

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Middleton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Humiston, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Katie DeGroot and Town Counsel Donald Boyajian

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2018 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve the reports of Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway, Assessor, Supervisor & Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$22,834.06 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #9

GENERAL A: 7674-7678,7684-7685,7686-7709 Void 7675-7677	\$11,277.04
GENERAL B: 7710-7711	\$ 651.50
HIGHWAY: 7712-7717	\$ 1,684.89
MUNICIPAL: 7718-7722	\$ 1,634.15
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 7679-7681	\$ 2,500.13
SPECIAL WATER: 7382-7483,7723-7724	\$ 407.29
SPECIAL WATER 2: 7725-7728	\$ 4,679.06

TOTAL: \$22,834.06

BUSINESS:

Highway Inventory Sheets

Supervisor Middleton: How many big trucks do you have?

Brian Brockway: 4 plus 1 spare

Councilman Mercier: I can only find 3 on the sheets.

Brian Brockway: I will look it over again and get back to you.

Set Preliminary Budget Public Hearing

MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to set the Preliminary Budget Public Hearing for October 9, 2018 at 6:55pm **ALL AYES**

RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 22
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD FOR THE YEAR 2018**

**Introduced by Councilman Orsini
Who moved its adoption**

Seconded by Councilman Mercier

**CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISED
LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING GOLD STAR PARENT EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO
NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously adopted a local law, Town Code Chapter 92, Article IV relating to Alternative Veterans' Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to amend said law Chapter 92, Article IV to qualify Gold Star Parents pursuant to Section 458-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby calls for a public hearing to be held on October 9, 2018 at 6:50 p.m. at Town Hall, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York, at which time the public may comment on the text of said law as annexed hereto.

Dated: September 10, 2018

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

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution Number 23 of 2018

Adopted September 10, 2018

Introduced by Councilman Mercier
who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Orsini

**RESOLUTION TAKING OVER OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNAGE
INSTALLED BY NYSDOT ON THE TOWN SECTION OF THE EMPIRE STATE
CANALWAY TRAIL**

WHEREAS, The Empire State Trail will continue to the north into the Town of Fort Edward on Towpath Lane to the existing trailhead at the cul-de-sac, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Trails Committee has determined that only Empire State Trail and warning signage will be required for this section, and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT/HRVG (Hudson River Valley Greenway) is looking to have the locals take over ownership and maintenance of these items after they are installed by NYSDOT (or its contractor).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward does hereby authorize Supervisor Middleton to sign the agreement with NYSDOT for ownership and maintenance of the signage along the Town section of the Empire State Trail.

Dated: 9/10/2018

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24 OF 2018

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN ORSINI

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MERCIER

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby reappoint Stanley Maziejka as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for a five year term from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2023.

Dated: September 10, 2018

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katie DeGroot: I spoke to the Owner of Earth Waste & Metal and they said they will put small containers somewhere for the Town residents to recycle. Maybe we can put one at the Farmers Market or down in Fort Miller. Many people don't have cars to bring the recycling to the Transfer Station. We are adding an economic level to this now and also filling landfills for our grandkids to have to deal with.

Supervisor Middleton: It will cost \$120.00/ton to take it to Albany.

Katie DeGroot: Doesn't the Board need a resolution to end a public service? You can't just decide to end a service.

Donald Boyajian: I will look into this further. A lot of communities are facing this same problem.

Supervisor Middleton: I would like it to go on record that we did not just decide to end the service; we had nowhere to take the recycling without costing the residents more money.

Katie DeGroot: The stone pile at the Fort Miller park needs a resolution also I believe. Nowhere in the plans for the Park does it say storage area for gravel. I understand that no one comes to these meetings but I am here and want to make a difference.

Councilman Orsini: The problem with placing recycling bins around is that people will not only put clean recycling in them, they will use them as a dump like they do the ones out here as well as the charity bins. Then we will get stuck paying to dispose of it.

Councilman Fisher: The way to go is the transfer stations. They are manned and then we won't have any problems or incur any expenses.

Donald Boyajian: I suggest tabling the resolution for recycling at this time until the October meeting so we can look into it further.

Katie DeGroot: Regarding the farm signage conversation we had last month I spoke with Reid Schultz from NYSDOT and he is willing to put up tractor signs along Route 4 near the farms.

Supervisor Middleton: That is a State Route and has nothing to do with the Town.

Katie DeGroot: I know that as a Board you all do work that no one gives you credit for however

I think these are important issues and I am going to keep pushing for a resolve.

Brian Brockway: If we have to go back to the sorted recycling we are going to need to buy another trailer.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to enter into executive session at 7:24pm to discuss pending litigation **ALL AYES**

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to come out of executive session at 8:40pm **ALL AYES**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Orsini, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: September 11, 2018

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk