Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Monday, February 1, 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			
Police	Chief Justin Derway,		
Code	Dave Armando		
Water	John Miller		
Attorney	Matt Fuller		
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jim Thatcher, Evan Lawrence		

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 Williams, SECONDED BY Trustee Cutler.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes	VB Monthly Meeting- January 4, 2021

### **REPORTS**

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

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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 Boucher, SECONDED BY Trustee Cutler.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

<u>Fund</u>	Abstract #9	Pay Before Audit #9	<b>Comments</b>
General Fund	\$125,495.38	\$10,082.28	\$20,000.00 Town of Fort Edward Building
			\$75,997.00 New Excavator (CHIPS)
Water Fund	\$ 4,911.05	\$16,641.51	\$12,776.67 Moreau Receiver of Taxes January 2021
Air Stripper			

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mayor Traver discussed the Champlain Hudson Power Express project. They will be running power lines down through parts of the Village. There is some concern with this project with some lines going under Canal, East, and parts of Broadway and then across to the Hudson River. Village Attorney Matt Fuller will email the head of this project to get more information and report back at the March monthly meeting.
- > There was a discussion on some of the problems with water district II on Fort Edward Road. We seem to think that there may be some houses on Fort Edward Road that may not being billed. We will contact Chazen and have them draw a map of the area which may clear up some of these problems. The people in this area are using Village water but they are still responsible for any and all maintenance if there is a water break. General Electric has stopped testing the water as finished water at Air Stripper since the contract has ended. This needs to be addressed because this is supposed to be a backup for us in case any problem arises. The water needs to be tested to make sure that it is safe for consumption. The annual report must be filed by March 31 and this must be addressed. Air Stripper is down because the heater for the tower is not operational. This will also be addressed.
- The Village will reach out to James and MaryAnn Doty of 46 Burgoyne Avenue to update them with the proposed water project on Burgoyne Avenue. They own the lots where the water tower is currently place. We need to make sure that we have a right of way before any of the work begins.

The income survey for the water project for the Moon, Edward, Old Fort, Montgomery, and State Streets has a return rate of 65% as of yet. There are multiple residences that have not returned the survey. We need nine more responses to reach the minimum number to submit the application for the grant. The responses that we have received from the residences on State Street are not beneficial to the project because the income from these houses are too high. We will reach out to the residents and urge them to return the survey. The cost of the CDBG application is \$5,000.00 and the income survey is \$1,000.00. Motion by Trustee **Williams** to appoint Jim Thatcher as the coordinator for the proposed CDBG water project. SECONDED BY Trustee **Carpenter**. *ALL AYES*. *MOTION CARRIED*.

- The Police Reform Committee have held three meetings so far. The meetings have focused on police procedures dealing with mental health issues and drug abuse. Kim Collier has been giving updates on resources that are available to families dealing with these issues. We will continue to hold these meetings and hopefully have everything finalized by mid-March.
- Chief Derway mentioned that one candidate has expressed interest in the full-time position available. He is also canvassing the civil service list to see if there are any candidates that may want to be hired as a part-time officer but will need training somewhere.

Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:03 PM by Trustee **Cutler**. SECONDED BY Trustee **Williams**. *ALL AYES*. *MOTION CARRIED*.

Motion to adjourn from executive session at 9:08 PM by Trustee Carpenter. SECONDED BY Trustee Cutler. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn at 9:09 PM by Trustee Carpenter. SECONDED BY Trustee Cutler. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,