

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Lester Losaw, Brian Brockway, Gwendolyn Craig (The Post Star), Elizabeth O’Leary 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 July 8, 2019 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen 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 #8 in the amount of \$248,783.49 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #8

GENERAL A: 8443-8447,8456-8488, 8523 (Void 8480)	\$35,444.55
GENERAL B: 8489-8493	\$ 1,060.32
HIGHWAY: 8494-8503	\$205,259.51
MUNICIPAL: 8448-8449,8504-8511	\$ 3,903.31
SP. LIGHTING: 8450-8451,8512-8514	\$ 2,395.52
SPECIAL WATER: 8452-8453,8515-8519	\$ 573.36
SPECIAL WATER 2: 8454-8455,8520-8522	\$ 146.92

TOTAL: \$248,783.49

Supervisor Middleton: The total is higher this month due to the Roadside Mower and the blacktop invoices.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20 OF 2019

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ORSINI

WHEREAS, the Town Board (“Town Board”) of the Town of Fort Edward (“Town”) desires to provide opportunities to promote recycling for town residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fort Edward has a recycling facility located at 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Village of Fort Edward has offered to allow Town residents to utilize such facility, with a monthly cost to the Town of seven-hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00).

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to enter into such intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Fort Edward, as may be necessary to authorize recycling opportunities for Town residents through use of the Village of Fort Edward recycling facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor of the Town, in consultation with the Highway Superintendent, to enter into an agreement with the Village of Fort Edward, to authorize to use of the recycling facility by Town residents, at a monthly rate incurred by the Town, not to exceed seven-hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00), and for a term not to exceed five years.

DATED: August 12, 2019

Vote: Councilman Orsini - AYE
Councilman Mercier - NO
Councilwoman Mullen - AYE
Councilman Fisher - AYE
Supervisor Middleton – AYE

Councilman Orsini: As a resident I utilize this service. Fort Edward was vilified in every newspaper because we stopped picking up recycling due to not having a place to take it that was cost effective. I serve on a separate Board with an employee of Waste Management and I asked him if what is put in these bins is actually recycled or if it just goes to the trash plant. He told me it does get recycled. I believe this is a good service for Town residents and well worth the \$750.00/month.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21 OF 2019

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ORSINI

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING VICTORIA HAYNER AS TOWN ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, the current term of the Town's appointed Assessor, Victoria Hayner will expire on September 30, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hayner possesses the necessary qualifications to continue as the Town's Assessor and has served satisfactorily as Assessor during her current term.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby reappoints Victoria Hayner to the position of Sole Assessor of the Town of Fort Edward for a new six year term beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2025.

Dated: August 12, 2019

Vote: Councilman Orsini - AYE
Councilman Mercier - AYE
Councilwoman Mullen - AYE
Councilman Fisher - AYE
Supervisor Middleton – AYE

BUSINESS:

Supervisor Middleton: We have a proposal from Pest Pro Solutions, LLC; they are offering pest service for the building for \$840.00/yr., right now we pay Orkin \$1,163.88/yr. This is something to think about for budget time.

Supervisor Middleton: We have a letter of resignation from Pool Director Kristine Geer thanking the Town for 21 years of summer employment.

MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to accept Kristine Geer's resignation effective the end of the 2019 season **ALL AYES**

The last day of the pool will be Friday, August 23rd this year due to lifeguards returning to college creating a lack of staff.

Supervisor Middleton: Letter from Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth O'Leary regarding security at the front counter. The counter area is wide open and she is requesting a camera system or some other method of security be looked into.

Supervisor Middleton: Bids will be due on August 18th for the Highway Garage; these bids are

strictly the building, not the electrical or mechanical. We need to get going on this because once the order is placed it will be 12-16 weeks before they see the building. The Insurance Company is paying to replace the building but the extra bay and the radiant heated floor section will be separate line items. The electrical will be upgraded to a 400 amp service due to changes in building code.

Councilman Fisher: Will there be a wash bay?

Brian Brockway: We will have floor drains.

Supervisor Middleton: We are looking at an F450, still negotiating a price. We have had some interest in our totaled roadside mower; we have 2 mowers and possibly 1 dump truck.

Brian Brockway: The burnt 1 ton should be removed before demolition, we have had interest in parts of it but I am wondering how we go about that. It will be junkyard pricing, it's totaled.

Donald Boyajian, Jr.: I believe it's up to the Town's discretion but I will check into it and get back to you.

Supervisor Middleton: Don was able to get in contact with the owner of 1180 Burgoyne and an appearance date will be issued soon to hopefully get some resolve to that matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Councilman Orsini: I support the Feeder Canal Alliance in all that they do.

MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to enter into Executive Session at 7:26pm to discuss bonding and insurance matters regarding the Highway Garage **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to come out of Executive Session at 7:45pm **ALL AYES**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: August 13, 2019

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

