

Village of Fort Edward

Regular Board Meeting - May 6, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Summary

The meeting extensively covered topics ranging from approval of peddling permits, stormwater infrastructure, control systems integration contract, proposal for an annual parade, to water projects, camping restrictions, village attractiveness, historical promotion, recreational opportunities, and negotiations with sanitation companies. Key decisions were made to abolish the village justice position, regulate camping on village property for cyclists, and approve specific peddling permits. Additionally, discussions on stormwater infrastructure, control systems integration, and proposals for annual parades were highlighted alongside concerns regarding water projects, camping restrictions, and the village's attractiveness.

Roll Call

Present: Trustee Boucher, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Carpenter, Deputy Mayor Williams

Absent: Mayor Traver

Outline

1. **Approval of March and April minutes.** A motion was made by **Trustee Cutler**, seconded by **Trustee Carpenter**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

2. **Approval of Reports.** A motion was made by **Trustee Boucher**, seconded by **Trustee Carpenter**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

3. **Audit of the Bills.** Abstract #12

- **General PBA** - \$9,488.58 **General Abstract** - \$29,622.07
- **Water PBA** - \$2,519.93 **Water Abstract** - \$6,343.16 A motion was made by **Trustee Cutler**, seconded by **Trustee Boucher**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

4. **Approval of Peddling Permits and Facility Use Permits • 00:16:07**

- Approved peddling permits for Mr. Brian Collis and Mr. William Jansen.
- Details of approved days and hours of operation for each permit.
- Resolution to take effect immediately for all permits.

Resolution #34 - Peddling and Soliciting - Mr. Ding-A-Ling

Motion by **Trustee Cutler**, seconded by **Trustee Boucher**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Dated: **May 6, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby approve the Peddling & Soliciting permit for Mr. Brian Collis who operates Mr. Ding-A-Ling Ice Cream; and

WHEREAS, the approved days of operation are Monday - Sunday and the hours of operation are 11:00AM to 9:00PM from April to October; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will not be able to work in the Village of Fort Edward during Locktoberfest in October.

Resolution #35 - Peddling and Soliciting - Ty's Taco Ria

Motion by **Trustee Boucher**, seconded by **Trustee Cutler**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Dated: **May 6, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby approve the Peddling & Soliciting permit for William Janssen who operates Ty's Taco Ria LLC; and

WHEREAS, the approved days of operation are Monday - Sunday and the hours of operation are between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. from May through the summer; and

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

Resolution #36 - Facility Use Permit - Fort Edward Youth Baseball

Motion by **Trustee Cutler**, seconded by **Trustee Carpenter**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Dated: **May 6, 2024**

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 League Park and Mullen Park if necessary.

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**5. Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment • 0:27:55**

- Cleanup revealed issues with the basin and cleanouts, leading to sewage overflow.
- Access easements and property considerations discussed, with implications for the village and town.

**6. Control Systems Integration Contract • 0:29:55**

- Three-year contract deliberated, involving reporting software and data management.
- Budget allocation and positive feedback on integrated software highlighted.

**7. Proposal for Annual Parade • 0:32:20**

- Proposal for an annual parade in 2025 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.
- Potential involvement of reenactors and historical significance emphasized.

**8. Kayak Launch and Historical Events • 0:45:09**

- Pending final approval for the kayak launch and updates on upcoming historical events provided.
- Public information meeting for bridge rehabilitation project mentioned.

**9. Property Development and Maintenance • 0:48:06**

- Appointment of employees for summer recreation program addressed.
- Maintenance issues, such as storage of materials and cleanup responsibilities, raised.

Resolution #39 - Appointment of Recreation Staff for 2024

A motion was made by **Trustee Cutler**, seconded by **Trustee Boucher**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Dated: **May 6, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint the following employees to the 2024 Summer Recreation Program:

**James Donahue** Recreation Director \$677.00/week

**Olivia Fisher** Recreation Employee \$15.00/hour

**Bryce Tyler** Recreation Employee \$15.00/hour

**Preston Gulick** Recreation Employee \$15.00/hour

**Noah Duket** Recreation Employee \$15.00/hour

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10. Water Project and Flag Removal • 00:50:56

- Discussion on constant flag placements related to UDig for projects.
- Concerns about the need to remove flags to prevent accidents.

11. Camping Restrictions and Village Attractiveness • 00:51:46

- Clarification on camping restrictions in the village sought.
- Emphasis on making the village more attractive through low taxes and affordable housing.

12. Historical Promotion and Village Image • 00:53:35

- Need to improve the village's image to attract residents.
- Discussion on promoting Fort Edward's history.

13. Recreational Opportunities and Economic Development • 00:58:57

- Importance of increasing commerce and providing recreational opportunities emphasized.
- Suggestions to invest in bike trails, kayak launches, and other initiatives.

14. Construction Impact on Bike Trails • 01:02:05

- Concerns about construction impact on bike trails raised.
- Efforts to address safety issues and improve trail conditions.

15. Negotiations with Sanitation Companies • 01:08:12

- Discussion on negotiations between Casella sanitation and Saratoga locations.
- Concerns about truck access and weight restrictions on village roads.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Rose

Village Clerk-Treasurer