

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Supervisor Fisher
Councilman Middleton
Councilman Suprenant
Councilwoman Mullen

ABSENT: Councilwoman Collier

OTHERS PRESENT: Marissa Jordan (EVIDN), Steve Davie, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Elizabeth O’Leary, Frank Burkhardt, Melanie Dickinson, Mike Dickinson, Theresa Rose, Peter Ives, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2023 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to approve the reports of the Town Clerk monthly, Town Justice, Dog Control, Building Inspector and Supervisor’s Report **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #5 in the amount of \$28,026.74 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #5

GENERAL A – 11572-11583,11592-11611	\$14,979.35
GENERAL B – 11612-11625	\$ 1,950.25
HIGHWAY – 11626-11629	\$ 3,383.70
MUNICIPAL – 11584-11585,11630-11633	\$ 2,202.68
SPECIAL LIGHTING – 11586	\$ 2,761.89
SPECIAL WATER – 11587-11589,11634-11636	\$ 525.15
SPECIAL WATER 2 – 11590-11591,11637	\$ 425.54
ARPA – 15-16	\$ 1,798.18

TOTAL: \$28,026.74

BUSINESS:

MS4 Public Hearing

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to set the 2023 MS4 public hearing for June 12, 2023 at 7:05pm **ALL AYES**

**Contract for Transfer of Real Estate
Annex Building**

Supervisor Fisher: The Fort Edward School has agreed to transfer the Annex building to the Town and Village to use for storage purposes. This agreement is contingent on the voters of the district and the vote will take place May 16, 2023.

Councilman Suprenant: How will the building be funded for things like heat and maintenance?

Supervisor Fisher: That will be split between the Town and the Village and we will also be applying for a rehab grant once the transfer is complete. There is also a garage that will need to be torn down or fixed.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to approve the contract for the transfer of real estate (Annex Building) from the Fort Edward School to the Town and Village of Fort Edward.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilman Middleton – AYE
- Councilman Suprenant – AYE
- Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
- Councilwoman Collier – ABSENT
- Supervisor Fisher – AYE

**Proposal for Services
Storedtech**

Supervisor Fisher: We received a quote from Storedtech for IT services and will be saving a substantial amount each month for the same services we receive now with our current IT Company.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the proposal for services from Storedtech for monthly managed services at a cost of \$227.99/month and a 25 hour time bank totaling \$3,000.00 annually **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to terminate the contract with Adirondack Technical Solutions for IT services effective immediately **ALL AYES**

**Animal Control Law Inquiry
DCO Shannon Celeste-Hahn**

Supervisor Fisher: Our Dog Control Officer submitted an example of a local law that Kingsbury adopted for impounding dogs for safe keeping that she would like us to look into.

Attorney Nikas: I would like to discuss this further before moving forward.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to have the Attorney review with the Dog Control Officer further before making an decisions **ALL AYES**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Town/Village wide garage sale request from Village resident Meagan Ives**

Councilman Suprenant: The Town of Moreau has one every year the first weekend in June and it does draw a lot of people.

Attorney Nikas: It would have to be sponsored by an organization for insurance liability if it is on Town property. I can check with Warrensburg and see how they do it.

- **Notice from Washington County about the bridge closure on County Route 46 over Dead Creek beginning May 22, 2023 for 12 weeks.**
- **Aimee received an email from Nasrene regarding the Canal Corp. Tourism Grant received by the Village in the amount of \$24,000.00 to fund an accessible boat launch at the Yacht Basin this summer. The additional cost is \$15,344 and she is looking to have the Town approve splitting the cost with the Village.**

MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve splitting the additional cost for the accessible boat launch in the Yacht basin with the Village at a cost of \$7,672.00 **ALL AYES**

Councilman Middleton: Once the launch is installed will Canal Corp. be removing it each year?

Mike Dickinson: We are not sure of those details yet.

Councilman Suprenant: The Village will have to get a permit from Canal Corp.

Mike Dickinson: The glamping tents are in at the Yacht Basin and we are looking into bike rentals as well as a pontoon that would go down to Schuylerville.

Brian Brockway: Paving is done on East Rd, Parry St, Olive St, and Lower Allen St.

Councilman Suprenant: Will you be striping East Rd.?

Brian Brockway: We never have, the County has in the past.

Supervisor Fisher: We would like it done again.

Brian Brockway: I will contact the County.

Theresa Rose: What about Gates Ave.? That is in bad shape.

Brian Brockway: We can patch Gates Ave. but we can't blacktop it this year because the budget is spent. We also received a complaint from Olive St. that the manhole is below the road. We just finished paving it but we will go up and measure for a riser tomorrow.

Mike Dickinson: Is there a truck weight sign at the end of East Rd.?

Brian Brockway: Yes, at least there always has been.

Mike Dickinson: They get all the way down there and it sometimes takes an hour to back them out of there.

Peter Ives: Have we heard anything about the Betty Little grant money?

Supervisor Fisher: We heard from Jim Thatcher in December that everything had to be re-submitted to the Dormitory Authority and he was waiting to hear from them. We have done everything on our end. I will contact Jim tomorrow and see if he has any updates.

Melanie Dickinson: The Riverkeepers did a cleanup in Hudson Falls along the railroad tracks by the trash plant on Saturday. Maybe next year we can organize something like that; the work is all volunteer.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: May 9, 2023

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

