

Village of Fort Edward
Board of Trustees – Public Hearing
Monday, May 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Traver called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Roll Call: Trustee Williams, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler

Absent: Trustee Boucher

Present: Dave Earsing, Kyle Cozzens, Doreen Rabine, Mike Dickinson, Jeff Caprood, Kris March, Lauren Grogan, Dan Ward, Dave Armando, Dave Earsing, Jim Thatcher, Tracy Murray, Rob Martin, Matt Rimkunas, Tom Roberts, Mariann Roberts, Anne Carpenter

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Summary

The meeting focused on discussing updates to the local peddling and soliciting law, particularly regarding food trucks, to better regulate their presence and ensure compliance with permits. Key decisions included maintaining the annual fee structure and streamlining the licensing process to support local businesses while addressing community concerns.

Open Public Hearing

1. Updates to Peddling and Soliciting Law

- The current peddling and soliciting law is outdated and does not adequately address the presence of food trucks in the community.
- Changes have been proposed to simplify the law and better manage food trucks, including permit requirements and enforcement responsibilities.
- The public hearing was scheduled to gather community input on these changes.

2. Licensing Process for Food Trucks

- The new licensing process will allow vendors to obtain permits directly from the village clerk, streamlining previous requirements that involved police approval.
- The proposed annual fee for food trucks is set at \$250, which is considered reasonable compared to fees in neighboring communities. The daily rate will be \$40/day.
- Vendors will be required to show proof of insurance when applying for permits to ensure liability coverage.

3. Community Impact and Business Concerns

- There are concerns that food trucks may negatively impact existing businesses, but they also attract more visitors to the area.
- The board aims to balance the interests of food trucks and local businesses by regulating their operations without being overly restrictive.
- The community is encouraged to provide feedback on how to best manage food trucks to benefit all stakeholders involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Rose
Village Clerk-Treasurer