

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020 VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 5:00PM

Supervisor Losaw called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Losaw
Councilwoman Holden
Councilman Fisher
Councilwoman Mullen
Councilman Mercier

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Brockway, Donna Brockway, Peter Ives, Jim Thatcher, Elizabeth O’Leary and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2020 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilwoman Holden to approve the following reports: Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer, Highway & Supervisor’s Report **ALL AYES**

March Project Status Report

Project: Fort Edward Town Barn Rebuild

Client: Town of Fort Edward

118 Broadway

Fort Edward, NY 12828

Work on the Town Barn has slowed because of the Covid 19 Virus . The supervisor declared that it was a essential project so that they are continuing work but with a reduced crew due to social distancing The general contractor should finish pouring concrete for floor in the next 2 weeks week. The plumber has all the plumbing ruffed in and has been working with the GC to lay the radiant heat it the bays that are schedule. Hour Electric has most of their conduit run and the building has power One of the 1st functions completed by them was to install the building perimeter outside lighting. The mason is blocking the walls in the office areas and working on supports for the mezzanine above that area.

The invoices for March related to construction of the barn are approximately \$100,000

The highway crew is continuing to work on portions of the new construction to help keep the cost down. The installed all the foam in each bay before concrete was poured.

Unfortunately, it is looking like late May for the completion of the new highway garage, a little over a year from the fire.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #4 in the amount of \$134,139.82 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #4

GENERAL A: 9059-9088	\$ 11,609.63
GENERAL B: 9089-9092	\$ 1,285.90
HIGHWAY: 9093-9099	\$ 7,695.64
MUNICIPAL: 9100-9109	\$ 5,055.54
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 9110-9114	\$ 2,773.89
SPECIAL WATER: 9115-9121	\$ 1,022.34
SPECIAL WATER 2: 9122-9125	\$ 431.64
H21 1620.4 (HWY BARN): 21-26	\$104,265.24

TOTAL: 134,139.82

BUSINESS:

Supervisor Losaw:

- I received correspondence from the Champlain Hudson Power Authority; they are proposing transmission of electricity from Montreal to New York City via the Champlain Canal to the Railway Bed and then across the Hudson River. I don't think this will have any effect on the Town and request that we do a letter of support for them for our May meeting.
- I also received an e-mail from Greater Glens Falls Transit and they are partnering with the Salvation Army to deliver meals to the Senior Housing Facilities.
- We have received 4 cleaning bids for cleaning of the municipal building that need reviewing.

Councilman Fisher and Councilwoman Holden will review the bids and give a recommendation to the Board.

Brian Brockway: We lost our tractor that we use for mowing in the fire and we have received funding from the Insurance Company to replace it. I would like to bid on a new one like the one we had and the cost is \$22,900.00 but for an additional \$2,900.00 we can use all of our attachments. That is State Contract pricing through John Deere.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to purchase the tractor with the \$2,900.00 add on **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Losaw: Terry mentioned to me that we will need to get quotes for the fencing to replace the stockade one at Carpenter's as well as around the barn.

Councilman Mercier and Councilwoman Mullen will work on the fence quotes.

Councilwoman Mullen: At the Village meeting last week they mentioned something about the PILOT for Irving Tissue was miscalculated.

Councilman Fisher: Have we heard anything back from the Attorney about the Solar Project on Leavy Hollow?

Supervisor Losaw: She has called me a few times but I haven't gotten back to her with our Attorney's thoughts yet.

Councilman Fisher: WL Plastics is going to be moving along with their project and the Village has volunteered to be lead agency since their Attorney has 10 years of experience with the property. I don't see any sense in involving our new Attorney and having to pay to bring him up to speed.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to allow the Village of Fort Edward to be Lead Agency for the WL Plastics project **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Losaw: Brian, are you still going to be okay with maintenance of the access road?

Brian Brockway: I looked at the road and it is built to State Specs. But it needs to be put into the CHIPS program.

Brian Brockway: I would like to thank the highway guys for coming in to get leaves before the rain and also Bill for grading. Does Hazard Pay require a State of Emergency?

Supervisor Losaw: We have a countywide State of Emergency that has been filed.

Brian Brockway: That will not cover the Town. FEMA money requires you to file your own separate State of Emergency. All of the other Towns and Villages have including the Village of Fort Edward. It will be based off Town paychecks not County paychecks.

Supervisor Losaw: I will ask our Attorney to look into it.

Brian Brockway: If one of my guys gets sick picking up garbage then anything their insurance won't cover the hazard pay picks it up but a State of Emergency has to be filed.

Brian Brockway: What is going on with the grant money for the highway work? I know that the roof on the municipal building and the Fort Miller Barn came out of it as well as the salt shed

and the culvert on Blackhouse Road but we have a lot more highway work that needs to be done. The culvert project on Plum Rd. will cost \$100,000.00 by itself.

Jim Thatcher: Tabulate what has been spent and come up with a wish list.

Brian Brockway: All essential workers are supposed to be wearing masks, where do we get them?

CORRESPONDENCE:

- We received a thank you letter from The Little Theater on the Farm for their annual \$250.00 stipend from the Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: April 14, 2020

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk