

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD BUDGET
WORKSHOP HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT TOWN HALL
COMMENCING AT 10:00 A.M.**

Supervisor Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:10am

PRESENT: Supervisor Fisher
Councilman Middleton
Councilwoman Mullen
Councilman Suprenant

ABSENT: Councilwoman Collier

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Brockway, Peter Ives, Paul McCarty, Joe Malvuccio and Town Clerk Aimee Ives

2025 Budget Workshop

Councilman Middleton: Are we adding a line for the Annex building?

Paul McCarty: I put a request in for \$5,000.00 for 2025. The bathroom is almost complete and that was done with a grant. The boiler has been sitting for years.

Peter Ives: We have \$25,000.00 in the budget for this building. What are you planning to do to that building?

Supervisor Fisher: We need it in case we have to pay someone to get started.

Paul McCarty: Grants are available; we just have to apply for them.

Peter Ives: We can take it out of the general fund if we have to.

Paul McCarty: Fort Edward was named almost 270 years ago to the day that the 2025 parade will be held and I feel that should be emphasized as a part of that celebration.

Supervisor Fisher: The request for the 2025 Parade contribution from the Town was \$12,000.00. We have to take on some extra expenses next year taking over the Justice Court and Court Clerk which makes that a large ask. We will be getting revenue from the Solar Projects once they are up and running which will help offset those expenses.

Board Contribution: \$5,000.00

Brian Brockway: The solar money was ear marked for highway equipment.

Supervisor Fisher: That was before we had the additional expenses from taking over the Court. We will have revenue from CS Energy, Boralex, Champlain Hudson Power Express and are currently receiving \$69,200.00/yr. from the solar project on our landfill.

Brian Brockway: I will need to get on a build schedule a couple years in advance.

Paul McCarty: Union Cemetery is requesting an increase; the cemetery is 23 acres and if they go belly up the Town will have to take it over. We are asking to be increased from \$8,500.00-\$9,000.00.

Board Contribution:

- **\$9,000.00 – Union Cemetery**
- **\$1,000.00 – Riverside Cemetery**

Supervisor Fisher: Received a request from Building Inspector Matt French for a 3rd week of paid vacation.

Board Agreed

Paul McCarty: The Museum was decreased at some point from \$10,000.00 to \$8,500.00 and I am requesting that it be increased to \$10,000.00 especially with all of the Fort Edward Celebrations coming up.

Museum - \$10,000.00
Historian - \$2,150.00

Preliminary Budget Public Hearing will be Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:55pm

- No increase in the tax rate**
- Not exceeding the tax cap**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the workshop at 11:20am **ALL AYES**

Dated: September 27, 2024

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk