

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 VIA GOOGLE MEET COMMENCING AT 7:00PM**

Councilman Fisher opened the Public Hearing at 6:55pm

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Losaw  
Councilman Middleton  
Councilman Fisher  
Councilwoman Mullen

**ABSENT:** Councilman Mercier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Brockway, Donna Brockway, Evan Lawrence, Katie DeGroot, Steve Davie, Chuck Bump, Peter Ives and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

The Clerk read the following notice that was published in the Post Star on April 5, 2021:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 12th via ZOOM at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the consideration of the proposed Local Law amending Zoning Law to impose application fees for Solar Energy Facilities.

At the Public Hearing anyone who wishes to comment will be heard.

**Councilman Middleton:** This puts us in line with other communities as far as the fee schedule goes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to close the public hearing at 7:00pm **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Losaw called the regular meeting to order at 7:01pm

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Losaw  
Councilman Middleton  
Councilman Fisher  
Councilwoman Mullen

**ABSENT:** Councilman Mercier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Brockway, Donna Brockway, Evan Lawrence, Katie DeGroot, Steve Davie, Chuck Bump, Peter Ives and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 3/8/2021 **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the following reports: Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Supervisor and Highway as submitted **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve Abstract #4 in the amount of \$75,788.04 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #4**

<b>GENERAL A: 9813-9818, 9827-9828, 9833-9859, 9888</b>	<b>\$26,205.69</b>
<b>GENERAL B: 9860-9861</b>	<b>\$ 1,010.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY: 9862-9875</b>	<b>\$13,034.73</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL: 9819-9820, 9876-9880</b>	<b>\$11,352.27</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING: 9821-9822, 9829-9831, 9881 vd 9881</b>	<b>\$ 3,262.49</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER: 9823-9824, 9832, 9882-9885</b>	<b>\$20,435.45</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2: 9825-9826, 9886-9887</b>	<b>\$ 487.41</b>

**TOTAL: \$75,788.04**

**BUSINESS:**

**Emergency Plan**

**Supervisor Losaw:** In your packet you will see the Emergency Plan that needs to be adopted. I used a template from the Association of Towns.

**MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adopt the Emergency Plan for the Town of Fort Edward **ALL AYES**

**Pest Control Quote**

**Supervisor Losaw:** We do not currently have a pest control service for the building and we received a quote for \$600.00/year from ADK Inspections, LLC.

**MOTION:** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to contract with ADK Inspections, LLC for pest control for a total of \$600.00/year **ALL AYES**

**Dog Control Officer**

**Supervisor Losaw:** Due to some confusion with Kingsbury we currently do not have a Dog Control Officer. I received a resume from Shannon Celeste who also does Dog Control for the Village of Greenwich and sat down with her earlier in the week and she is interested in doing Dog Control for the Town at a salary of \$13,000.00/year which is a little less than we budgeted for.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to appoint Shannon Celeste Dog Control Officer for the Town at a salary of \$13,000.00/year **ALL AYES**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2021**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FISHER**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FEE SCHEDULE TO  
ADD APPLICATION FEES FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES  
AND IMPLEMENTING SUCH APPLICATION FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Town Board adopted Local Law No. 2 of 2021 imposing application fees for solar energy facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Law No. 2 provides that the application fees shall be in the amount adopted by the Town Board pursuant to Town Code Section 50-1 and listed on the Town's Fee Schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Code Section 50-1 provides that the Town Board may review the fee schedule at any time it deems necessary and propose revisions or amendments to it but that no proposed revisions or amendments shall be implemented unless the Board first holds a public hearing on them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board conducted a duly noticed Public Hearing on April 12, 2021 and heard all interested parties and has considered the verbal and written comments received;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Fee Schedule shall be amended to add the following fees for solar energy facility applications submitted pursuant to Article IXA – Solar Energy Collectors – of Town Code Chapter 108 – Zoning:

Residential under 12 kW	\$50.00
Residential 12 kW and more	\$100 base fee plus \$2 per 1000 kW over 1000 kW
Commercial	\$0.50 per kW but not less than \$500.00

2. The required application fee shall be paid at the time that a person submits an application for site plan review for a ground-mounted rack or freestanding solar collector as a primary structure or for a building permit required for any other solar energy equipment/system.

3. The Town Board hereby implements the Fee Schedule amendment described above which shall become effective immediately.

4. The Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary in connection with implementation of the Fee Schedule amendment.

Duly adopted this 12th day of April, 2021

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Supervisor Losaw:** I am trying to set up a public informational solar meeting with CS Energy at the Firehouse the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in May and will reach out to CS Energy to see what date works for them.

- Also, I received a letter from NYSDOT regarding bridge work at Slocum Creek that will start the 19<sup>th</sup> and continue through mid-November.

**Katie DeGroot:** How will people get around that?

**Supervisor Losaw:** I believe they may install a temporary light.

**Brian Brockway:** How are we spending the stimulus money from the Government?

**Supervisor Losaw:** I have not received any guidance from the State yet but we do need a committee to work on that.

- Councilman Middleton and Councilwoman Mullen will be the committee once the guidelines are received.

**Brian Brockway:** I had a few ideas for the water district; we could use a trench box, jumping jack and possibly the new water truck could come out of that.

**Supervisor Losaw:** The money should start coming out around May 10, 2021.

**Councilman Middleton:** Brian, have you gotten any prices on that stuff yet?

**Brian Brockway:** I did get a quote of \$18,000.00 for the trench box from Ferguson and I will get quotes on the other items as well.

**Councilman Middleton:** We should get to work on the pool sooner than later and Lester did you ever receive a quote last year for the total repairs that are needed?

**Supervisor Losaw:** I have not; I will reach out to Tom Perkins again.

**Councilman Middleton:** What is going on with the fence around the new highway garage? Do we have someone to install it?

**Supervisor Losaw:** I will contact Stanton Fence; they were the ones we agreed would do it once the barn was complete. Also, Brian can you have the guys go over and start getting the pool ready for the season.

**Brian Brockway:** How long before the residents were notified in Water District 2 that they wouldn't have water due to the break?

**Councilman Middleton:** I know that my parents weren't notified and neither were the neighbors that the water would be off but they did get notification that they had to boil.

**Supervisor Losaw:** I will discuss that with the Mayor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Katie DeGroot:** Would it be possible to get the solar project information posted before that public meeting?

**Supervisor Losaw:** Yes, we will try and get it on the website for people to review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: April 13, 2021

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk