

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 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, Elizabeth O’Leary, Katie DeGroot, Gretta Hochsprung (The Post Star), 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 April 13, 2020 **VOTE: Councilman Fisher – AYE, Councilman Mercier – AYE, Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilman Mercier, 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 **VOTE: Councilman Fisher – AYE, Councilman Mercier – AYE, Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

## April 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 continues to be slowed because of the Virus. The floors are completed and the overhead doors are in and being powered up, the block work in the office areas is also complete. Rozell is working on setting the steel for the mezzanine so that they can pour the floor. The sprinkler system is about 75% complete, the plumbing is about 80% finished mainly just setting the fixtures. I would estimate that Hour is about 90% complete with the electrical.

The invoices for April related to construction of the barn are approximately \$210,000

The highway crew is continuing to self-perform different aspects of the construction to help mitigate the cost to the Taxpayer, they are going to install storm water drains and install the apron on the front of the building.

Unfortunately, it is looking like we will not be done in May we will be going in to the middle of June before everyone is off site.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #5 in the amount of \$214,949.76 **VOTE: Councilman Fisher – AYE, Councilman Mercier – AYE, Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

#### **ABSTRACT #5**

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| <b>GENERAL A: 9126,9127-9147</b>    | <b>\$7,151.84</b>   |
| <b>GENERAL B: 9148-9150</b>         | <b>\$ 536.90</b>    |
| <b>HIGHWAY: 9151-9153</b>           | <b>\$1,113.33</b>   |
| <b>MUNICIPAL: 9154-9157</b>         | <b>\$ 957.82</b>    |
| <b>SPECIAL LIGHTING: 9158-9162</b>  | <b>\$2,611.28</b>   |
| <b>SPECIAL WATER: 9163-9166</b>     | <b>\$ 237.27</b>    |
| <b>SPECIAL WATER 2: 9167-9168</b>   | <b>\$ 122.51</b>    |
| <b>H21 1620.4 (HWY BARN): 27-35</b> | <b>\$202,218.81</b> |

**TOTAL: \$214,949.76**

#### **BUSINESS:**

**Supervisor Losaw:** We do have a new cleaner coming in but I told them to hold off until we open up again which will save us a little money. The Company is North Country Janitorial and until they begin cleaning each department is responsible for their own office cleaning.

**MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to set the MS4 Public Hearing for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:55pm **VOTE: Councilman Fisher – AYE, Councilman**

**Mercier – AYE, Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Supervisor Losaw:** I received a call from NYS Canal Way regarding placing a NYS Canal Way Water Trail Sign as part of the Erie Canal Heritage Fund on Bradley Beach. The sign is 18” around and they would like to place it somewhere on Bradley Beach.

**MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Holden to allow the sign to be placed at Bradley Beach **VOTE: Councilman Fisher – AYE, Councilman Mercier – AYE, Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

**Supervisor Losaw:** We are in the middle of doing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Fort Edward and the IDA for road maintenance for the access road at the former dewatering facility. The Town will maintain the road that is in Fort Edward but we are going to plow and sand the whole road into Kingsbury and Kingsbury will give us a stipend for covering their section.

**Brian Brockway:** The only thing I would like to see in the MOU is that the Town of Fort Edward is not taking responsibility for that bridge.

**Supervisor Losaw:** The Bridge isn’t covered in that at all.

**Brian Brockway:** I want to make sure that the Town doesn’t get stuck with that.

**Supervisor Losaw:** It is over 25 feet so it will automatically go to the County. I will need permission to sign off on the MOU or you can wait until you see it.

**MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to authorize Supervisor Losaw to sign the MOU upon completion **VOTE: Councilman Fisher – AYE, Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE** Councilman Mercier lost phone connection and did not vote.

**Supervisor Losaw:** The fee (stipend) is a very small amount; I think we are going to go with what the County number is which I believe is \$5,200.00/mile.

**Brian Brockway:** Make sure that money goes into the Highway Fund.

**Supervisor Losaw:** I received a letter from NYSDOT stating that the North River Road Bridge will be temporarily closed for painting for 6 weeks beginning May 4, 2020. Once Complete, Fort Miller Road Bridge will be next.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Fence Quotes**

- Councilman Mercier returned to the meeting
- Councilman Mercier received quotes for fencing around the new highway garage.

**Councilman Fisher:** I like the idea of going with the wood fence from Stanton fence and have them install it also. The quote was \$3,800 for materials and \$1,600 labor but I suggest we hold off until the project is finished.

**MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to contract with Stanton Fence to install a wooden fence around the new highway garage and wait until the garage construction is finished to proceed with any contracts **VOTE: Councilman Fisher – AYE, Councilman Mercier – NO, Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Katie DeGroot:** I would just like to say that I like Stanton Fence.

**Councilwoman Holden:** I walk a lot and there is a lot of garbage and litter on the streets as well as in the bushes. I would like to propose a “Freshen up The Fort” initiative and maybe have volunteers do stretches of road to get things cleaned up.

**Brian Brockway:** Contact NYSDOT about getting some orange bags, they are a little more heavy duty than what we have. Also be careful how you advertise for it because we will not be taking tires, electronics, etc.

**Councilman Fisher:** What is going on with the Solar Project at the landfill?

**Supervisor Losaw:** That is on me, I have to contact them.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 5:38pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: May 13, 2020

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

