

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING,
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 13, 2020 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 6:55 P.M.**

Supervisor Losaw opened the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Losaw
Councilman Mercier
Councilman Fisher
Councilwoman Mullen

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Humiston, Jennifer Holden, Elizabeth O’Leary, Katie DeGroot, Julie Wilson, Joseph Malvuccio, Dave O’Brien (IDA), Terry Middleton, Brian Brockway, Amanda Derway, Aden Derway, Donna Brockway, Frank Burkhardt, Patricia Durham

**PUBLIC HEARING
6:55 p.m.**

The following notice was published in The Post Star on January 6, 2020:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward on January 13, 2020 at 6:55 p.m. at Town Hall, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY regarding the consideration of a proposed Local Law of the Town of Fort Edward for the year 2020 which would amend the Town Code by adding the enclosed local law entitled: “A local law opting out of real property tax exemption for solar and wind energy systems pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 487”. The purpose of said proposed law is to add solar and wind energy systems to Section 92 of the Town Code, which opts out of the real tax exemption for certain energy systems pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 487.

Any resident of the Town of Fort Edward is entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such public hearing. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Town of Fort Edward Clerk’s office.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward, dated January 13, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katie DeGroot: I was just wondering if there were developments that led to this being put forth as a resolution.

Supervisor Losaw: That I couldn't answer.

Katie DeGroot: Have there been solar companies interested in putting in large solar systems in the area.

Supervisor Losaw: think there has been down in the south end but I don't know if anything has gone further.

Katie DeGroot: Do you know who the companies are?

Supervisor Losaw: I couldn't tell you the name off hand.

Katie DeGroot: Is there a way to find out?

Supervisor Losaw: Probably, I could look and see if I have an e-mail from them.

Katie DeGroot: What is the process for them being allowed to put solar on farmland?

Supervisor Losaw: Whatever they do would have to go through the Planning Board and the Zoning Board first before they could do anything and Code Enforcement before that.

Katie DeGroot: Code Enforcement?

Supervisor Losaw: Yes, all the permits would go through him.

Katie DeGroot: So each person would come forward if they were interested if they were a property owner or do they come together with a group of projects?

Supervisor Losaw: I think the company would come forward with a group of projects first.

Katie DeGroot: Is there a way to find out if that has happened?

Aimee Mahoney: We have not had any applications come before the Planning Board, we had a company come in for information but there are not any projects proposed currently.

Frank Burkhardt: They approached me for 20-25 acres but after surveying the property we weren't close enough the 3 phase but I thought they were approaching other property owners down on Patterson Road. That was about 6 months ago or more and they were out of Connecticut.

Katie DeGroot: What was the name of the company?

Frank Burkhardt: I'm not sure.

Katie DeGroot: If there is a possibility of finding out who the names of the companies are that have spoken to you guys; obviously you are bringing this forward as a precaution in case people try and put it on their property and want a tax write off on Federal and State. I understand that and I think it's great but I am just curious as to the scale of proposed projects since there is now 3 phase in the Southern part of the Town. I'm just curious as to what companies might be approaching groups of property owners trying to bundle them together to put forth as a project.

Supervisor Losaw: I could probably find out.

Katie DeGroot: I would love that, I would be curious and want to ask them some questions.

Terry Middleton: Mr. Supervisor the one that would be around Ms. DeGroot's house would be Boralax Energy, the same one that actually met with her husband.

Katie DeGroot: He came by but we don't own the property that you are talking about anymore; we were approached by 8 solar companies in the last 3 years.

Supervisor Losaw: Boralax is the name that I have heard.

Katie DeGroot: I heard there is another company south of Cary Road.

Supervisor Losaw: That one I have not heard of.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to close the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Losaw called the Organizational and Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Losaw
Councilman Mercier
Councilman Fisher
Councilwoman Mullen

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Humiston, Jennifer Holden, Elizabeth O'Leary, Katie DeGroot, Julie Wilson, Joseph Malvuccio, Dave O'Brien (IDA), Terry Middleton, Brian Brockway, Amanda Derway, Aden Derway, Donna Brockway, Frank Burkhardt, Patricia Durham

Supervisor Losaw read the following letter from Town Councilman Peter Ives:

January 13, 2020

Please take this letter as my formal resignation from the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward. I can no longer serve on the Board as I am choosing to accept the job as Supervisor's Clerk for the Town and cannot hold both positions.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and this resignation is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Peter Ives

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to accept the resignation of Peter Ives **ALL AYES**

A letter of intent was submitted to Supervisor Losaw from Jennifer Holden for the vacant Council seat.

Aimee Mahoney: Jennifer is currently on the Board of Assessment Review and will need to resign from that before being appointed.

MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to accept the resignation of Jennifer Holden from the Board of Assessment Review **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to appoint Jennifer Holden to the Town Board to fill the unexpired term of Peter Ives ; term ending December 31, 2020 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the end of year meeting of December 31, 2019 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve the reports of the Town Clerk Monthly and Annual, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer & Supervisor's Report as submitted **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve Abstract #1 in the amount of \$95,186.82 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #1

GENERAL A: 8893-8918	\$61,417.83
GENERAL B: 8919-8921	\$ 8,171.40
HIGHWAY: 8922-8926	\$ 5,012.05
MUNICIPAL: 8927-8935	\$ 5,363.19
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 8936	\$ 2,811.58
SPECIAL WATER: 8937-8940	\$ 357.52
SPECIAL WATER 2: 8941-8944	\$ 287.27
CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF HEALTH: 1	\$ 1,800.00

H19 0552.4 – SALT SHED	\$ 8,697.50
H19 5132.4 – BARN CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,268.48

TOTAL: \$95,186.82

Supervisor Losaw: The H19 accounts are new, we started a Capital Project for the Highway Barn, we have had it under Insurance Recoveries and at the end of the year all of that just goes to the fund balance so we had to do a Capital Project to get that started which you don't need to budget anything for.

Supervisor Losaw read the following statement that he prepared:

I am honored and humbled to be elected to serve the residents of Fort Edward. I know there has been some trepidation with having a new Supervisor from some people but I can assure you that most of you have been my friends for several years and I do think that we will be able to work together; I don't see any reason why not. After all the idea is to serve the residents of this Town to the best of our abilities and I think our goals are all pretty much the same; the only difference maybe is how we go about getting it done.

I have to thank Terry Middleton for his service and his help with the transition; he has been very helpful and I'm sure he will answer any questions that I might still have. I will and we will depend on him during the construction of the new Highway Garage.

I had told Terry that I would give a comment on the transfer of the Dewatering Facility property from WCC, LLC to the LPDC. Even though I didn't agree with the transfer I can see he went that route. We have to go back to the days before and during the dredging process when there were several meetings with different NYS Agencies; one of the conclusions that they came up with was for a local non-profit to take over and market the property; with that being said, Terry and the LPDC went forth and did what they thought was being very proactive. Even though I didn't agree with the transfer I have to give praise to them and to Neal Orsini and his group for doing what they thought was best for the community at large. They busted their butts to make the best of a bad situation. Hopefully with the sale of the property to W.L. Plastics potentially and the sale of the rest of the property to the IDA we can move on.

I also have to give praise to our Highway Superintendent. At our County Organizational meeting last week Supervisor Henke of Argyle brought up the accident that happened in Argyle that took the life of their Highway Superintendent and hospitalized others. Supervisor Henke gave many thanks to the Fort Edward Highway Department; Brian Brockway in particular for the help that they have provided. I would like to offer my thanks to Brian as well. That type of commitment goes a long way in saying what type of community that we have here.

My goal is to move on now and try to be positive, I have lived in this community for over 40 years and honestly I think it's one of the best ones around. We need to be thankful for what we have here and we need to use it to improve life even better. With that said, I look forward to working with each of you as we move to try to move Fort Edward forward. Thank You

Dave O'Brien
WWIDA

Dave O'Brien: Basically the project is still moving on, some stumbling blocks came up that revolve around the access road and we are working to get those straightened out. One of the issues of course is durable access to that property. Most people know the history because we have talked about this before but right now there is \$800,000.00 due in taxes due on that property. I looked out the window at the County Building on Friday and saw one of the huge buildings in the back coming down which means millions of dollars off your tax roll. When that gets done and GE finishes doing their completion of their project and their presence in Washington County. That is going to put a big dent in the economy for Fort Edward and the more that we do to move this project along and use that piece of property to bring assessed value back in and to help the community of Fort Edward and Washington County move forward is going to be a very good boom into the environment. I was on the phone with W.L. Plastics last week and they are still moving forward and have a time frame they have put together to get all the approvals they need of 4-6 weeks. What I have heard from them is a direct commitment that they are still committed to this area, they are still committed to doing the right thing for the community and as per our discussions they do have good corporate conscience and want to make sure that they are a friend and a neighbor to the community. I know they will be reaching out for Planning Board meetings and all of the other meetings that they have to go through and public hearings so you will get a chance to talk with them directly about your concerns. I am not here to talk about that tonight but I do know that if we able to get an anchor tenant in just like they do in the mall then there may be more business coming in to help the employment in Fort Edward. One of the things we are looking for from the Board tonight is a resolution accepting the road should the Canal Corp. turn it over to you, I know you talked about that. I am working very closely with people from EPA, Canal Corp and the Governor's Office and I have a meeting on Wednesday; they are coming up to see how they can help Fort Edward and Washington County survive. Some people look at it and say that this only affects Fort Edward and no it doesn't; it doesn't just impact Fort Edward, it impacts the entire county. If your assessed value goes down in Fort Edward, yes it hurts your school district the most and we all know the issues that the school district has been having over the past few years. While the impact may be less in other communities it still has an impact.

We are looking at doing this safely and making sure that we have good communities in here. Someone came to me and said I might be able to sell your whole property and I asked who was going in there and they didn't know. That would transfer control into private hands as far as who goes into that property from the IDA or whoever else owns the property. If it goes to auction which it will because the Fort Edward LPDC has said they don't have the money to pay the taxes. If it goes to auction at a certain point and it's a land locked facility, instead of \$1.2 million owed on that property it will go for \$100,000.00 and look at all we've lost. We need to make sure we are proactive in making sure that we get the right companies in there, the right people controlling who is going in that property and that's why Zack, Neal, Terry and the rest of the Board have been conscientious about who goes in there. I would really like the support of the Town Board so that I can get a resolution to the EPA and the Canal Corp so they can move forward and hopefully get some funding to improve that road and improve Fort Edward.

I do want to comment on this article (**submitted to the Board by Katie DeGroot regarding tax breaks**) I have seen this article before and others like it. A lot of people don't understand how these tax incentives and not tax breaks work. Right now that facility is assessed for 7 million dollars and whoever goes in there is going to pay that base tax; you are still getting the same assessment so you are not losing any taxes. What there is is a phase in over 5-10 years

of the improvements they make to the system. The IDA is very proactive because in our agreements with organizations is if they don't meet 80% of the employment goal that they are looking at nor do they meet the investments they talk about we can recapture those benefits from people. We are actively pursuing recapture of at least 1 that I know of and there are some others under consideration so it's not that they get them and run away because in 10 years when this is done; if someone else wanted a tax incentive they would have to bring more investment to that property. A lot of people don't understand that you aren't losing anything it's what you are gaining that you are betting on, that and jobs. Thank you for your time.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

SECONDED BY

POSITION	NAME	SALARY
Town Engineer	CT Male	To be determined
Town Attorney	Miller, Mannix, Shachner & Hafner	To be determined
Health Officer	Dr. David Foote	\$1,800 paid by Con. Board of Health
Town Accountant	Richard Dinolfo, CPA	As Needed
Grant & Planning Consultants	C.T. Male Associates	As Needed
Grant Project Coordinator	Jim Thatcher	\$10,200.00
Building Inspector	Matthew French	\$25.10 Per Hour
Zoning Officer	Matthew French	\$
Historian	R.Paul McCarty	\$ 1,300
Swimming Pool Director	Ryan Carpenter	\$ 4,400
Supervisor's Clerk/ Account Clerk	Peter Ives	\$19,000
Deputy Town Clerk	Elizabeth O'Leary	\$28,950
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Aimee Mahoney	\$ 3,377
Deputy Highway Superintendent & MEO	Frank Colvin	plus \$.50 per Hour \$1.50 Mechanic
Water Dist. #1 Superintendent	Brian Brockway	\$ 4,000
Water Operator District #2	Brian Brockway	\$ 2,000
Water Operator	Frank Colvin	\$ 1,040
Water Operator & Mechanic Asst.	William Gosline	\$ 1,040 + \$1.50
Budget Officer	Lester Losaw	0
Justice Clerk	Michelle Hurlburt	Contract-\$27,834.96
Deputy Supervisor		0
Assessor	Victoria Hayner	\$ 20,400
Assessors Clerk's	Joelle West	\$ 5,100

Zoning Board	Members	\$ 35.00 per Mtg
	Chairman	\$ 40.00 per Mtg
Zoning Board Clerk	Aimee Mahoney	\$ 742.00
Planning Board	Members	\$35.00 per Mtg
	Chairman	\$40.00 per Mtg
Planning Board Clerk	Aimee Mahoney	\$3,712.00

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor	Lester Losaw	\$10,500
Town Justice	Joseph Malvuccio.	\$15,759
Town Clerk/Collector	Aimee Mahoney	\$43,673
Superintendent of Highway	Brian Brockway	\$64,134
Town Councilman	Jennifer Holden	\$4,325
	Tim Fisher	\$4,325
	Jeanie Mullen	\$4,325
	Richard Mercier	\$4,325

CONTRACTS

Historical Association Contract		\$ 7,500
Library Contract		\$ 7,500
Union Cemetery		\$ 5,500
Riverside Cemetery		\$ 500
	Dog Control	\$13,600
Village & Town Municipal Building		\$25,000
Village Recreation		\$ 7,500
Rogers Island Development Alliance		\$12,300
Raptor Fest		\$ 250
Kingsbury/Fort Edward Senior Citizens		\$ 5,500
Greater Glens Falls Transit Authority		\$ 3,700
Paul Mercier	Municipal Cleaning	\$175.00/ Week
Petty Cash	Town Clerk/Collector	\$200
	Town Justice	\$100
	Supervisor's Clerk	\$ 50
Mileage Allowance	Federal Rate	\$.50 per Mile
Official Newspaper	Glens Falls Post Star	
Official Holiday	New Year's Day	
	Martin Luther King Day	
	President's Day	
	Good Friday	
	Memorial Day	
	Fourth of July	
	Labor Day	
	Columbus Day	
	Election Day	

Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving and Day After
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
Floating Holiday

Town Board Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 P.M.
Audit Committee will meet 1/2 hour before monthly meeting.

Liaison Committee:
Planning Board – Councilwoman Holden
Zoning Board - Councilman Fisher
Board of Assessment Review - Councilman Mercier
Rogers Island Heritage Development Alliance – Councilman Fisher
Cultural Resources – Councilman Fisher
EPA Community Advisory Group – Councilwoman Mullen
L.I.F.E. Committee- Councilwoman Holden

Committees:
BUILDING- Fisher - Mercier
INSURANCE- Holden - Mercier
HIGHWAY- Mercier- Fisher
RECREATION-Fisher - Mullen
LIGHTING & WATER - Mercier-Mullen
AUDIT- Full Board
POLICIES & PROCEDURES- Fisher- Mullen

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Evenings by Appointment

ASSESSOR'S HOURS- Tuesday 9:30 AM-1:30 PM
Wednesday 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS- Wednesday 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
or as needed.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

PURCHASING POLICY

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby adopt the following Purchasing Policy;

This resolution sets forth the policies and procedures of the Town of Fort Edward to meet the requirements of General Municipal Law, Section 104-b.

Goods and services which are not required by law to be procured pursuant to competitive bidding must be procured in a manner so as to assure the prudent and economical use of public moneys, in the best interest of the taxpayers, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and to guard against favoritism, extravagance, fraud and corruption. To further these objectives, the governing board is adopting internal policies and procedures covering all procurements of goods and services which are not required to be made pursuant to the competitive bidding requirements of the General Municipal Law, Section 103 or of any other general, special or local law.

The policy for determining whether a procurement of goods and services is subject to competitive bidding and documenting the basis for any determination that competitive bidding is not required by law is as follows:

Purchase Contracts above	\$10,000.00
Public Works Contracts above	\$20,000.00

Except for procurements made pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 103 (3) or Section 014, State Finance Law, Section 175-b, Correction Law, Section 186, of the items excepted herein, alternative proposals or quotations for goods and services shall be secured by use of written requests for proposals, written quotations, verbal quotations, or any other method of procurement which furthers the purpose of General Municipal Law, Section 104-b.

The methods of procurement to be used are as follows:

	Verbal Quotes				Written Quotes	
	0	3	3+	3	3+	RFP
OTHER						
PURCHASE CONTRACTS						

Under \$100	x			
\$100 - \$499	x			
\$500 - \$999		x		
\$1000-\$4999			x	
\$5000-\$9999				x
PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS				
Under - \$1000	x			
\$1000 - \$4999		x		
\$5000 - \$9999			x	
\$10000-\$19999				x
EMERGENCIES				x
INSURANCE				x
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES				x
STATE CONTRACT -- NO QUOTES				

Whenever any contract is awarded to other than the lowest responsible dollar offerer, the reasons such award was made must be documented.

The board sets forth the following circumstances when, or types of procurements for which, in the sole discretion of the government body, the solicitation or alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the Town of Fort Edward:

1. Emergencies where time is a crucial factor.
2. Procurements for which there is no possible competition.
3. Procurements of professional services which because of the confidential nature of the services, do not lend them to procurement through solicitation.
4. Very small procurements for which solicitations of competition would not be cost effective.

Comments concerning the policies and procedures shall be solicited from officers of the political subdivisions or district therein involved in the procurement process prior to the enactment of the policies and procedures, and will be solicited from time to time hereafter.

The governing board shall annually review these policies and procedures. The Supervisor shall be responsible for conducting an annual review of the procurement policy and for an evaluation of the internal control structure established to ensure compliance with the procurement policy.

The unintentional failure to fully comply with the provisions of this General Municipal Law, Section 104-b shall not be grounds to void action taken or give rise to a cause of action against the Town of Fort Edward or any officer or employee thereof.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HOLDEN

CASH MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, The Fort Edward Town Board does hereby adopt the following investment policies;

The objectives of the Investment Policy of the Town of Fort Edward are to minimize risk; to insure that investments mature when the cash is required to finance operation; and to insure a competitive rate of return. In accordance with this policy, the chief fiscal officer is hereby authorized to invest all funds including proceeds of obligation and reserve funds in:

- Certificates of Deposit issued by a bank or trust company authorized to do business in New York State;
- Time Deposit Accounts in a bank or trust company authorized to do business in New York State;
- Obligations of New York State;
- In Repurchase Agreements involving the purchase and sale of direct obligations of the United States;

ALL funds except Reserve Fund may be invested in:

- Obligations of agencies of the federal government if principle and interest is guaranteed by the United States.
- With the approval of the State Comptroller, in Revenue Anticipation Notes or Tax Anticipation Notes of other local governments.

Only reserve fund may be invested in:

- Obligations of the Local Government.

All other Local Government officials receiving money in their official capacity must deposit such funds in negotiable order of withdrawal accounts.

All investments made pursuant to this investment policy shall comply with the following conditions:

1. COLLATERAL

a. Certificates of deposit shall be fully secured by insurance of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by obligation of New York State or obligations of the United States or obligations of federal agencies the principal and interest of which guaranteed by the United States, or obligations of New York State local governments. Collateral shall be delivered to the Local Government or a Custodial into a Custodial Bank with which the Local Government has entered into a Custodial Agreement. The market value of collateral shall at all times equal or exceed the principal amount of the certificate of deposit. Collateral shall be monitored no less frequently than weekly, and market value shall mean the bid or closing price as quoted in the Wall Street Journal or as quoted by another recognized pricing service.

b. Securities purchased through a repurchase agreement shall be valued to market at least weekly.

c. Collateral shall not be required with respect to the direct purchase of obligations of New York State, obligations of the United States, and obligations of federal agencies the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the United States Government.

2. DELIVERY OF SECURITIES.

a. Repurchase Agreements. Every Repurchase Agreement shall provide for payment to the seller only upon the seller's delivery of obligations of the United States to the Custodial Bank designated by the Local Government, or in the case of a book entry transaction, when the obligations of the United States are credited to the custodian's Federal Reserve Bank account. The seller shall not be entitled to substitute securities. Repurchase Agreements shall be for periods of 30 days or less. The Custodial Bank Shall confirm all transactions in writing to insure that the Local Government's ownership of the securities is properly reflected on the records of the Custodial Bank.

b. Payment shall be made by or on behalf of the Local Government for obligations of New York State, obligations the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the United States, United States Obligations, certificates of deposit, and other purchased securities upon the delivery thereof to the custodial bank, or in the case of a book entry transaction, when the purchased securities are credited to the Custodial Bank's Federal Reserve System account. All transactions shall be confirmed in writing.

3. WRITTEN CONTRACTS.

Written contracts are required for Repurchase Agreement, certificate of deposit, and custodial undertakings. With respect to the purchase of obligations of U.S., New York State, or other governmental entities, etc. in which monies may be invested, the interests of the Local Government will be adequately protected by conditioning payments on the physical delivery of purchased securities to the Local Government or Custodian, or in the case of book entry transaction, on the crediting of purchased securities to the Custodian's Federal Reserve System account. All purchases will be confirmed in writing to the Local Government.

It is therefore, the policy of the Local government, to require written contracts as follows.

a. Written contracts shall be required for all Repurchase Agreements. Only credit worthy banks and primary reporting dealers shall be qualified to enter into a Repurchase Agreement with the Local Government. The written contract shall provide that only obligations of the United States may be purchased, and the Local Government shall make payment upon delivery of the securities of appropriate book entry of the purchase securities. No specific repurchase agreement shall be entered into unless a master repurchase agreement has been executed between the Local Government and the trading partners. While the term of the master repurchase agreement may be for a reasonable length of time, a specific repurchase agreement shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

b. Written contracts shall be required for the purchase of all certificates of deposit.

c. A written contract shall be required with the Custodial Bank.

4. DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAL BANK.

1. Custodial Bank. The Glens Falls National Bank chartered by the State of New York is designated to act as Custodial Bank of the Local Government's investments. However, securities may not be purchased through a Repurchase Agreement with the Custodial Bank.

5. FINANCIAL STRENGTH OF INSTITUTIONS.

All trading partners must be credit worthy. Their financial statements must be reviewed at least annually by the Chief Fiscal Officer to determine satisfactory financial strength or the chief fiscal officer may use credit rating agencies to determine credit worthiness of trading partners. Concentration of investments in financial institutions should be avoided. The general rule is not to place more than \$400,000 in overnight investments with any one institution.

Investments in time deposits and certificates of deposit are to be made with banks or trust companies. Their annual reports must be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer to determine satisfactory financial strength.

When purchasing eligible securities the seller shall be required to deliver the securities to our Custodial Bank.

Repurchase agreements shall be entered into only with banks or trust companies or registered and primary reporting dealers in government securities. Sound credit judgments must be made with respects to trading partners in repurchase agreements. It is not assumed that inclusion on a list of the Federal Reserve is automatically adequate evidence of credit worthiness.

Repurchase agreements should not be entered into with undercapitalized trading firms. A margin of 5% or higher of the market value of purchased securities in repurchase agreements must be maintained.

6. OPERATIONS, AUDIT, AND REPORTING.

- The chief fiscal officer or the deputy chief fiscal officer shall authorize the purchase and sale of all securities and execute contracts for Repurchase Agreements and certificates of deposit on behalf of the Local government. Oral discretions concerning the purchase or sale of securities shall be confirmed in writing. The Local Government shall pay for purchased securities upon the delivery of book entry thereof.
- The Local Government will encourage the purchase and sale of securities and certificates of deposit through a competitive or negotiated process involving telephone solicitation of at least three bids for each transaction.
- At the time independent auditors conduct the annual audit of the accounts and financial affairs of the Local Government for compliance with the provisions of these investment Guidelines.
- Within Sixty (60) days of the end of each of the first three quarters of the fiscal year, the chief fiscal officer shall prepare and submit to the Audit and Finance Committee of the Local Government a quarterly investment report which indicates new investments, the inventory of existing investments, and such other matters as the chief fiscal officer deems appropriate.
- Within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year, the chief fiscal officer shall prepare and submit to the Audit and Finance Committee an annual investment report; recommendations for change in these Investment Guidelines; the results of the annual independent audit; the investment income record; a list of total fees, commissions or other charges, if any, paid to the Custodial Bank and such other matters as the chief fiscal officer deems appropriate.
- The Governing Board of the Local Government shall review and approve the annual investment report, if practicable, at its organizational meeting.
- At least annually, and if practicable, at the organizational meeting of the Governing Board, the members shall review and amend, if necessary these investment guidelines.

- The provisions of these Investment Guidelines and any amendments hereto shall take effect prospectively, and shall not invalidate the prior selection of any Custodial Bank or prior investment.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board hereby appoints Zachary Middleton to the Town of Fort Edward Planning Board for a 7 year term commencing January 1, 2020 term ending December 31, 2026.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HOLDEN

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward does hereby reappoint Timothy Fisher to the Town of Fort Edward Board of Ethics Committee for a 3 year term commencing January 1, 2020 term ending December 31, 2022.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – ABSTAINED
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that members of the United States' armed forces have made heroic efforts and valuable contributions fighting in wars in foreign countries in order to preserve and defend the freedoms that Americans enjoy and benefit from today, and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Post 1133 is an organization which is devoted to assisting such veterans of the U.S. armed forces and to commemorate their efforts and contributions to America, and

