will be taken down at Mullen Park. We will meet with Recreation Director James Donahue to update the signage with a modified restriction policy.
- Trustee Carpenter gave a report on the community garden. Many of the wooden boxes need to be replaced. Since the community garden is not a non-profit organization, any monetary donation would not be possible. The shop class from Fort Edward School will do the construction of the boxes. The Village will help with the purchase of new materials. Motion by Trustee **Boucher** to purchase the materials with the amount not to exceed \$500.00. SECONDED by Trustee **Cutler**. *ALL Ayes*. *Motion Carried*.
- > Trustee Cutler reported that he met with Superintendent of Highways Brodie Etu to determine how to repair the fence on the bridge on the corner of Riverside Street. We will be in touch with Stanton Fence when they are at the water plant to coordinate this repair.
- ➤ Bill Caprood reported that the water tower on Burgoyne Avenue has been pumped out and has been inspected. We will have to have the other water tower inspected this year as well. Trustee Boucher said that we could possibly have trucks being filled with pool water this year. We will have to determine how much to charge so that this would be worthwhile. The price of each truckload will definitely have to be increased.
- The sidewalk at 52 Seminary Street will be replaced this month. We will coordinate it with work that needs to be done on Oak Street and the parking lot on East Street so we will not get a short load charge. The work on Bond Creek on Baldwin Avenue should be finished this week so hopefully, the road will be reopened this week. The work they have done is rather impressive with the cost of the project quite substantial.
- There have been three applications received for the recreation department this summer (Olivia Fisher, Maddie Bucher, Michael Taylor). We will appoint them at our end of the year meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM.
- There will be a public hearing on May 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM with the Warren-Washington IDA to discuss a potential pilot program for the Champlain Hudson Power Express project. This project provides no service to Fort Edward and surrounding areas so a pilot program is definitely an issue.
- Village Attorney Matt Fuller reported the Village has until the end of the year to opt out of any cannabis dispensary businesses (retail sales and on premise consumption). Some municipalities may opt out and examine zoning issues and then opt back in. Mayor Traver said that the Village police department and the county sheriff's department will be involved in any decision.
- The rates for Water District II will have to be updated but the fee will remain the same. Once this is completed, the contract will be adjusted and sent to the Town of Fort Edward for approval.
- There was a discussion on the ongoing issues with 140 Broadway. It might be beneficial to have it go through a tax sale with the Sheriff's Department. This may help us recoup some of the money that we have invested in the repair of this building. Matt Fuller will look into this option report back next month.
- Mayor Traver met with Dan Ward from the Fort Edward School along with Trustee Carpenter, Town Councilmen Tim Fisher and Terry Middleton, and Village Historian Paul McCarty about the annex building. The annex is in relatively good shape but the garage roof may need some work. The building could be used for community archive and the garage could be used to store equipment. We will look to see if there is any grant money available to help with the needed repairs. The school would gift the building to the Village and it would have to be added to our insurance policy.
- Code Enforcement Officer Dave Armando received a call from someone interested in the former Dewatering Site. They plan on using the building for indoor basketball courts and the surrounding area could be developed into softball fields. Further information will be provided when available.

Motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:02 PM by Trustee **Cutler**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**. *All Ayes. Motion Carried*.

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:51 PM by Trustee **Cutler**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Boucher**. *All Ayes*. *Motion Carried*.

Motion to adjourn at 9:52 PM by Trustee Carpenter. SECONDED BY Trustee Williams. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer