

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 11, 2018 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 6:55PM**

Supervisor Middleton opened the public hearing at 6:55pm

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Middleton  
Councilman Orsini  
Councilman Mercier  
Councilman Fisher  
Councilwoman Mullen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Todd Humiston, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Katie DeGroot, Cindy Raggi, Theresa Rose and Town Attorney Mary-Ellen Stockwell

The following notice was published in The Post Star on June 4, 2018:

**TOWN OF FORT EDWARD  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**Notice is hereby given, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:55 P.M. at Town Hall, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2017 Town of Fort Edward MS4 Annual Report.**

**Interested persons may review the Annual Report at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours or on the Town website at: [www.fortedward.net](http://www.fortedward.net).**

**By Order of the Town Board**

**Dated: May 31, 2018**

**Publish: June 4, 2018**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**Brian Brockway:** The MS4 is going to start requiring a lot more work in the near future.

**MOTION** by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to close the public hearing at 6:57pm **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Middleton called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm  
Pledge of Allegiance

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Councilman Orsini  
Councilman Mercier  
Councilman Fisher  
Councilwoman Mullen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Todd Humiston, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Katie DeGroot, Cindy Raggi, Theresa Rose and Town Attorney Mary-Ellen Stockwell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2018 **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve the reports of Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway, Assessor, Supervisor & Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve Abstract #6 in the amount of \$26,436.87 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #6**

<b>GENERAL A: 7457-7458,7462-7463,7466-7496</b>	<b>\$16,228.51</b>
<b>GENERAL B: 7497</b>	<b>\$ 43.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY: 7498-7506</b>	<b>\$ 4,644.83</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL: 7507-7511</b>	<b>\$ 2,281.16</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING: 7459,7464-7465</b>	<b>\$ 2,905.07</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER: 7460-7461,7512</b>	<b>\$ 290.24</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2: 7513</b>	<b>\$ 44.06</b>

**TOTAL: \$26,436.87**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to accept the 2017 MS4 Annual Report **ALL AYES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Richard Belden:** Someone is burning green brush behind my house and the smell is terrible, I can't open my windows because it just smolders.

**Cindy Raggi:** The bump on East Rd. by the golf course is terrible, is that going to be fixed soon?

**Brian Brockway:** Yes, we will be fixing that one and the one by Ormsby Lane as soon as school is out so that we do not interrupt the bus route.

**Cindy Raggi:** On County Rte. 42 between Rte.'s 196 and 197 there is a huge bump and when the Peckham Tractor Trailers hit it the noise is massive and shakes my house. Can you notify the County please?

**Supervisor Middleton:** The County cut their paving projects way back but I will let them know.

**Cindy Raggi:** My neighbors have 5 dogs that bark constantly. I can't enjoy being outside or have my windows open because of the barking.

**Todd Humiston:** The barking ordinance requires a signed complaint, I will look into it.

**Theresa Rose:**

- I live on the corner of Smith St. and Burgoyne and my neighbor needs to mow his grass and there is brush all over the yard.
- I don't feel that as a tax payer I should have to get a permit to have a garage sale.

**Supervisor Middleton:** We enacted that law due to people having garage sales daily which would be considered running a business. The law is very fair in that you can have 3 garage sales per year for 3 days with the first one being free of charge, I don't feel many people have more than 1 garage sale per year.

**Theresa Rose:** I live in the Town and when I need police I have to call the Sheriff's Dept. so why do those issues go before the Town Court and not the County Court?

**Mary-Ellen Stockwell:** Due to jurisdiction, The County cannot control Town Court matters; the Town has to have a Town Court.

**Katie DeGroot:** After the last meeting when I found out that Carey Rd. was going to be paved I drove down it and it really doesn't need it.

**Brian Brockway:** We aren't paving Carey Rd. We may pave it next year if need be.

**BUSINESS:**

The Fort Edward Alumni Assoc. is looking for a donation for their Annual Golf Tournament.

TABLED until more information is gathered

**Supervisor Middleton:** The pool is in worse shape than we thought and it will be tough getting it ready to open in 2 weeks. 4 seams need to be fixed and we were able to get funding through Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner for repairs for a recreational family use and we chose the pool.

**Cindy Raggi:** What is going on with the old Agway building?

**Supervisor Middleton:** The old building itself has nothing planned at this time but out in front they are building the Great Meadow Federal Credit Union.

**Supervisor Middleton:** At the last meeting we were asked to look into the gravel pile in Fort Miller. We went down and smoothed out the edges but unfortunately there is no other place to store it at this time.

**Katie DeGroot:** Could you put a fence around it?

**Councilman Orsini:** It's not going to be there that long to incur the expense of fencing.

**Supervisor Middleton:** We have discussed the possibility of removing the berm and putting big stones in there.

**Councilman Mercier:** They wanted the berm and they were going to plant flowers and take care of them and they never did and now it's all overgrown.

**Theresa Rose:** I have a question about the dewatering facility, is that the Town? Why can't we take care of that road so that we can get some businesses down there to help with taxes?

**Supervisor Middleton:** Part of the dewatering land is in the Town yes but we do not own the road.

**Todd Humiston:** I am going on vacation July 20-July 29, is the Board going to appoint Michael Hayes to cover for me during that time?

**MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to appoint Michael Hayes to cover the vacation of Dog Control Officer Todd Humiston from July 20-July 29 at a rate of \$30.00 per day **ALL AYES**

**MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to enter into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss pending litigation **ALL AYES**

**MOTION** by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to come out of executive session at 8:17pm **ALL AYES**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: June 13, 2018

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