WHEREAS, a local chapter of the American Legion exists in the Town of Fort Edward, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that is in the best interests of the Town to promote the goals of the American Legion in commemorating the contributions of America's foreign war veterans, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward is authorized under New York State Town Law Section 64 (13) to provide funds to the Fort Edward post of the American Legion for the purpose of helping defray the American Legions cost of renting a room or rooms in which to hold its meeting(s) during 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town shall contribute up to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to the Fort Edward Post of the American Legion for the purpose of helping to defray the Legion 's cost of renting a room or rooms in which to hold its meeting(s) during calendar year 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such funds shall be paid to the American Legion upon its provision to the Town of a proper invoice or invoices and voucher(s) for the costs of renting such meeting room(s), along with a copy of the American Legions current membership roll and a copy of the minutes of the meeting(s) held during 2020 in the rented room(s) or such other documentary evidence of such meeting(s) as the Supervisor may find acceptable.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE

Councilman Fisher – AYE
 Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
 Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

Retirement- Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Fort Edward hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body:

ELECTED OFFICIALS					
TITLE	NAME	STANDARD WORK DAY (HRS/DAY)	TERM BEGINS/ENDS	EMPLOYER RECORD OF TIME WORKED (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Town Clerk	Aimee Mahoney	6	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	N	23.32
Supt. Of Highways	Brian Brockway	6	01/01/2020-12/31/2023	N	23.32

I, Aimee Mahoney, Clerk of the governing board of the Town of Fort Edward, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 13th day of January, 2020 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

I further certify that the full board, consists of five (5) members, and that of such members were present at such meeting and that four (5) of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
SET my hand and the seal of the
TOWN OF FORT EDWARD.

Location Code: 30504

Employer Name: Town of Fort Edward

Affidavit attesting that the Standard Work Day and the Reporting Resolution was posted and available to the public for a minimum of 30 days.

State of New York
County of Washington

Aimee Mahoney, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That she is the Town Clerk of the Town of Fort Edward.
2. That the posting of the Resolution began on January 14th, 2020 and continued for at least 30 days.
3. That the Resolution was posted and available to the public on the (please check one):

Employer's website at

Official Sign board at 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York

Main entrance to office of the clerk at 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York

Signature of Clerk of Governing Body

Title Town Clerk

DATE: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE

Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HOLDEN

TITLE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD AND THE FORT EDWARD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, FORT EDWARD- SANDY HILL UNION CEMETERY, FORT MILLER RIVERSIDE CEMETERY, THE FORT EDWARD FREE LIBRARY, VILLAGE FOR JUSTICE CLERK, CHRISTOPHER GOODNESS FOR DOG CONTROL, VILLAGE AND TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, THE SENIOR CENTER OF THE KINGSBURY & FORT EDWARD AREA, INC., ROGERS ISLAND HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, GREATER GLENS FALLS TRANSIT AUTHORITY, VILLAGE RECREATION, MILLER, MANNIX, SCHACHNER & HAFNER TOWN ATTORNEY, RICHARD H. DINOLFO, CPA, FE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CT MALE, NYMIR INSURANCE CO. and COUNTRYSIDE VET HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the above named organizations, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign said agreements subject to contract approval by Town Attorney Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner and Town Supervisor Lester Losaw by January 31, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, these agreements shall continue from year to year unless either party requests that the agreements be amended which will initiate a meeting between the Town and said organization.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby appoints James King to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals term ending December 31, 2024.

Dated: January 13, 2020

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MULLEN

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2020, the Fort Edward Town Board will consist of 1 newly appointed member as well as a newly elected Town Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make the appropriate changes in order for the Town to continue operating in a normal manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor Lester Losaw and Deputy Supervisor Timothy Fisher to sign signature cards for all town accounts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the use of a signature stamp containing the name of the Town Supervisor on all Town of Fort Edward checking accounts and other orders for the payment of money drawn by the designated depository.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE

Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 11 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN HOLDEN

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby appoints Joan Harris to the Town of Fort Edward Right To Farm for a 5 year term commencing January 1, 2020 term ending December 31, 2024.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

WHEREAS, The Patriot Garden located on Rogers Island requires regular maintenance and watering during the summer months, and

WHEREAS, Cub Master Tim Clark of Pack 57 has shown interest in providing those services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby engage in the services of Pack 57 for maintenance and watering of The Patriot Garden for a fee not to exceed \$1,000.00.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN HOLDEN

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

WHEREAS, The Town of Fort Edward Town Highway Garage burned down in May of 2019 and has not been rebuilt as of December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, monies have been reimbursed to the Town from the Insurance Company in 2019 and expenses have occurred, and

WHEREAS, the accounting is carrying over into the New Year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town should reopen its Capital Fund and invest the leftover funds from the Insurance Recovery from both the General and Highway funds into the new Capital Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all new insurance reimbursements and expenses will come out of this fund.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

WHEREAS, The Town Board has conducted a public hearing on a proposed amendment to Section 92 of the Town Code which opts out solar and wind energy systems from that certain real property tax exemption pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 487, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to amend said law to add solar and wind energy systems to Town Code Section 92.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts said local law.

DATED: January 13, 2020

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Mercier – AYE
Councilwoman Holden – AYE
Councilman Fisher – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Losaw – AYE

Bids for Clerking the New Highway Garage

Supervisor Losaw: Since our Highway Garage burned down and needs to be fixed I have no expertise in that matter and former Supervisor Middleton would have done the work if he were Supervisor and I can't ask him to do it for free so he gave a proposal but I still have to speak with the Comptroller's Office to get the okay for that. We have 2 bids currently, one from C.T. Male for \$172,000.00 and Terry's bid is a maximum of \$30,000.00.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Holden to accept the bid from TC Industrial Consultants, LLC for a fee not to exceed \$30,000.00 contingent on review by the NYS Comptroller and the Town Attorney **ALL AYES**

Memo from the Village Board Regarding Cleaning of the Office Building

Supervisor Losaw: We received a memo from the Village regarding cleaning of the office Building; they are not satisfied with the current cleaning that is being provided. We will pass this along to the building committee and see if it can be resolved.

Set Audit meeting for Town Clerk/Collector & Town Justice

An audit has to be done every year on the books of the Town Clerk/Collector and the Town Justice:

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Holden to set the audit meeting for the Town Clerk/Collector and Town Justice on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. **ALL AYES**

**Solar Bid
45 Leavy Hollow Lane**

Supervisor Losaw: The Board went out to bid twice for a solar project at the old dump located at 45 Leavy Hollow Lane and received the same bid both times from AC Power.

Terry Middleton: That Company has done solar in the Boston area but nothing around here yet.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to accept and award the bid to AC Power for the proposed solar project at 45 Leavy Hollow Lane **ALL AYES**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Elizabeth O’Leary: I would like to address Mr. Middleton being Supervisor of the barn construction. I called my brother who did this for a living; he was actually the superintendent of large jobs but has done every single one of these positions. The last one he did was 2 runways at Atlanta Airport. He retired a number of years ago so I asked him what a fair price would be for this job and told him the scope of it and he said if a company is going to bid on it then the C.T. Male price was very fair because the company has to make their money plus they have to pay the person to do it. If a person was going to do it on their own he said \$75,000.00-\$85,000.00 and he said if he still lived in this area he would cut us a deal and charge \$65,000.00. He said that Mr. Middleton has given us a tremendous gift and we owe him a debt of gratitude for giving us a price of \$30,000.00.

Julie Wilson: I have a statement that I would like to read but first I would like to make it clear that I am not against Industrialization of the Town of Fort Edward but I am concerned about the choices that are being made, my statement for tonight reads as such and I did give a copy to Aimee:

“I am extending best wishes to Mr. Losaw as he assumes position of Town Supervisor. It is my sincere hope that under his leadership, we will see positive responses to the many aspects of local government affecting our Town, our residents, surrounding communities and ultimately affecting our planet. That being said, at this time my primary concerns revolve around the management of the former GE Dewatering Site Property and the potential of locating a plastics manufacturing plant (specifically W.L. Plastics) on this site. Town and Village residents, to date, have not been afforded the opportunity to voice any opinions or concerns regarding this project. I am hoping to see Town and Village meetings coordinated where this can be accomplished before important decisions are made regarding the management of the aforementioned property.”

Supervisor Losaw: I know there definitely will be meetings with the Planning Boards.

Julie Wilson: Do you know when the next Planning Board meeting is?

Supervisor Losaw: I don’t think they have applied to the Planning Board yet.

Aimee Mahoney: No they have not but when they do apply it will be on the website, it will not be in the paper until it reaches public hearing stage. I can place it on the Town Calendar if you would like.

Julie Wilson: I don't have any electronic devices.

Supervisor Losaw: We will try to make sure that you are notified of the meetings.

Patricia Durham: Is the Town thinking about making a right of way; there are currently 2 right of ways on each side of my property and will the plastics company use those like GE? GE did use part of that right of way at one time. It doesn't seem like some people in the Town know what's going on. I came down to get a simple fence put up and was told nobody knew who owned the pumping company or whatever that thing is that sits next to my house. I live at 129 East St. and I don't know what kind of trucking the plastics company is going to do or if they are going to use the trains or what they are going to do. I would certainly hope they aren't thinking about using those right of ways to go down back to do anything.

Supervisor Losaw: I don't believe they are, I think those right of ways when they are opened up as a road are more for workers, passenger cars and pickup trucks.

Julie Wilson: So we will have all of that additional traffic on East St.?

Supervisor Losaw: I'm not saying that they will use that but I think that would be the only thing that they would use it for if they used it.

Patricia Durham: The only reason I thought they were going to be using it is because Mr. VanDusens Company was down surveying it from 10:00 a.m. last Friday until after 3:00 p.m. I figured they are surveying it for a reason.

Brian Brockway: It has to be maintained for emergency services.

Patricia Durham: They haven't maintained it in quite a while.

Brian Brockway: I know they haven't but it's something that's going to have to be brought up to the plastics company because that is what it is for. We used it back when I was in the Fire Dept. for a guy that had a heart attack down there and that is how we got to him.

Katie DeGroot: I have a question about the Right to Farm Appointment, is there a Board or a Committee? I didn't know we had that and what do they do?

Terry Middleton: Mr. Supervisor they actually met with Cornell Cooperative recently and about a year ago we did a resolution to help the old Grant farm's new owner get a grant. It was through Cornell that they got it.

Katie DeGroot: They got it through ASA right? Agricultural Stewardship Assoc.?

Terry Middleton: Yes

Katie DeGroot: That's not Cornell, it's a private assoc.

Terry Middleton: Cornell was one of the people they met with.

Katie DeGroot: Welcome to the new Supervisor, I look forward to meetings that are friendly and I will work harder to be friendly but I also still have questions. My questions this week are that in reading the paper and listening to concerns from Village and Town members and also hearing Terry talk about the fact that the property easements that are partly in Kingsbury, the Village of Fort Edward and then the Town. It seems like a complicated piece of property with a lot of different people that might be impacted by decisions made on the property but there is not really a way for us to hear about all of those things because it's scattered in the Town of Kingsbury talking about an easement and the Village of Fort Edward is talking about an easement it's hard for the community to understand the scope of the conversation.

Supervisor Losaw: That's why you have to go to every meeting.

Katie DeGroot: I do or try to anyway but the problem is, I might be doing that but how does the information then get out to people? I think it's important that people hear all of the information not because I have a feeling one way or another but I think it's important for people to have the full understanding of what's going on its better for everybody.

Brian Brockway: I would like a resolution stating that the Town of Fort Edward has no liability for that bridge.

Katie DeGroot: That brings up my other question regarding taxes. State or Local funding is needed to help benefit a company that makes a lot of money rather than benefit them is why Kingsbury is hesitant.

Supervisor Losaw: Kingsbury will benefit some from this just by the traffic and Fort Edward will benefit from the traffic of the whole site.

Katie DeGroot: In what ways; because people will get coffee?

Supervisor Losaw: Yes, coffee, lunch, dinner, etc. In theory if you work here you will spend money here.

Julie Wilson: How many employees will be working?

Supervisor Losaw: There will be 50 at W.L. Plastics.

Katie DeGroot: This is something that would be really great to have a meeting to talk about so that people have a better understanding. You are saying it's obvious that people will stop and have lunch here but that information isn't out there, the IDA meeting didn't give us that information. They didn't have answers for a lot of things.

Supervisor Losaw: The meeting with the IDA was just to talk about the incentives.

Katie DeGroot: I feel like for it to be a positive thing going forward it's really important to have all this information.

Supervisor Losaw: Then again we don't do that for every business that comes into town.

Katie DeGroot: But this is a big deal, especially given the landscape of the trash plant and GE.

Supervisor Losaw: There has been a lot of negative press for the last 20 years.

Katie DeGroot: But there are negative realities about some of the other businesses that have come to Fort Edward.

Supervisor Losaw: I hear you; it might not be a bad idea.

Councilman Fisher: I am going to make a motion because Dave asked us from the IDA for support of the access road with the exception of the bridge.

Brian Brockway: The roadway that's in the Town of Fort Edward is built to NYSDOT specs which are better than our specs. The only concern that I had was that we don't get looped into the bridge.

Supervisor Losaw: I will have our Attorney write a formal resolution.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Holden to take the portion of the access road in the Town of Fort Edward with the exception that no liability for the bridge lie on the Town of Fort Edward **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Losaw: The roadway and the bridge are owned by EPA, they are turning it over to the Canal Corp. and then the Canal Corp. wants to give it back to the municipalities.

Katie DeGroot: It is my understanding that the bridge is not functional for their business as it is now.

Supervisor Losaw: It is but the problem is that it's considered temporary, it's probably built better than most of the temporary or full time ones. Nobody has money enough to replace it locally and funding will be needed for that.

Katie DeGroot: Are you asking the State for money?

Supervisor Losaw: Yes

Katie DeGroot: So you are talking to Carrie Woerner about getting money from the State to cover that.

Supervisor Losaw: Yes, Carrie Woerner has been very involved with that.

Katie DeGroot: Would that money cover the entire project and what would happen if they only offered part of the cost?

Lester Losaw: That is a discussion we would have to have at that time with several people, this is a revolving project with a lot of moving parts. I wish we had all the answers to that but we just don't. W.L. will not own the bridge or the road so it's up to the rest of us.

Katie DeGroot: Where does the State money come from?

Supervisor Losaw: It comes from us as taxpayers.

Julie Wilson: Do you think Carrie Woerner's Office would be amenable to at least sending a delegate to one of our meetings so we can ask some questions?

Supervisor Losaw: I can ask but she can't speak for W.L. Plastics.

Katie DeGroot: Maybe she could talk about the benefits of this deal; she has to sell it to the State so I would like to see her sell it to us.

Donna Brockway: I would just like to bring up an observation, throughout this whole Dewatering Facility, W.L. Plastics, the Election there was a lot of Post Star here, there were many articles some bad some good and I just find it odd that tonight is the first meeting of the New Year and there is no representative here from The Post Star. I think that The Post Star needs to come to these meetings and give a fair shake to the new Board.

Brian Brockway: Kingsbury is selling their Wheeled Excavator for \$8,000.00 if we purchased a new one it would be \$240,000.00. We have 1st dibs before they put it out to bid and I have photos to show the good shape it is in.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to purchase a Wheeled Excavator from the Town of Kingsbury for \$8,000.00 **ALL AYES**

Terry Middleton: I spoke with the Insurance Co. and they will be issuing checks next week for Contracts 1 and 2 for the Highway Garage.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to pay contract 1 in the amount of \$509,790.90 and contract 2 in the amount of \$15,896.09 after receipt and clearance of the checks from the Insurance Company **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Losaw: We need a representative for the Office of the Aging Advisory Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. **ALL AYES**

Dated: January 16, 2020

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk