

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS
& REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 AT TOWN HALL
COMMENCING AT 6:50 P.M.**

Supervisor Fisher opened the public hearing at 6:50pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Fisher
Councilman Suprenant
Councilwoman Mullen

ABSENT: Councilwoman Collier
Councilman Middleton

OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth O’Leary, Brian Brockway, Vicky Plude, Therese Gillis, Steve Davie and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

The following notice was published in the Post Star on June 6, 2022:

**TOWN OF FORT EDWARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2022 at Town Hall 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828 at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the consideration of the proposed Local Law #1 of 2022 amending Chapter 51 of the Town Code entitled Fee Schedule. The amendment will negate the need for a public hearing for changing the fee schedule and allow the Town Board to implement changes by resolution.

At the Public Hearing anyone who wishes to comment will be heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to close the public hearing at 6:54pm **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Fisher opened the public hearing at 6:55pm

The following notice was published in the Post Star on June 6, 2022:

**TOWN OF FORT EDWARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:55 P.M. at Town Hall, 118 Broadway Fort Edward, NY 12828 for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2021 Town of Fort Edward MS4 Annual Report.

Interested persons may review the Annual Report on the Town website at:
www.fortedward.net

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vicky Plude: What is MS4?

Brian Brockway: Sewer Management, it is required reporting by the State.

MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to close the public hearing at 6:58pm **ALL AYES**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Supervisor Fisher
Councilman Suprenant
Councilwoman Mullen

ABSENT: Councilwoman Collier
Councilman Middleton

OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth O’Leary, Brian Brockway, Vicky Plude, Therese Gillis, Steve Davie and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2022 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to approve the reports of the Town Clerk monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway, Supervisor, Dog Control Officer & Assessor as submitted **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #6 in the amount of \$106,065.45**ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #6

GENERAL A: 10788-10793,10798-10799,10808,10809-10835	\$11,811.50
GENERAL B: 10836-10837	\$ 119.00
HIGHWAY: 10838-10846	\$15,577.16
MUNICIPAL: 10794-10795,10847-10851	\$ 7,320.88
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 10800-10804	\$ 3,259.92
SPECIAL WATER: 10805-10807,10852	\$ 425.63
SPECIAL WATER 2: 10796-10797,10853	\$ 367.40
ARPA FUNDS: 2-6	\$67,183.96

TOTAL: \$106,065.45

BUSINESS:

Pool Sign Update

Supervisor Fisher: James Donahue is requesting we get an updated sign for the pool because the one that is there was for COVID. He can get that from West Signs.

Sun Safety/Outdoor Recreation

Supervisor Fisher: James Donahue has also asked that the Town adopt a policy on sun safety for outdoor recreation and provided the following sample policy:

SUN SAFETY/OUTDOOR RECREATION POLICY

Rationale: Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in sunlight causes nearly all skin cancer cases. The risk for skin cancer can be greatly reduced when certain precautions are practiced. Therefore, Fort Edward Community Pool & Recreation Department are committed to promoting sun safe practices to visitors and staff and will implement the following sun safety policy.

Policy:

1. Fort Edward Community Pool will promote basic personal strategies for preventing skin cancer for visitors and staff.
 - a. Wear full-body coverage clothing when outside in the sunlight including four-inch full brimmed hats, long sleeved shirts, and full length pants (weather permitting).
 - b. Use sunglasses that protect from 100%UVA & UVB. A UV-protective coating can be added to prescription glasses.
 - c. Apply full-spectrum (UVA&UVB) sunscreen (SPF 15 or greater) to exposed skin 30 minutes before going outside in the sun.
 - d. Reduce exposure to sunlight between 10 AM and 4 PM when feasible.
 - e. Play in shaded areas, when practical.
 - f. Seek shade when outside in the sun.
2. As funding allows, site will make sun protective items such as hats, protective clothing, umbrellas, and sunscreen accessible to visitors to encourage them to practice sun safety while participating in outdoor recreation activities.
3. Fort Edward Recreation Department/ Community Pool will consider the availability of shade for visitors when planning outdoor activities such as community events, festivals or sports competitions on-site.

4. Fort Edward Recreation Department/ Community Pool will make shade available for visitors in high-use recreation areas.

5. Sun safety instruction will be incorporated into any activities/curricula for visitors.

6. Visitors will be encouraged and reminded to practice basic personal strategies for preventing skin cancer through on-site and written communications (ex: verbal reminders, signage, brochures, etc.) at strategic locations (ex: waiting areas, restrooms, newsletters, etc.) and online (website, social medial, newsletters, etc.).

Policy Monitoring and Review:

Village & Town of Fort Edward will evaluate and revise this policy on an annual basis.

Contact Regarding Policy:

James Donahue with questions or concerns about the policy.

Date Policy Adopted: June 13, 2022

MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to adopt the sun safety/outdoor recreation policy **ALL AYES**

DASNY/Betty Little Grant

Supervisor Fisher: I spoke with Jim Thatcher regarding the hold up on the \$100,000.00 DASNY Grant and he responded saying that changes had been made to the original preliminary application and therefor those changes need to go back to the sponsoring bodies for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Fisher: The pool is ready to be filled thanks to the Highway Department and PCC Contracting. We have 5 lifeguards so if you know anyone send them our way. Mike Gray from the County went to a few of the schools and asked them to let the kids know about the free certification on February and April break.

Vicky Plude: The kids didn't know anything about the one on February break.

Vicky Plude: On behalf of the Fort Edward Library I would like to read the following letter of thanks:

Dear Fort Edward Town Supervisor Fisher and Town Board Members,

Thank you for approving the requested funding of \$6,000.00 in helping the Fort Edward Free Library in off-setting the cost of upgrading our current heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems.

We are truly very appreciative of the board's generosity in allotting us this funding. Once again, we are very, very grateful.

Sincerely,
The Fort Edward Free Library Board of Trustees

Brian Brockway: Argyle wants to go in on a used bucket truck with us.

Councilman Suprenant: We would need a shared service agreement with Argyle.

Brian Brockway: There is someone interested in buying our bucket truck that was in the fire and can no longer be insured.

Supervisor Fisher: We would need to advertise it for sale.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Therese Gillis: Sally's Trail was suggested to me by Mike Taylor from Canal Corp. It goes along the Canal from East St. to Argyle St. and we have 50 signatures from Village residents as well as 37 more that we received from an online posting to save Sally's Trail. We are taking this to the Village tomorrow night. The trail has been maintained by Canal Corp. for 20-25 years; our proposal is going to be to the Town Board and the Village Board. Not only is the Champlain Canal on the National Registry but we were just recognized in Washington as of June 4th to be on the National Trail System. I spoke with Dave O'Brien today and we are going to meet. He also responded to my e-mail that I sent after the last meeting and he said:

I agree Mr. Campbell's remarks were not well thought out and he should have considered his words better. As far as your comments we are reviewing a lot of different ideas and options for bringing business to Canalside Park. The only path for sewer to the Park is along the Canal and while we are evaluating that we are evaluating all other options. The road is one that has been brought up for many years by many parties and if there is a road it will not be owned by the IDA and whomever made that comment was incorrect; the property is owned by Canal Corp. and DOT. So as a matter of information should that path be the sewer for construction it will be done with directional drilling which has minimal impact on the area.

Therese Gillis: I told him that he was the one that made the comment and asked him why he would send me an e-mail saying that the person that made that comment was wrong, it's recorded. Canal Corp. directed us to try and get this as a designated trail. What I need to know is how many numbers do you need to get them to recognize what the residents are saying if they want that as a designated trail. I do think the Town Board is involved because the Town is involved in all the recreational things happening in the Town and Village and this is a recreational trail.

Supervisor Fisher: The Lead Agency on that would be the Village because it's in the Village. The Town could do a letter addressed to the Village in support of Sally's Trail but the property you are talking about is in the Village.

Steve Davie: The pool looks good, how long do you think it will last?

Supervisor Fisher: Well it was built in 1960 so I would say we definitely got our money's worth. As for how long it will last your guess is as good as mine.

Steve Davie: The bleachers at the Little League Park are in bad shape and aren't safe.

Supervisor Fisher: The Little League Park is Village, the pool is the Town.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: June 15, 2022

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk