

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 6:55 P.M.

Supervisor Middleton opened the Public Hearing at 6:55pm

The following notice was published in The Post Star on June 3, 2019:

Notice is hereby given, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:55 P.M. at Town Hall, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2018 Town of Fort Edward MS4 Annual Report.

Interested persons may review the Annual Report at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours or on the Town website at: www.fortedward.net.

By Order of the Town Board

Dated: May 30, 2019

Publish: June 3, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to close the Public Hearing at 6:58pm **ALL AYES**

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Middleton
Councilman Orsini
Councilwoman Mullen
Councilman Fisher
Councilman Mercier

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Brockway, Richard Palmer, Royanne Palmer, Paul Carpenter, Katie DeGroot, Richard Belden and Town Attorney Donald Boyajian, Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2019 **ALL AYES**

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve Abstract #6 in the amount of \$16,797.04 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #6

GENERAL A: 8331-8337,8345-8366	\$6,969.01
GENERAL B: 8367	\$ 52.00
HIGHWAY: 8368-8373	\$4,202.15
MUNICIPAL: 8374-8378	\$2,492.43
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 8338-8341,8379	\$2,424.81
SPECIAL WATER: 8342-8344,8380-8381	\$ 528.70
SPECIAL WATER 2: 8382-8383	\$ 127.94

TOTAL: \$16,797.04

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Supervisor Middleton:** I was approached by Dr. Kevin Herlihy; he owns vacant property at the end of Park Ave. and wanted to know if the Town would be interested in purchasing it or accepting it as a donation. The piece of property overlooks the river and has a very steep bank that would require fencing for liability reasons.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to not accept the land or purchase the land **ALL AYES**

- Turning Point Parade Invitation to Elected Officials

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Palmer: I live on Patterson Rd. and I want to know when someone is going to come and fix the drainage ditch in front of my house that is caving in. Also why did the weight increase from 8 ton to 15 ton? They cut my hedgerow down while I was away on vacation too.

Brian Brockway: We didn't cut your hedgerow down it was National Grid that did that but we replaced it for you.

Richard Palmer: That died and we had to replace it again ourselves. Nobody seems to care about the area we are in because we are next to the dump.

Supervisor Middleton: I will be up tomorrow to look at it. We are still ditching from all the rain, we have roads in the lower end of the Town that are much worse off and we are tending to them first.

Paul Carpenter: The Hudson Headwaters property behind my house has overgrown into my property and it's a mess back there. I had asked the previous Town administration for that parcel and was told that the Town did not wish to get rid of it.

Supervisor Middleton: Hudson Headwaters now owns that property and should be maintaining it.

Paul Carpenter: I asked that question to the previous administration too and was told that they didn't have to maintain it because it wasn't the front yard.

Donald Boyajian, Jr.: I can reach out to Hudson Headwaters and ask that they provide maintenance in the back.

Paul Carpenter: If they want to get rid of it I will take it and maintain it.

Katie DeGroot: I was newly appointed to the Board of Assessment Review and went to the training. Only 2 of us showed up for Grievance Day and that is problematic. Is there any way that a Town Board member could be there in case it happens again?

Aimee Mahoney: Having a Town Board member there wouldn't make a difference because they are not part of the 5 member board and would not make a quorum. The members of the Board of Assessment Review are appointed and that appointment is filed with the NYS Office of Real Property. I have never seen something like this happen before and feel it is a noticing issue.

Katie DeGroot: I wouldn't mind calling everyone if you could provide me with their contact information for next year.

Supervisor Middleton: We have invoices related to the fire, are we paying those or should they be sent directly to the Insurance Company?

Donald Boyajian, Jr.: Send them to the Insurance Company.

BUSINESS:

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to enter into Executive Session at 7:20pm **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to come out of Executive Session at 7:41pm **ALL AYES**

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Dated: June 12, 2019

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

