

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Supervisor Fisher
Councilman Middleton
Councilwoman Collier
Councilwoman Mullen

ABSENT: Councilman Suprenant

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie DeGroot, Brian Brockway, Elizabeth O’Leary, Mike Dickinson, Melanie Dickinson, David Earsing, Kyle Cozzens, Therese Gillis, Lynn Griffin, Nasrene Haj and Reem, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Ives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2024 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve the following monthly reports as submitted, Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Dog Control, Highway & Supervisor **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #5 in the amount of \$53,878.63 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

ABSTRACT #5

GENERAL A – 12435-12444,12453-12487	\$17,104.35
GENERAL B – 12488	\$ 34.00
HIGHWAY – 12489-12496	\$ 8,384.30
MUNICIPAL – 12445-12446,12497-12501	\$ 2,241.14
SPECIAL LIGHTING – 12447	\$ 2,694.42
SPECIAL WATER – 12448-12450,12502-12505	\$22,588.56
SPECIAL WATER 2 – 12451-12452,12506-12508	\$ 832.06

TOTAL: \$53,878.83

BUSINESS:

**David Earsing
Parade**

David Earsing: I live in Drifting Ridge and am retired from the Navy. I would like to plan an Annual Parade with a Military theme around September of 2025. I would like to incorporate Reenactors, bands and possibly a car show.

Elizabeth O’Leary: This is living history weekend in Fort Edward; make sure you book the Reenactors early because they get booked up fast.

Town Hall Sign Replacement

Brian Brockway: I went to GA West to price a one sided LED sign and they haven’t sent me the information yet, I will call tomorrow.

June Meeting Date Change

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to change the June monthly meeting date to Tuesday, June 11, 2024 **ALL AYES**

MS4 Public Hearing

MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to set the MS4 Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:55pm **ALL AYES**

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10 OF 2024

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER

TITLE: Exemption of Matters of Local Concern from County Planning Review

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Board was created by the Washington County Board of Supervisors as provided by Article 12 B of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of General Municipal Law Article B, Section 239 l and m (GML 239) require local municipal bodies in Washington County to submit certain planning and zoning actions to the Washington County Planning Board for said Board’s review and recommendation unless excepted by an agreement approved by

the municipal body; and the County Planning Board that such matter is of a local rather than an inter-municipal or county-wide concern; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the County and local municipal bodies for a local municipal body to be able to take action on matters of local concern without being bound by the referral requirements of GML 239; and

WHEREAS, having such an agreement for exception of matters which are not of an inter-municipal or county-wide concern is not detrimental to the County or the Town of Fort Edward; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Board has established a process for exempting matters and actions of local concern from the referral requirements of GML 239; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the attached agreement entitled “*Exemption of Matters of Local Concern from County Planning Review Agreement*” shall exempt actions of local concern under this agreement from the referral requirements of GML 239 shall exist between the County Planning Board and the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said agreement shall apply to zoning reviews and actions of the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution with the attached agreement shall be provided to the Washington County Planning Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this agreement shall take effect immediately.

DATED: May 13, 2024

VOTE: Councilman Middleton – AYE
Councilwoman Collier – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Councilman Suprenant – ABSENT
Supervisor Fisher – AYE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Fisher: The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 27, 2024; the Parade will start at 1pm at the Washington County Municipal Center and will continue South on Broadway and end at Notre Dame St. The Grand Marshall will be Joe Trombley.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brian Brockway: Paving is done; we had some unhappy residents on N. River Rd. but we informed them that it was all approved at a Town Board meeting.

Katie DeGroot: Did you alert residents about it?

Councilman Middleton: Paving is discussed and approved at Town Board Meetings, we do not send out letters to the residents when we are paving. I would like to see all the dirt roads in the Town paved.

Katie DeGroot: You should have a webmaster doing the Town Website; more information needs to be on it.

Therese Gillis: When will they stripe East Rd.?

Supervisor Fisher: I spoke with Deb Donohue tonight and East Rd. is on the list so it will be sometime this summer.

Councilman Middleton: If the Board agrees, I would like a letter sent to the WWIDA stating that the Town of Fort Edward is against any type of Garbage Company coming into the Dewatering Site.

Attorney Nikas: The Town can pass a Local Law stating that.

Supervisor Fisher: We also do not want any long term leases; the Town will not benefit from that.

Attorney Nikas: Do you want to coordinate that with the Village of Fort Edward?

Supervisor Fisher: Yes

Mike Dickinson: What about noise?

Attorney Nikas: Noise is a Site Plan Review issue.

Therese Gillis: We had to deal with the back-up alarms which we had changed to quackers which helped a little.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynn Griffin: How are you doing with the property clean up on Route 4?

Councilman Middleton: I spoke with Matt French this morning and he said he needs a written complaint to check on these properties.

Attorney Nikas: He doesn't need a written complaint or a complaint at all. He should be taking tours looking for these properties.

Katie DeGroot: S&S Mobile is applying for an expansion. They aren't in compliance now and are planning to expand. They did try to plant trees again; I will follow up with the Planning Board.

Brian Brockway: We are getting ready to put the Veteran's banners up and we need to replace several of the American Flags. The Flags are \$20-\$25 per flag and we need approximately 30.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to purchase new American made American Flags to replace the ones that need it **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to go into Executive Session at 7:48pm to discuss contract negotiations **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to come out of Executive Session at 8:10pm **ALL AYES**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: May 15, 2024

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk