

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

Supervisor Suprenant called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Supervisor Suprenant
Councilman Orsini
Councilman Mercier
Councilman Middleton
Councilman Fisher

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph Pickering, Brian Brockway, Katie DeGroot, Richard Belden, Jeannie Mullen, Darlene DeVoe and Town Attorney Mary-Ellen Stockwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to approve the minutes of the budget hearing and regular meeting of October 10, 2017
ALL AYES

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve the reports of the Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway, Code Enforcement Officer & Supervisor's Report as submitted **ALL AYES**

The following report was submitted by Grant Coordinator Darlene DeVoe for November, 2017:

Grant Coordinator Report for November 2017

Submitted by Darlene DeVoe 11/13/2017

EPA Petroleum Assessment Grant -

We are working on the closeout package which we will submit at the end of the month. We have the final engineering bills in for payment this month. We may have one more for BRS for the closeout paperwork and final reimbursement request.

HOME 2013 –

We are wrapping up our last approved project and have begun the grant closeout.

BOA Step 3 –

I will be meeting with Jim Thatcher from CTM extensively over the next 6 weeks to bring this grant closer to completion. The SEQR Lead Agency determination still needs to be addressed. I believe our Attorney may have this ready but we need to get this done NEXT MONTH.

Community Planning –

The Town Master Plan is nearing completion and will be ready to present to the Town Board on December 31, 2017.

Grand Union project –

Our project was selected by the ACEC – American Council of Engineering Companies as the Platinum Award Winner from New York! Congratulations to all team members!

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to approve Abstract #11 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #11

GENERAL A – 6940-6942,6947-6986	\$17,516.25
GENERAL B- 6987-6988	\$ 704.50
HIGHWAY- 6989-6999	\$ 4,331.39
MUNICIPAL- 6943,7000-7008	\$ 2,514.34
SPECIAL LIGHTING- 6944,7009-7010	\$ 2,712.56
SPECIAL WATER- 6945,7011-7014	\$19,899.56
SPECIAL WATER 2- 6946,7015-7016	\$ 123.12
VERIZON ESCROW- 11	\$ 42.00
BOA 3 – 27	\$ 900.00
EPA PET. ASSES. 53-54	\$38,525.90

TOTAL: \$87,269.62

BUSINESS:

Supervisor Suprenant: I received a call from John Winbush regarding the Bradley Beach Project. He was asking what we would like to see down there. Some ideas would be a kayak launch or a parking area.

Darlene DeVoe: The scope will have to be changed before any contracts are signed for that project.

Supervisor Suprenant: I noticed we have a lot of money going out this month for the BOA 3, are we getting any reimbursements back?

Darlene DeVoe: Yes all of the HOME 2013 will be in and BOA 3 is being worked on. As for the EPA we are still waiting to see what they are going to cover. Everything will be completed by the end of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to adopt the 2018 Town Budget

Hawking & Peddling License Application

- An application was submitted by Joseph Pickering of Snowball Tree Farms to sell Christmas Trees in the Agway Parking Lot. Mr. Pickering supplied the Board with a letter from the property owner giving permission to sell the trees. The same application was granted last year.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to grant the Hawking & Peddling license to Joseph Pickering of Snowball Tree Farms for the sale of Christmas Trees in the Agway parking lot **ALL EYES**

Supervisor Suprenant: We have hired an Assessor and Clerk and they will be appointed at the organizational meeting in January.

- We need 2 members for the Town Zoning Board of Appeals and 1 member for the Board of Assessment Review

RESOLUTIONS:

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution Number 28 of 2017
Adopted November 13, 2017

Introduced by Councilman Fisher
who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Middleton

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2017, A LOCAL LAW
AMENDING THE EXEMPTION FOR COLD WAR VETERANS FROM REAL
PROPERTY TAX PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 458-B
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, Section 458-b of the New York State Real Property Tax Law authorizes a partial exemption from real property taxes on qualifying residential real property owned by qualifying property owners whom are veterans; and

WHEREAS, currently the local law codified in Chapter 92 of the Code of the Town of Fort Edward, entitled "Taxation," Article V, entitled "Code War Veterans Exemption," §92-12 "Limitations; application for exemption" limits the exemption to a ten (10) year period; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 12, 2017, a law codified in Chapter 290 was passed with approval of the Governor that removes the ten (10) year limitation on the Cold War Veterans Exemption codified under Real Property Tax Law Section 428-b; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to remove the ten (10) year limitation on the Cold War Veteran's Exemption as allowable under the new law for qualifying property owners of qualifying property within the Town of Fort Edward; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward has previously authorized the Town Attorney to prepare a proposed local law that would provide the amendment to above-described exemption and the Town Board has reviewed the proposed local law that was prepared and is subject to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward believes it is in the best interest of the Town to introduce for the purposes of adoption an introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2017 of the Town of Fort Edward which allows for The Cold War Veterans exemption to apply to qualifying owners of qualifying real property for as long as they remain qualifying owners, without regard to the ten (10) year limitation set forth in NYS Real Property Tax Law §458-b; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board determines that the adoption of the proposed Local Law is a Type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall meet at the Town Hall of the Town of Fort Edward, Washington County, New York, on the 11th day of December, 2017 at 6:55 p.m., to hear all persons interested in the matter; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said hearing in *The Post-Star*, the official Town newspaper and to post a copy of the same on the sign-board of the Town in the time and manner provided by law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mitchell C. Suprenant, Jr., Supervisor	AYES	<u>5</u>
Timothy Fisher, Councilman	NAYS	<u>0</u>
Terry Middleton, Councilman	ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
Richard Mercier, Councilman	ABSENT	<u>0</u>
Neil Orsini, Councilman		

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Edward

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to set a public hearing for December 11, 2017 at 6:55pm **ALL AYES**

End of year meeting set for December 29, 2017 at 10:00am

Brian Brockway:

- Waste Management is no longer taking recycling. I spoke with Gary Ringer and they may be interested in taking it for the same amount of money; if not we will have to figure something else out. Maybe reach out to Carrie Woerner's Office and see if they have any suggestions.
- We finished up the Fort Miller Barn, it was quite an undertaking but the doors are working now and the project is complete.
- The plows are ready for the winter

**Patriot Garden
Bid Results**

Supervisor Suprenant: We want out to bid for the Patriot Garden planting and maintenance. We received the following 4 bids.

- 1) PK's Lawncare - \$4,900.00
- 2) The Garden Barn - \$5,800.00
- 3) Grasshopper Gardens - \$3,920.00
- 4) Evergreen Landscaping & Turf - \$3,270.00

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to appoint Evergreen Landscaping & Turf the winner of the bid for the landscaping, planting, weeding, mulching, trimming and watering of the Patriot Garden throughout the season and addition of tulip bulbs for Spring and mums for Fall **ALL AYES**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: November 14, 2017

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk