

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Fisher  
Councilman Middleton  
Councilwoman Collier  
Councilman Suprenant  
Councilwoman Mullen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bobbi Nelson, Roseanne Lemery, Lynn Griffin, Ruth Shippee, Elizabeth O’Leary, Brian Brockway, Donna Brockway, Richard Belden, Frank Burkhardt, Mike Dickinson, Melanie Dickinson, Katie DeGroot, Peter Ives, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2023 **ALL AYES**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$50,260.73 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #9**

<b>GENERAL A: 11891-11900,11906-11932</b>	<b>\$14,853.91</b>
<b>GENERAL B: 11933-11934</b>	<b>\$ 3,257.25</b>
<b>HIGHWAY: 11935-11942</b>	<b>\$15,417.99</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL: 11943-11945</b>	<b>\$ 1,019.63</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING: 11901-11902</b>	<b>\$ 2,603.59</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER: 11903-11905,11946-11948</b>	<b>\$ 827.28</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2: 11949-11951</b>	<b>\$10,918.58</b>
<b>SOMERS SOLAR ESCROW: 4</b>	<b>\$ 1,362.50</b>

**TOTAL: \$50,260.73**

**BUSINESS:**

**Bobbi Nelson  
Storedtech  
Multi-Factor Authentication &  
MS 365 Quote**

**Bobbi Nelson:** We submitted a quote to get the Town & Village up to date with Multi-Factor Authentication. Many employees use G-mail and that is not a secure solution and insurance companies will cancel policies if Multi-Factor Authentication is not implemented. The quote is for \$3,986.80 which is a one-time fee to get the program up and running and issues all employees a secure e-mail.

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to accept the quote from Storedtech for Multi-Factor Authentication **ALL AYES**

**2024 Budget Workshop**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to set the 2024 budget workshop for Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 10:00am **ALL AYES**

**2024 Preliminary Budget  
Public Hearing**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set the 2024 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:50pm **ALL AYES**

**Supervisor Fisher:** We will be having a public hearing to discuss the adoption of proposed Local Law #1 which would amend the Town Building Code to include a new Article entitled Property Maintenance Code.

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to set a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:55pm to consider the adoption of Local Law #1 of 2023 **ALL AYES**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13 OF 2023**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN**

**WHEREAS,** the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby re-appoint Stanley Maziejka as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for a five year term ending September 30, 2028.

Dated: September 11, 2023

Vote: Councilman Middleton - AYE  
Councilwoman Collier - AYE  
Councilman Suprenant - AYE  
Councilwoman Mullen - AYE  
Supervisor Fisher - AYE

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Notice of the start of construction for segments 4 and 5 of the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project. Site prep on or about August 31, 2023.

**Brian Brockway:** I attended the IDA meeting regarding this and they will be replacing the bridge which could take 4-6 months, moving the fence down about 50' for better truck access, installing a keypad gate to the wharf (security on site now), pull off area for tractor trailers in case more than 1 come through at once and a temporary red light to control traffic in and out. They will be inspecting the culvert as well to make sure it can take the weight.

- The following memo was submitted by the Town/Village Assessor:

**Town of Fort Edward Assessor's Office**  
**118 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828**

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August 30, 2024

Village of Fort Edward  
118 Broadway  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Good Morning,

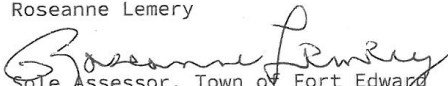
Please be advised that parcel 171.14-1-1.1 located in the village of Fort Edward will be assessed as a manufactured housing park as of 3/1/2024. The property ownership will be retained by the current owner, Broco Development Corp.

The new assessed value for 3/1/2024 will be \$306,900 as a 33 vacant land mobile home park. Please see the attached information reflecting the changes to this parcel.

As improvements are added to the property, the value will be increased to reflect the added value for assessment purposes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Roseanne Lemery



Sole Assessor, Town of Fort Edward

Cc Timothy Fisher, Town Supervisor  
Larry Clute, Broco Development Corp.

**Councilman Suprenant:** The owner needs to check with the sewer district before this happens.

- The following letter was sent from the Washington County Historical Society:



167 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York 12828-1790  
Telephone: 518-747-9108 E-mail: [wchs@wchs-ny.org](mailto:wchs@wchs-ny.org)  
Web: [www.wchs-ny.org](http://www.wchs-ny.org)

August 25, 2023

Paul McCarty  
85 Broadway  
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Dear Mr. McCarty:

On behalf of the Washington County Historical Society (WCHS), I am pleased to inform you that you have been chosen to receive a 2023 WCHS Historic Preservation Award. The WCHS would like to thank you for your many contributions to the preservation of Washington County architecture and history.

WCHS is honored to invite you and your family to the WCHS 2023 Historic Preservation Awards, to be conducted on October 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Washington County Historical Society Annual Meeting. The ceremony and reception will be held at the Sandy Hill Arts Center, Hudson Falls, New York.

Please enjoy a complimentary meal for you and a guest at the WCHS Annual Meeting and Historic Preservation Awards.

We hope you and your family will attend the ceremony.

The annual meeting will have a coffee hour from 10 am to 10:30, business meeting from 10:30 to 11:30, lunch will be served at 12:00 and the award ceremony will begin after the luncheon is completed.

If you plan on attending please let WCHS know by October 14<sup>th</sup>, by calling (518) 747-9108.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Niles  
Washington County Historical Society

**Supervisor Fisher:** Congratulations to Paul.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Brian Brockway:** I spoke with Robert Green and the new pick-up truck is scheduled to be built next Monday if they don't go on strike and we should have it in October or November of this year. It will be late spring or early summer of next year though for the new garbage truck.

**Supervisor Fisher:** We received a letter from Kendall Sustainable Infrastructure regarding the solar project on Leavy Hollow. They are asking for a lease extension of 6 months and hope to be online by December of this year which all depends on National Grid.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve a lease extension of 6 months for Kendall Sustainable Infrastructure **ALL AYES**

**Supervisor Fisher:** The WWIDA is looking for a letter of support for their FASTNY Grant application stating that the Town is willing to work with the WWIDA to ensure the proper infrastructure is in place for Canalside Energy Park.

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to send a letter of support to the WWIDA for their FASTNY Grant application **ALL AYES**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Katie DeGroot:** The Local Law #1, is that new?

**Attorney Nikas:** Yes because the Property Maintenance Code deals with issues other than construction.

**Katie DeGroot:** I have noticed a lot more truck traffic on Route 4 lately, primarily Midland trucks. Why is that?

**Lynn Griffin:** Midland trucks are Irving Tissue trucks moving stuff from their warehouse and they have to make so many trips per day. That is a good thing it means that Irving is doing well.

**Katie DeGroot:** Is that safe for the 2 bridges in the Village?

**Supervisor Fisher:** I know they are scheduled to be replaced but they have done repairs on them fairly recently.

**Katie DeGroot:** Was their landscaping required for the RV place on Route 4?

**Councilman Middleton:** We would have to go back and look at the Planning Board file and see if they submitted a landscaping plan with their site plan application.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: September 15, 2023

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk