

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00PM**

Supervisor Suprenant called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Suprenant  
Councilman Fisher  
Councilman Mercier  
Councilman Orsini  
Councilman Middleton

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darlene DeVoe, Brian Brockway, Mary-Ellen Stockwell, Rose Henderson, Sandy Kline, Jean Parker, Richard Belden, Jeannie Mullen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve the minutes of the meetings of January 11, 2016 and January 27, 2016 **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to approve the reports of the Town Clerk, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway and Supervisor as submitted **ALL AYES**

**The following grant report was submitted by Grant Coordinator Darlene DeVoe:**

**Grant Coordinator Report for February 2016**

Submitted by Darlene DeVoe 2/8/2016

**Former Grand Union Brownfield Redevelopment Project**

SMP work for utility installation is well underway. The stormwater system is complete with the tie-in scheduled for today. The Sewer Agency gave permission to begin installing structures and lines late Friday. This was essential to prevent a work shut down during unseasonable warm construction weather. They were busy before 7am this morning.

The other aspects of the project between the developer and Price Chopper continue to move past hurdles that seem to pop up often. Fortunately, our friends at the DEC are helping us with a number of them.

The National Grid reimbursement paperwork went in and the site inspection and interview went extremely well. I was told that the reimbursement would be processed within 4-6 weeks. I wish all reimbursements were treated like that!

Not good news though is that we STILL have not received our EPA Grant Closeout letter! We continue to beg, plead, guilt and pray that it will come every day. I understand there is a process and that other communities have projects equally as important to them as ours is to us. However, we have a lot of permits and items tied up because of ownership.

I recommend that the Closing Documents be ready for a quick closing.

### **EPA Petroleum Assessment Grant -**

There are several parcels for which we are soliciting Proposals from our Engineering Pool. Does the Board wish to issue an RFQ for the Engineering Pool or keep the one we have in place?

### **HOME 2013 –**

We have begun processing applications! Matt has been out for preliminary inspections and I am chasing paperwork so lead and energy can be ordered. Applications are available in the Town and Village offices. They will be reviewed in the order which they are received.

### **Community Planning –**

I forgot about the Association of Towns Conference next week when I prepared the Master Plan meeting schedule so we will have to move the meeting from Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note.

### **Champlain Canalway Trail –**

This group is now reviewing the original plan with the intent to make revisions necessary to adhere to each communities planning for their trail systems. This is a tedious and interesting process. I will be reviewing the CCTWG recommendations at the upcoming Master Plan review meeting to determine if they jive with what our residents and business owners would like.

### **IAWG**

The 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fort Edward Inter Agency Work Group went very well and is already helping to move some things along, including the transfer of the Access Road into the Fort Edward Industrial Park and Intermodal Facility. There are several layers to making this a public road and am happy to report that all people/entities are working hard to get it done.

**BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve Abstract #2 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #2**

<b>GENERAL A – 5376,5379,5382,5383-5420</b>	<b>\$33,321.20</b>
<b>GENERAL B –5421-5426</b>	<b>\$22,829.50</b>
<b>HIGHWAY –5427-5440</b>	<b>\$13,587.40</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL –5441-5448</b>	<b>\$ 3,555.10</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING –5378,5381,5449</b>	<b>\$ 3,458.75</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER –5377,5380,5450-5456</b>	<b>\$15,568.65</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2 –5457-5459</b>	<b>\$12,258.90</b>
<b>EPA PET 2 –38-39</b>	<b>\$ 554.00</b>
<b>BOA STEP 3 –12-13</b>	<b>\$ 1,525.00</b>
<b>VERIZON ESCROW –5-6</b>	<b>\$ 2,960.33</b>
<b>354 BROADWAY -13-15</b>	<b>\$89,811.24</b>

**TOTAL: \$199,430.07**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 11 OF 2016**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON**

**TITLE: Exemption of Matters of Local Concern from County Planning Review**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Planning Board was created by the Washington County Board of Supervisors as provided by Article 12 B of the General Municipal Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of General Municipal Law Article B, Section 239 l and m (GML 239) require local municipal bodies in Washington County to submit certain planning and zoning actions to the Washington County Planning Board for said Board’s review and recommendation unless excepted by an agreement approved by the municipal body; and the County Planning Board that such matter is of a local rather than an inter-municipal or county-wide concern; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the County and local municipal bodies for a local municipal body to be able to take action on matters of local concern without being bound by the referral requirements of GML 239; and

**WHEREAS**, having such an agreement for exception of matters which are not of an inter-municipal or county-wide concern is not detrimental to the County or the Town of Fort Edward; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Planning Board has established a process for exempting matters and actions of local concern from the referral requirements of GML 239; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the attached agreement entitled “*Exemption of Matters of Local Concern from County Planning Review Agreement*” shall exempt actions of local concern under this agreement from the referral requirements of GML 239 shall exist between the County Planning Board and the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that said agreement shall apply to zoning reviews and actions of the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution with the attached agreement shall be provided to the Washington County Planning Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this agreement shall take effect immediately.

DATED: February 8, 2016

Councilman Fisher- AYE  
Councilman Orsini- AYE  
Councilman Mercier- AYE  
Councilman Middleton- AYE  
Supervisor Suprenant- AYE

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to set a special audit meeting for the Town Clerk, Tax Collector & Town Justice for February 18<sup>th, 2016</sup> at 11:00am  
**ALL AYES**

Sickler & Murphy discussion on the records room: Supervisor feels Option 2 is best for the Town and the Board agrees that having the obsolete records identified, listed and stacked for our removal at a cost of \$9,000 to be shared with the Village is the best option.

**MOTION** by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to hire the Records Management Consultants, Sickler and Murphy to provide the services necessary in the Town and Village records room to identify and dispose of obsolete records contingent on the Village of Fort Edward paying half of the \$9,000.00 cost, signature of a confidentiality agreement by the consultants and final review and approval by the Town Attorney **ALL AYES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Rose Henderson:** What are you going to do about my water?

**Supervisor Suprenant:** you were accepted into the district and its an act of legislature to get someone out of it. How much are you paying?

**Rose Henderson:** I have paid over \$2,000 and water cannot come to my property, its landlocked.

**Rose Henderson:** Did you ever come down and check it out?

**Supervisor Suprenant:** yes I did

**Sandy Kline:** She stated at one of the meetings that she didn't want the water.

**Mary-Ellen Stockwell:** I'm speculating but the majority vote may have over ruled it. We can look up the minutes but if you are within the map plan and report and you reject it but the majority wants it you get over ruled.

**Supervisor Suprenant:** I want to do something for you but I don't know what can be done.

**Mary-Ellen Stockwell:** I'll do some research

**Councilman Orsini:** on behalf of the visitors center? Anyone know anyone at C.P. Rail? We would like to have them as a boundary.

**Brian Brockway:** Loader discussion: \$72,844.00 would be the cost to get into a 2016 loader John Deere 544 after trade in.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to go through with the purchase of the 2016 loader contingent on talking to Peter Ives to pay now or do 3 year purchase agreement **ALL AYES**

**Rose Henderson:** Can the pile of PCB's behind me be moved anytime soon?

**Supervisor Suprenant:** I don't think the State has any plans to do that, they encapsulated it and are planning to leave it there.

**Rose Henderson:** it's a hazard for the deer, they go in there and die, and the state put it there why can't the state take it out?

**Rose Henderson:** When will GE be out of the area by me?

**Supervisor Suprenant:** Supposed to be out of there by May of 2016

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters at 7:50pm

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to come out of executive session at 8:34pm **ALL AYES**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: February 9, 2016

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**Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk**

