Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, July 6, 2020

#### DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS 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- Absent
Highway	
Police	
Code	
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jeanie Mullen, Jim Thatcher, James Donahue, Matt Kerwin, Michael Goot

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 Cutler.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

VB Monthly Meeting- June 1, 2020

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **REPORTS-**

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS WAS MADE BY:

Trustee Cutler. SECONDED BY Trustee Boucher.

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 Carpenter, SECONDED BY Trustee Cutler.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Audit of Bills -	Audit #12AP	Pay Before Audit #2	Audit #2 (June)	Comments
General Fund	\$11,085.83	\$6,955.77	\$127,316.49	High bill total for Audit 1 for new Fiscal Year due to: Flowers, paving, insurance, stipends for marketplace and Senior Centers, workers comp.
Water Fund	\$6,338.73	\$25,025.06	\$13,076.90	

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

## Resolution 3 of 2020-2021

## HIRE PART TIME SUMMER LABORER, CAMERON SULLIVAN

Motion By	Trustee Cutler
Seconded By	Trustee Boucher
Dated	July 6, 2020

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Cameron Sullivan as a Part-Time Laborer for the Street Department for the Summer of 2020 at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. This seasonal appointment will begin no earlier than 06/01/2020 and end no later than 09/03/2020.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

## Resolution 4 of 2020-2021

## FACILITY USE PERMIT, ADIRONDACK USSSA PRIDE SOFTBALL

Motion By	Trustee Boucher
Seconded By	Trustee Carpenter
Dated	July 6, 2020

**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 pending the opening of the park due to COVID- 19 concerns.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

# Resolution 5 of 2020-2021

# BOND RENEWAL FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the principal payment of a Bond # 4300 in the amount of \$285,000.00 on the Water Treatment plant. The bond was due and payable on July 1, 2020 with a renewal interest rate of 4.1960 percent.

ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.

## CORRECTION OF TAX BILLS FOR TAX ROLL 2020-2021

Motion By	Trustee Cutler
Seconded By	Trustee Carpenter
Dated	July 6, 2020

WHEREAS, §1442 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 554 paragraph 1(g) states

The appropriate tax levying body may correct a clerical error, an unlawful entry, or an error in essential fact other than an error in essential fact as defined in paragraph (d) of subdivision three of section five hundred fifty of this title in accordance with the provisions of this section; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village clerk's office applied for a correction of the tax roll to the County Treasurer's office to correct a bill that was incorrectly read as well as remove the 10% penalty from each bill for parcel 171.6-2-40, Baldwin Properties on Lydius Street; and

WHEREAS, §1442 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 550 paragraph 2(g) states an entry on an assessment or tax roll which is incorrect by reason of an arithmetical mistake by the assessor appearing on the property record card, field book or other final work product of the assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village clerk's office applied for a correction of the tax roll to the County Treasurer's office to correct a bill that was a clerical error for parcel 163.17-3-12, Douglas Pennington at 225 Broadway; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of Trustees have agreed to approve the amendment of both of these parcel's tax bill with the county and this should take effect immediately.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

# Resolution 7 of 2020-2021

# **Donation of Surplus Printers**

Motion By	Trustee Cutler
Seconded By	Trustee Carpenter
Dated	July 6, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby approve the donation of two surplus printers to the Fort Edward Historical Association.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Matt Kerwin of Barclay Damon Tower of Syracuse which represents National Grid, submitted a letter requesting that the Village Board amend the zoning of the property at 22 Canal Street from Residential to Commercial-1. The contamination of this property was removed in 2009 with cooperation from the DEC. National Grid is not looking to develop this property and would like to keep it as it was remediated. Village Attorney Matt Fuller said that research needs to be done to see what paperwork was presented when the project was completed. A meeting will be set up with the Mayor, the Village Attorney and the attorney for National Grid.

- Jim Thatcher reported that the income survey was started for the proposed water project for the lower end of the Village. Forty eight letters were sent out and we have received almost 50% of the surveys back. The State has not set a deadline so another mailing could be circulated. Door to door canvasing is not an option during a pandemic so that will have will have to be delayed.
- Division Street-The Village has contacted Ace Carting and requested that their haulers do not use Division Street as a thoroughfare to Beverly Street. The curb on the corner of Mechanic and Division Street is being destroyed. We will continue to monitor the situation.
- Trustee Cutler gave a report on the status of the Recreation Department. He met with James Donahue and he said that he would still like to have a program this summer, even if it was limited. There are many concerns with temperature taking, log in data and monitoring the whole program. James Donahue expressed his concerns for the kids since they have not had any outlet since mid March. He stated that the workers will have masks on and parents will have to sign a waiver. He said you could run an arts & crafts program, a bicycle run and possibly softball. Village Attorney Matt Fuller said that there needs to be vacation screening and they would not be allowed unless they have been quarantined for fourteen days. Trustee Boucher expressed his concerns over the arts & crafts program being held in the rec building. He feels that it is too small and it is too much to ask of the employees to monitor all these issues. Trustee Cutler recommended that the Village Recreation Committee meet with James and try to make a decision on the reopening. There is no right or wrong decision on this matter but the ramifications could potentially be serious.
- > Janelle Rose mentioned that the Village has leased three new copiers- one for the Clerk's office, one for the Street Department, and one for the Water Department at a lower cost than we are currently paying. Village Historian Paul McCarty said that the printers being used at the Old Fort House no longer work. It was suggested that the old printers be donated to the Historical Society. See Resolution #7 of 2020-2021.
- Trustee Cutler inquired when the Village Offices will open full time. We would like to open jointly with the Town because it would be so much easier. We will order a plexi-glass shield for the counter and have it available when we are able to open full time. We are taking appointments if people are not able to make it there when the office is open. When the building opens, the Town business will enter through the front door and the Village will use the entrance near the Court.
- > Trustee Cutler said a meeting will be scheduled with the Highway Department to get their new contract signed and finalized.
- Trustee Cutler inquired about the proposed solar farm on the old William's Dairy farmland. As of right now, the Village has received no new paperwork and nothing is posted on the Town of Fort Edward's website.

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM by Trustee Carpenter. SECONDED BY Trustee Boucher. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer