

MINUTES OF THE FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING HELD AT TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 COMMENCING AT 6:50 P.M.

Supervisor Fisher opened the Public Hearing at 6:52pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Brockway, Lynne Griffin, David Earsing, Evan Callahan, Mitch Quine and Town Attorney Bill Nikas

BUSINESS:

**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, 2025, 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 15, 2024 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	- \$ 11,814
Town Councilman (4)	- \$ 5,330
Superintendent of Hwy	- \$ 73,620
Town Clerk/Collector	- \$ 55,442
Town Justice	- \$ 18,090

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.

Publish: October 1, 2024

Board Comments:

- Adjust the Town Justice line for 4/1/2025

- Increase Celebration line \$5,000.00 for the Parade
- Increase CDL Driver pay for Carter and Cogan (\$1.00)

Public Comment: None

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to close the public hearing at 7:00pm **ALL AYES**

Supervisor Fisher called the regular meeting to order at 7:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to approve both the minutes of the regular meeting held September 9, 2024 and the 2025 Budget Workshop held September 24, 2024 **ALL AYES**

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to approve Abstract #10 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #10

GENERAL A: 12778-12790, 12798-12831	\$52,280.23
GENERAL B: 12832	\$ 58.00
HIGHWAY: 12833-12840	\$18,668.31
MUNICIPAL: 12791-12792,12841-12846	\$ 4,923.84
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 12793	\$ 2,963.02
SPECIAL WATER: 12794-12796, 12847-12852	\$ 1,440.93
SPECIAL WATER 2: 12797, 12853-12855	\$ 696.34
CS ENERGY ESCROW: 3-4 (12856-12857)	\$ 6,517.50

TOTAL: \$87,548.17

OTHER BUSINESS:

**Evan Callahan – CS Energy
Dolan & Somers Solar Projects**

Evan Callahan:

- Gave the Board both the Decommissioning Agreement for the Dolan Solar Project and the Somers Solar Project.
 - o **Bond required prior to construction**

- **180 days to Decommission**
- **If not operational for more than 12 months the Town can call the Bond to Decommission.**

- Construction is expected to begin on the Dolan project in early 2025.
- Host package mentioned, discussion will begin soon.
- Effective Date 10/15/2024

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to authorize Supervisor Fisher to sign the Decommissioning Agreements for both the Dolan Solar and Somers Solar Projects **ALL AYES**

Councilman Middleton: Did you have an issue with the 40% lot coverage requirement?

Evan Callahan: The Zoning Board granted the Area Variance needed.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16 OF 2024

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby re-appoint David Cutler as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for a five year term ending September 30, 2029.

Dated: October 15, 2024

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

David Earsing: Gave a parade update, the last piece is to contact the Fire Dept. and see if maybe they could do a demonstration or possibly recruitment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you from Fort Miller and they are working on getting signatures to send to the State for the speed limit reduction on North River Rd.

Supervisor Fisher: We need to look into an easier way to get garbage stickers; I am going to check with the County Treasurer and see if there is a way to set up an online payment.

Brian Brockway:

- Cab/Chassis in at Delurey
- Windshield has been changed
- East Rd. has been striped

Councilman Middleton and Councilwoman Collier signed the Highway Contract

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: October 18, 2024

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk