

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020 VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Losaw
Councilwoman Holden
Councilwoman Mullen

ABSENT: Councilman Fisher
Councilman Mercier

(Due to Power Outage)

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Ives, Terry Middleton and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilwoman Holden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2020 **VOTE: Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilwoman Holden to approve the following reports: Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer, Highway, Highway Barn Report & Supervisor’s Report **VOTE: Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilwoman Holden to approve Abstract #8 in the amount of \$322,055.68 **VOTE: Councilwoman Holden – AYE, Councilwoman Mullen – AYE, Supervisor Losaw – AYE**

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN HOLDEN

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

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: August 10, 2020

Councilman Fisher- ABSENT
Councilwoman Holden- AYE
Councilman Mercier- ABSENT
Councilwoman Mullen- AYE
Supervisor Losaw- AYE

BUSINESS:

Supervisor Losaw: They have to put anti-freeze in the lines at the new highway garage for the radiant heat in the floor and eventually that just disintegrates all of the piping so in 10 years we are going to have to replace all of that. The thought that I came up with is that we put a stand-alone generator, I am not sure how much that costs you will have to get some bids but if we want to do that we probably should give them the okay to do that.

Councilwoman Mullen: Considering what we are going through tonight I would say we may as well.

Councilwoman Holden: Maybe just get some general pricing and a couple of options and go from there. We could always have a special meeting about it too.

Supervisor Losaw: One other thing I wanted to mention tonight and I think you all know how I feel about Rogers Island and the fact I had said they needed a new furnace in the big room out back because that furnace has died. I think they have gotten 4 bids, they needed at least 3. I would like to tell them to go ahead as long as they choose the most responsible bidder to do that. I am not sure if you want to do that now or not.

Councilwoman Holden: What's the cost Lester?

Supervisor Losaw: It's going to be probably about \$8,000.00. I think that was the lowest bid that I have heard so far, they are waiting on the last one but \$7,800.00 was the last one I heard which I didn't think was too bad. We could put it in with this grant money we are trying, which we may not get our money for another year or so but it's the DASNY Grant that we got from Betty Little this past year. That was for \$100,000.00 and I think we could fit this into it.

Councilwoman Holden: I think it's a fair price given the size of the building.

Aimee Mahoney: Is that coming out of the \$10,000.00 that is in the bills for this month or is that in addition?

Supervisor Losaw: No this would be over and above that. That \$10,000.00 is just so that they have funds to do the yardwork or whatever they need to do but this will be in addition to that. I know it is more expense than what the Town would like to spend normally but like I said if we can get that money back with a grant that would help.

Supervisor Losaw: Anything on that?

Councilwoman Holden: It would be nice if we got a grant absolutely.

Supervisor Losaw: Well we've got the grant it's just a matter of receiving the funds. The grant was awarded this last year sometime, it's a \$100,000.00 grant and I think we will be just about, we have gotten our expenses in line to send that in and try to recoup our money, we have things like the roof on the municipal center, the roof on Fort Miller Barn, engine for the plow truck, I think we have enough money to submit and that should help us out. I am a firm believer that if you have property you need to take care of it and seeing as we own that building over there if we don't replace this furnace then the other furnace that they've got will work harder and eventually die itself so then we will have no furnaces and no heat, no air no nothing over there.

Aimee Mahoney: How much does the yardwork cost?

Supervisor Losaw: We don't know because I don't know how they have got it figured out or if they have got it figured out for that matter. I just told Ed I would give him money and he can do what he needs to do because I am sure it's not going to cost him the whole \$10,000.00.

Aimee Mahoney: I was going to say that is a lot of yard work.

Supervisor Losaw: On the same token, they have to mow that whole park down there too on their own gas and all that stuff and they are going to have to cut down trees so I am not really sure what it is going to cost them to do that. Hopefully they can get some free labor but we have cut their budget so far down way too much.

Terry Middleton: That is because they are supposed to be self-sufficient.

Supervisor Losaw: Maybe so but they aren't and they have never been made to be self-sufficient. They have a hard time with doing that, it's not like they have a million dollars in the bank to draw interest from.

Supervisor Losaw: Okay then, nothing on that. Alright. That is basically all I have got unless anyone has anything else.

Aimee Mahoney: Do we need a resolution for any of this money going to Rogers Island, or just a voucher?

Supervisor Losaw: I think just a voucher would probably do but if someone would like to make it a resolution we can.

Councilwoman Holden: There was discussion this Saturday at the Board meeting that there are some trees that haven't been touched in a number of years that are really bad and causing flags to deteriorate in the Veteran's area. It definitely needs some attention.

Supervisor Losaw: I brought that up last meeting that those trees are way too tall, you can't even see the flags from anywhere, it's caused the lights to not work at all because they are overgrown and the benches because it's so dark and shady are all mildew and mold. It's disgusting over there to tell you the truth. I think all of that needs to be taken care of; those trees need attention but there are other trees on the side that have gotten way too big. We will go for baby steps if that will work for them.

Councilwoman Holden: It was discussed that professional attention is what it needs at this point.

Supervisor Losaw: They haven't gotten any quotes from anybody I don't believe.

Councilwoman Holden: Exactly, no quotes.

Supervisor Losaw: They shouldn't have to worry about it if we give them this money, if it costs \$5,000.00 then they've got \$5,000.00 to cover whatever else they need afterward but they need to get that taken care of. We have to redo the contract with them next year and it will be part of that contract to have them be responsible for the Patriot Garden and that ground over there.

Councilwoman Mullen: The Town mows the circle now.

Supervisor Losaw: I don't know; is it the Town that mows it?

Councilwoman Mullen: They were when I was there this morning.

Supervisor Losaw: Well it is Town property so they should.

Councilwoman Holden: Ed Carpenter mows the island.

Supervisor Losaw: Yes, on his own dime.

Councilwoman Holden: Right, and his own time.

Supervisor Losaw: His own time, his own money, his own gas and I think he might have George Conley help him once in a while. I don't even know if the water has been turned on in the center part yet, it hasn't been in the last couple of years.

Councilwoman Holden: I don't know, it wasn't discussed yet.

Supervisor Losaw: I know the Sewer Dept. was there replacing a couple of pumps outside. Must be they had some complaints from some of the neighbors about sewage back-up or something, I don't know but I know Ruth said it seems a lot better since they have replaced those pumps because they haven't been done in years.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilwoman Holden, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: August 12, 2020

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk