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

### MAYOR TRAVER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:10 PM AND LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call	Trustee Boucher, Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Williams, Mayor Traver
Highway	
Police	
Code	
Attorney	Matt Fuller
Public	Peter Amorosi, Janelle Rose, Jeanie Mullen

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 Carpenter.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

VB Monthly Meeting- March 2, 2020

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **REPORTS**

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

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 Williams.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

<u>Fund</u>	Paid before Audit #11	<u>Audit #11</u>	<u>Comments</u>
General Fund	\$10,429.61	\$14,396.10	
Water Fund	\$3,357.72	\$5,198.89	

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

# **RESOLUTIONS**

## Resolution 40 of 2019-2020

## ORGANIZATIONAL/ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Motion By Trustee Cutler

Seconded By Trustee Carpenter

Dated May 4,2020

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby approve the following appointments for fiscal year 2020-2021

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Position	Personnel	_	Comi	mittees
Acting Village Justice	Vacant	Building	Williams	Carpenter
Attorney	Matthew F. Fuller, Esq.	Police	Williams	Carpenter
Bounced Check Fee	\$35.00 cash/money order	Recreation	Boucher	Cutler
Building Inspector	Dave Armando	Street	Williams	Cutler
Code Enforcement	Dave Armando	Water	Carpenter	Boucher
Crossing Guard	Robbin Spofford / Steve Weeks			
Crossing Guard	John Malvuccio			
Depository	Glens Falls National Bank			
Deputy Mayor	Peter Williams			
Fair Housing Officer	Janelle Rose			
Fingerprinting- Non-Resident	\$25.00			
Fingerprinting- Resident	No Charge			
Historian	R. Paul McCarty			
Justice Clerk	Michelle Hurlburt			
Mileage Reimbursement	\$0.50/mile			
Newspaper	The Post Star			
Petty Cash, Treasurer	\$ 50.00			
Petty Cash, Justice Court	\$100.00			
Planning Board Clerk	Janelle Rose			
Planning Board Members	\$ 25.00/meeting			
Planning Board Site Plan Review	\$ 65.00			
Recreation Director	James Donahue			
Registrar	Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk			
Tax Search Fee	\$ 25.00			
Village Board Monthly Meeting	First Monday of Month @ 7:00pm			
Water Tap Fee	\$350.00 (+ actual charges)			
Zoning Board Clerk	Janelle Rose			
Zoning Board Members	\$ 25.00/meeting			
Zoning Board Variance Fee	\$ 65.00			

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

## Resolution 41 of 2019-2020

### PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Motion By	Trustee Cutler
Seconded By	Trustee Carpenter
Dated	May 4, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint the following people to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and the term ending dates.

PLANNING BOARD	TERM ENDING	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	TERM ENDING
Joseph Carroll	04/2022	VACANT	04/2022
VACANT	04/2023	Daniel Durkee	04/2023
James Brooks	04/2020	Denise Mayer	04/2020
Tom Roche, Chairman	04/2021	VACANT	04/2021
Bernard Taylor	04/2022	Dan Boucher	04/2022

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Resolution 42 of 2019-2020

### COLLECTION OF WATER RENTS, APRIL 2020

Motion By	Trustee Cutler
Seconded By	Trustee Carpenter
Dated	May 4,2020

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby authorize the Clerk's office to collect water rents in the amount of \$118,277.79 for the April 2020 billing period.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Trustee Carpenter reported that the Village DPW is back to work sweeping roads and picking up leaves. Three employees will work one week at a time alternating week by week until the ban from COVID- 19 is lifting. Trustee Cutler suggested that the street department could work split shifts which would allow the Village to get 30 hours of work from each employee. We will monitor the situation to see how the current arrangement is working. It is imperative that the street and water department employees practice social distancing while working. The water bills will go out by the end of this week and we will be able to collect water rents until May 15th. There is a drop box in the front of the Town entrance that can be used by people to drop off their water rent payments. After that date, the water bills will be relevied on the Village taxes. The garbage can at Mullen Park and Broadway are completely full. Mayor Traver will contact the highway department and make sure they are emptied on a regular basis.
- The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) sent a letter to the Village stating what repairs need to be done at the dam. We will try to do some of the work ourselves but we will probably have to contract some of the work out.
- > Keith Griffin requested permission to have the bells rung at noon on Easter Sunday by all of the local churches. There is no problem

with this since all of the local churches are still closed.

- The Village filed a state of emergency with notices sent to the local TV and radio stations. We are not sure if there will be any federal or state funding available but by doing this, we would be eligible for any available money.
- There was a discussion on combining the Planning and Zoning Boards. There has been problems over the years getting a quorum together to hold meetings. This could delay projects within the Village if meetings are not held. Village Attorney Matt Fuller will look into this and report back next month.
- There is nothing to report on the property at 138-140 Broadway. Mr. Stackhouse has been contacted but that is where we stand at the present time.
- The new owners of the bike repair shop, which will be located at 73 East Street, are discouraged by the delay in the opening of their businesses. Even though the Village is shut down, the planning board may be able to hold a virtual meeting to see if the process could be expedited.
- There was a discussion on the PILOT program for Irving Tissue. Village Attorney Matt Fuller said that the calculations have been done incorrectly over the years which would increase the assessment by approximately \$2 million. This would help the Village and we will send the new figures to the IDA when we submit it.
- Trustee Williams contacted Jim Thatcher about possible grants for the Fort Edward High School Annex. There are funds available but the school would have to put the property in the Village's name. This should not be a problem. We will contact Dan Ward and see if this could be done in the near future.
- Trustee Williams said that local farmers will be having meat for sale this summer. The Canal Street Marketplace will be used as a central place for them to sell their products.
- Mayor Traver reported that W L Plastics will be submitting a joint planning board application to the Town and Village within the next month.

Trustee Carpenter reported that SUNY Adirondack has cancelled their archaeological dig for this summer on Roger's Island due to COVAD-19. The group headed by Dr. David Starbuck may still do a dig towards the end of the summer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM by Trustee Carpenter. SECONDED BY Trustee Cutler. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter C. Amorosi, Clerk-Treasurer