

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 VIA ZOOM COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

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

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Losaw  
Councilman Middleton  
Councilwoman Mullen  
Councilman Fisher  
Councilman Mercier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Peter Ives, Elizabeth O’Leary, Katie DeGroot, Brian Brockway, Stephen Davie, Matt French and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve the minutes of the public hearing & regular meeting of October 13, 2020 **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the following reports: Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer, Highway & Supervisor’s Report **ALL AYES**

**Supervisor Losaw:** I reached out to ACO Christopher Goodness regarding not submitting a monthly report as well as paperwork issues and have not heard back from him.

- Post Job opening for Animal Control Officer and hold paycheck until we hear back from him.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #11 in the amount of \$42,985.91 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #11**

<b>GENERAL A: 9490-9494, 9503-9526</b>	<b>\$19,886.52</b>
<b>GENERAL B: 9527-9528</b>	<b>\$ 7,536.50</b>
<b>HIGHWAY: 9529-9535</b>	<b>\$11,009.63</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL: 9495, 9536-9537</b>	<b>\$ 945.67</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING: 9496-9499</b>	<b>\$ 376.93</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER: 9500-9501, 9538-9539</b>	<b>\$ 319.97</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2: 9540-9542</b>	<b>\$ 273.88</b>
<b>Barn Fire Insurance:</b>	<b>\$ 2,636.81</b>

**TOTAL: \$42,985.91**

**Supervisor Losaw:** I would like to hold off on paying the HodgsonRuss invoice until I hear back from them on exactly what it is for.

**BUSINESS:**

**Rogers Island Visitor's Center  
Furnace Quotes**

**Supervisor Losaw:** 3 quotes were received for the new furnace at the Visitor's Center with LaPan being the lowest bid at \$7,200.00. I would like to ask the Board for authority to proceed with this.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to authorize Supervisor Losaw to enter into a contract with LaPan's Precision to replace the furnace at the Visitor's Center for a cost of \$7,200.00 **ALL AYES**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 25 OF 2020**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FISHER**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2021 TOWN BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward held its public hearing on the 2021 Preliminary Budget on October 13, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, there was limited public comment on the town budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby adopts the 2021 Town Budget in the amount of \$1,613,514.84

**Dated:** November 9, 2020

**Roll Call Vote:** Councilman Mercier – AYE  
Councilman Middleton - AYE  
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE  
Councilman Fisher – AYE  
Supervisor Losaw - AYE

**AYES: 5**  
**NAYS : 0**  
**ABSENT: 0**

**Councilman Mercier:** I would like to make a motion that we cancel the uniform contract with Unifirst January 1, 2021 and get our own uniforms.

No second

**Councilman Middleton:** What is the status of the highway contract?

**Supervisor Losaw:** The same as it was a year ago.

**Councilman Middleton:** I believe we need to have an alternate uniform plan in place before we cancel Unifirst.

**Brian Brockway:** This year's contract with Unifirst was never signed so I am not sure if that makes a difference.

**Councilman Middleton:** I will volunteer to help with that.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Brian Brockway:** The new water truck will be between \$38,000.00 and \$38,500.00. Also I spoke with someone about getting the bucket truck recertified and no one will touch the aluminum boom after it was in a fire and I have no word back on the generator.

As far as installing the fence at the new barn I don't have a problem doing it as long as there is a resolution put in place regarding the maintenance of it. We will maintain our side and the side on the Carpenter property will be maintained by them.

**Councilman Middleton:** Did we get a price to have the company do the install?

**Supervisor Losaw:** We did but they are completely booked out for a while.

**Brian Brockway:** I was informed about a New York Culvert Grant which is a 100% reimbursable grant and they write it for you also.

**Supervisor Losaw:** How do they get their money? I do not have a problem with it as long as it doesn't cost the Town anything.

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to authorize Highway Superintendent Brian Brockway to proceed with the New York Culvert Grant Opportunity **ALL AYES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: November 13, 2020

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk