

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 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  
Councilwoman Mullen

**ABSENT:** Councilman Suprenant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Brockway, Elizabeth O’Leary, James Donohue, Nasrene Haj, Peter Ives, Melanie Dickinson, Mike Dickinson, Steve Davie, Katie DeGroot 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 8, 2022 **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen 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 Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$278,308.23 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #9**

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<b>GENERAL A: 10992-11000,11012-11049</b>	<b>\$ 19,674.91</b>
<b>GENERAL B: 11050-11051</b>	<b>\$ 705.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY: 10991,11052-11062</b>	<b>\$235,642.87</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL: 11001-11002,11063-11065</b>	<b>\$ 3,389.09</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING: 11003-11007</b>	<b>\$ 3,569.20</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER: 11008-11010,11066-11071</b>	<b>\$ 2,243.63</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2: 11011,11072-11073</b>	<b>\$ 10,843.53</b>
<b>ARPA FUNDS: 8</b>	<b>\$ 2,240.00</b>

**TOTAL: \$278,308.23**

- The highway was high this month due to the black topping invoice

**BUSINESS:**

## **2023 Budget Workshop**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to set the 2023 budget workshop on September 20, 2022 at 10:00am **ALL AYES**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set a public hearing on the New York Forward Grant submission on September 20, 2022 at 9:55am **ALL AYES**

## **2023 Budget Public Hearing**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set the 2023 budget public hearing for Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:55pm **ALL AYES**

## **Highway Inventory Sheets**

Town Highway Superintendent Brian Brockway gave the Board the updated highway inventory sheets.

## **Pool Repair List/Needs for Next Year**

**Supervisor Fisher:** Pool Director James Donohue gave us a list of things that need to be done before next pool season. Thank you to James and his staff for a successful pool season. The pool was open for 9 weeks this year instead of 8.

**James Donohue:** I would like to thank Elizabeth & Aimee for signing people up at Town Hall; we had around 480 people that registered. We had 150 kids at the pool party and the pool got a lot more use than in years past. I would like to thank the board for their support as well as Brian for fixing the latch per DOH compliance. I would also like to thank Glens Falls Hospital for the canopies, SPF shirts, sunblock/dispensers and umbrellas and stands through the grant at no cost to the Town. The fact that it was cleaned and painted drew people as well. I was able to do a lot of outreach through the recreation department which helped. We will need to order more wrist bands for next season.

**Brian Brockway:** Hour Electric is writing up a quote for the electrical issues at the pool now.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Supervisor Fisher:** We received an estimate from Roofmasters; he did the annual inspection and determined some repairs were needed for a total of \$1,225.00. I can't read his writing so I think we need clarification on this before we approve it.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to get clarification on the estimate from Roofmasters as far as what repairs are needed on the roof at 118 Broadway  
**ALL AYES**

**Councilman Middleton:** How is the seal holding up on the side of the building where the water was coming in?

**Brian Brockway:** We will look at it and see if it needs anything before winter.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 19 OF 2022**

**MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER**

**WHEREAS,** the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby re-appoint William LaPan as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for a five year term ending September 30, 2027.

Dated: September 12, 2022

Vote: Councilman Middleton – AYE  
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE  
Councilwoman Collier – AYE  
Councilman Suprenant – ABSENT  
Supervisor Fisher – AYE

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter from Martha Mischko thanking the Town for putting up the Veteran’s Banners and American Flags.

**RFP Responses  
NY Forward Grant  
Professional Services**

- **The LA Group Scope of Services:** Assist with project scoping and general application assistance, preparation of application mapping, review of application narratives and review of application packaging at an hourly rate.
- **Nasrene Haj:** Work in conjunction with the LA Group and the Town for application coordination, grant narrative and grant application packaging at a price of \$4,950.00 for 45 hours.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to accept and engage in the contracts of both the LA Group and Nasrene Haj for assistance in the NY Forward Grant, fees to be paid by the \$40,000.00 Planning Grant received by the Town **ALL AYES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Katie DeGroot:** Thank you to the Highway Dept. for mowing and removing the signage. Also I called Glens Falls National and spoke with the CFO and we are meeting to talk about the bank building in the Village. It is currently assessed at \$600,000.00 and if we could have that lowered and come up with a rent amount we could use that as a multi-use space as a business incubator. I was thinking maybe the grasslands trust may be interested in a spot. I will be meeting with them at 2pm on 9/14 if anyone from the board would like to join that would be great.

**Supervisor Fisher:** I definitely think that is worth looking into.

**Steve Davie:** Any news on the industrial park?

**Supervisor Fisher:** They have a new head of the IDA and I haven't heard anything except the IDA paid the taxes and will be moving along with getting the bridge replaced through a grant.

**Councilman Middleton:** Boralex is sending out letters about their 100MW solar farm alerting homeowners that they will test your well prior to and after construction.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: September 22, 2022

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

