

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 6:50 P.M.**

Supervisor Fisher opened the public hearing at 6:50pm

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

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Collier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Peter Ives, Steve Davie, Elizabeth O’Leary, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Katie DeGroot and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

The following notice was published in The Post Star on October 4, 2022:

**TOWN OF FORT EDWARD  
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given, the preliminary budget for the Town of Fort Edward, Washington County, New York, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York where it is available for inspection during regular business hours.

Further notice is hereby given, the Town Board will hold a public hearing thereon Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:55 P.M. at the Town Hall, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York and at such hearing any person may be heard.

Pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	- \$ 11,085
Town Councilman (4)	- \$ 5,000
Superintendent of Hwy	- \$ 69,032
Town Clerk/Collector	- \$ 48,485
Town Justice	- \$ 16,970

In addition, REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW-SECTION 495

Exemption report: shows total assessed value on the final assessment roll that is exempt from taxation: shows the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted: this report is part of the final budget, and made available at the Town Hall.

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**Councilman Suprenant:** Did we eliminate a person from the garbage crew?

**Peter Ives:** We have 2 people doing garbage that work 2.5 days out of garbage and 2.5 days out of highway. I adjusted the A account for garbage and DB account for general repairs so you are

basically shifting the funds but that is where they should be coming from. If you look at the appropriations for the A fund they are the same as they were last year except we are using about \$40,000.00 less fund balance, B appropriations are the same with a little less fund balance, DB account is using more fund balance so that we can stay under the 2% tax cap. The tax rate will be lower per thousand due to the increase in assessment from the revaluation.

**Councilman Suprenant:** Why has our rental gone down in the special water account?

**Peter Ives:** Because you asked that some of it be placed in the A account.

**Councilman Suprenant:** Right, it should because that is our land. I just wanted to make sure someone hasn't stopped paying.

**Councilman Suprenant:** Why did Consolidated Board of Health go from \$0.00 to \$5,000.00?

**Peter Ives:** The fund was depleted and needed to be replenished. We pay Dr. Foote \$1,800.00/yr. to be the Town Health Inspector.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to close the public hearing at 7:03pm **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Fisher opened the public hearing at 7:04pm

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

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Collier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Peter Ives, Steve Davie, Elizabeth O'Leary, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Katie DeGroot and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

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**TOWN OF FORT EDWARD  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward on October 11, 2022 at 6:55 p.m. at Town Hall, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY regarding the consideration of a proposed increase in garbage sticker pricing from \$1.50/sticker to \$2.00/sticker.

At the public hearing anyone that wishes to comment will be heard.

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**Supervisor Fisher:** The last time the price was increased was 2002 and we are paying more to get rid of the garbage and a lot more in fuel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Katie DeGroot:** It would be nice if we could buy stickers for the year instead of having to come in and out to get them.

**Elizabeth O’Leary:** You can buy as many as you want.

**Katie DeGroot:** I know but that would be a guess at what you are going to use.

**Supervisor Fisher:** That would be hard for the guys collecting because right now they look for the sticker. How would they know?

**Steve Davie:** It’s still cheaper than any hauler in Town.

**Brian Brockway:** The garbage truck is a 1998 with 180,000 miles on it and runs 5 days a week.

**Supervisor Fisher:** From what we hear the public wants to continue getting garbage pick-up so somebody has to pay for it. We have been at a deficit for a while so we are going to try the price increase and hope that with the increase in the private haulers we will get some customers back. We aren’t looking to make money on garbage we just want to be able to pay for the service. A new garbage truck would cost around \$180,000.00.

**Councilman Suprenant:** What about a smaller garbage truck?

**Brian Brockway:** I am looking into pricing on a smaller truck.

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to close the public hearing at 7:13pm **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Fisher called the regular meeting to order at 7:14pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Collier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Peter Ives, Steve Davie, Elizabeth O’Leary, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Katie DeGroot and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

**BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12 , 2022 and budget workshop and public hearing of September 20, 2022 **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, 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 Councilman Suprenant to approve Abstract #10 in the amount of \$49,311.05 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #10**

<b>GENERAL A: 11074-11081,11094-11117</b>	<b>\$ 8,713.84</b>
<b>GENERAL B: 11118</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY: 11119-11124</b>	<b>\$ 4,401.15</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL: 11082-11083,11125-11131</b>	<b>\$ 5,497.15</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING: 11084-11088,11132</b>	<b>\$ 4,239.02</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER: 11089-11091,11133-11135</b>	<b>\$23,656.31</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2: 11092-11093,11136</b>	<b>\$ 80.33</b>
<b>ARPA: 9</b>	<b>\$ 2,696.25</b>

**TOTAL: \$49,311.05**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to take the LA Group invoice for services on the NY Forward Grant out of the ARPA funds until the \$40,000.00 Planning Grant Funds are received **ALL AYES**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Mahoney Notify-Plus Inc.  
Alarm/Panic System  
Quote**

**Supervisor Fisher:** We received a quote from Mahoney Notify-Plus to install and monitor 5 panic buttons in the Town and Village Offices that will be connected to dispatch; if the button is pressed it is the equivalent of calling 911. The price for the purchase and installation will be

\$2,995.00 with a monitoring fee of \$28.50/month. The cost will be split between the Town and the Village.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to accept and approve the quote from Mahoney Notify-Plus Inc. to purchase, install and monitor 5 panic buttons in the Town and Village offices **ALL AYES**

**Hour Electric Co., Inc.  
Pool Building Electrical  
Quote**

**Supervisor Fisher:** We received a quote from Hour Electric to upgrade the electrical at the pool building. The wiring is old and rusted out and needs to be updated for safety. Now is the time to do it so we aren't scrambling in the spring. The quote is for \$14,395.00 and will come out of the ARPA funds that are meant to be used for projects like this.

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to accept and approve the quote from Hour Electric Co., Inc. to upgrade the electrical at the pool at a price of \$14,395.00 **ALL AYES**

**Fort Miller Park**

**Supervisor Fisher:** We need to try and get a grant to upgrade the Fort Miller Park. It needs a new surface for the basketball court as well as basketball hoops, the playground equipment has to be taken out due to safety hazards.

**Councilman Middleton:** I'm pretty sure Glens Falls Hospital gives money for things like parks. I will ask James who he spoke to for the pool supply grant.

**Councilman Suprenant:** Kathy Varney was very helpful in getting the lift for the pool as well as putting in the park benches.

**Katie DeGroot:** What about trying through the Fort Miller Church and have some kind of community meeting to get an assessment of what people want to see at the park. If there aren't any young kids in Fort Miller it may not be worth doing a play center for kids. I see a lot of people fishing there also. I will ask Carrie if there are any grants for that as well as when we can expect the planning grant funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Steve Davie:** We have had some innuendos of some pretty dirty industry coming into the industrial park in terms of how much water, gas, etc. they wanted. We are going to have chips in New York State and we've got one in Saratoga so why can't we get one? There is clean industry that could go in there but I don't know how the IDA markets that stuff.

**Supervisor Fisher:** The problem is there isn't any water or sewer and you need a ton of water for chips. The IDA is working on it.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: October 13, 2022

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk