

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 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  
Councilman Suprenant  
Councilwoman Mullen  
Councilwoman Collier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Davie, Chuck Bump, Don Black, Janice Black, Brian Brockway, Elizabeth O’Leary, Peter Ives and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2021 **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve the following reports: Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Dog Control, Assessor, Supervisor and Highway as submitted **ALL AYES**

**Councilman Suprenant:** I was impressed with the Dog Control report

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$68,130.74 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #9**

<b>GENERAL A – 10152-10158, 10166-10195</b>	<b>\$17,076.38</b>
<b>GENERAL B – 10196-10197</b>	<b>\$ 658.27</b>
<b>HIGHWAY – 10198-10208</b>	<b>\$38,238.68</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL – 10159-10160, 10209-10215</b>	<b>\$ 4,631.37</b>
<b>SP. LIGHTING – 10161-10162, 10216-10218</b>	<b>\$ 2,642.21</b>
<b>SP. WATER – 10163, 10219-10223</b>	<b>\$ 724.02</b>
<b>SP. WATER 2 – 10164-10165, 10224-10227</b>	<b>\$ 4,159.81</b>

**TOTAL: \$68,130.74**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24 OF 2021**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN**

**WHEREAS,** the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby reappoint Ann Hayes as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for a five year term from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2026.

Dated: September 13, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 25 OF 2021**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN SUPRENANT**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR FISHER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR GENERAL CONSULTING SERVICES OF EFPR GROUP CPA'S, PLLC TO ASSIST THE TOWN WITH THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Fort Edward received funding as part of the American Rescue Plan, and

**WHEREAS,** the funding comes with strict guidelines on usage of the funds as well as reporting and management for the proper recording of transactions and supporting records, and

**WHEREAS,** EFPR Group CPA's, PLLC has submitted a proposal for general consulting services and Revenue Loss Calculation to assist the Town with the spending and recording of these funds at a price of \$2,000.00 which comes directly from the stimulus money received by the Town, and

**WHEREAS**, EFPR Group will be providing consulting services to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby authorizes Supervisor Fisher to sign the contract proposal with EFPR Group CPA's, PLLC for general consulting services and revenue loss calculation of the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

DATED: September 13, 2021

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26 OF 2021**

**MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR FISHER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES FOR EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL, MECHANICAL, AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AT THE TOWN POOL**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Fort Edward Community Pool is in need of major repairs to stay up and running for the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Pool had to be closed this year due to a recurring leak that has been repaired yearly for many years and is becoming cost prohibitive, and

**WHEREAS**, C.T. Male Associates has submitted a proposal to conduct an initial evaluation of the existing structural, mechanical, and electrical systems of the Town's pool for a total not to exceed \$3,200.00, and

**WHEREAS**, upon completion of the evaluation C.T. Male Associates will prepare and submit a letter for the Town documenting the evaluation as well as recommendations for repairs, replacements and potential next steps for restoring the pool to working order.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby authorizes Supervisor Fisher to sign the proposal from C.T. Male Associates allowing them to proceed with the initial evaluation of the Town Pool.

DATED: September 13, 2021

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

**BUSINESS:**

**Supervisor Fisher:**

- The closing is set for the plow truck for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Glens Falls National came in the lowest with 1.9% for 5 years.
- It was brought to me by a taxpayer that we should replace the welcome sign that was hit years ago on Route 197. How does the Board feel about replacing it with a wooden sign and where would we get it?

**Councilman Suprenant:** We could try G.A. West.

**Councilwoman Collier:** I am working on another project with them now so I can inquire about it.

**Councilman Middleton:** I believe there is a guy in Queensbury that does wooden signs.

**Brian Brockway:** I can take a picture of the one in Fort Miller so you will have something to go by.

**Supervisor Fisher:** We have a proposal for updating the Code Book from General Code that we need to review for our next meeting.

**Nuisance Law**

**Supervisor Fisher:** The Village has a Nuisance Law and we have asked our Attorney to prepare something similar for the Town.

**Janice Black:** That is why we are here; we live in the tan house on the edge of the Burgoyne Ave. trailer park. We are having problems with them having smoky fires and turning it into a junkyard. We have called the Sherriff when they threatened to burn our house down which was not the first time they have threatened us. The cars go in and out of there at 40mph and there are small children and it's a real safety concern. They are loud and disruptive all hours of the day and night.

**Councilman Suprenant:** Have you documented the threats?

**Janice Black:** The only documenting would be through the Sherriff's Dept.

**Supervisor Fisher:** The Code Enforcement Officer and I went up there 2 weeks ago and gave them another warning.

**Brian Brockway:** What is the water situation up there? I would recommend calling the Town Attorney and having a letter sent to shut the water off seeing as it is still going through Mr. Black's house.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to take the next steps to get a Nuisance Law in place for the Town of Fort Edward **ALL AYES**

### **Date Change for October Town Board Meeting**

**Supervisor Fisher:** The Regular Town Board meeting for October will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 due to Columbus Day.

### **2022 Budget Workshop**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to set the 2022 budget workshop for Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 10:00am **ALL AYES**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to set the 2022 Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:55pm **ALL AYES**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Brian Brockway:** We have trucks that I would like to get the Board to declare surplus so I can put them on govdeals.com

- 1998 International Plow Truck
- 1998 Chevy ¾ ton Pickup
- 2000 Chevy Bucket Truck
- 2002 International Plow Truck

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to declare the trucks that Town Highway Superintendent Brian Brockway listed as surplus **ALL AYES**

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to put the surplus trucks up for auction on govdeals.com **ALL AYES**

**Supervisor Fisher:** We received a quote for the repair of the roof on the front of Town Hall where it is leaking in the amount of \$6,200.00. We will need to get 2 more written quotes for this project.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to enter into executive session at 7:36pm to discuss contract negotiations **ALL AYES**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to come out of executive session and back into regular session at 8:03pm **ALL AYES**

**Back in regular session**

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the 3 year Highway Contract negotiated by Councilman Middleton, Councilwoman Collier and the Highway Department **ALL AYES**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: September 16, 2021

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk