

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Supervisor Fisher
Councilman Middleton
Councilwoman Mullen

ABSENT: Councilman Suprenant
Councilwoman Collier

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Cozzens, Frank Burkhardt, Elizabeth O’Leary, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2023 and the special meeting of November 22, 2023 **ALL AYES**

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #12 in the amount of \$52,918.94 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #12

GENERAL A: 12079-12088,12094-12122	\$25,263.04
GENERAL B: 12123-12125	\$ 401.99
HIGHWAY: 12126-12136	\$21,327.10
MUNICIPAL: 12137-12140	\$ 1,524.15
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 12089-12090	\$ 3,266.84
SPECIAL WATER: 12091-12093,12141-12145	\$ 1,065.82
SPECIAL WATER 2: 12146-12147	\$ 70.00

TOTAL: \$52,918.94

BUSINESS:

**Agreement to Share a Bucket Truck
With the Town of Argyle**

Supervisor Fisher: Our Attorney has prepared a memo outlining the possibility of an inter-municipal agreement between the Town and the Town of Argyle for the sharing of a bucket truck.

We will be making the purchase out of the general account when we find a truck to purchase in the event that the Village of Fort Edward needs to use the truck. We will also be storing the truck because we have room.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16 OF 2023

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward is replacing the current street light bulbs with more efficient LED bulbs, and

WHEREAS, a quote was received from Askco Electric for the purchase of 55 LED bulbs totaling \$2,464.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Fort Edward hereby accepts the quote from Askco Electric for the purchase of 55 LED light bulbs at a price not to exceed \$2,464.00.

Dated: December 11, 2023

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

Supervisor Fisher: The payback time on this is 7 months.

End of Year Meeting

MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to set the end of year meeting on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 10:00am **ALL AYES**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kyle Cozzens: I own Evergreen Bicycle Works and I am a member of Promote Fort Edward and I would like to bring something to your attention that we are working on through Promote Fort Edward. There is a program called Empire State Trail Towns which is through Parks and Trails

New York. An Empire State Trail Town is a community that recognizes the value of the trail and has committed its time and resources to foster a trail culture and make associated improvements to process, policy and physical infrastructure. The Empire State Trail is the bicycle touring route that runs from New York City to Canada and also includes the Erie Canal Trail from Buffalo to Albany. We intend to apply for this and we need to apply with a municipality; we aren't sure whether we want to go with the Village or the Town but most of what is the trail town is in the Village. The Village is where most of the businesses that are in relation to the trail are located but I just wanted it out there that we will be filling out the application.

Supervisor Fisher: We are definitely in support of that.

Kyle Cozzens: I need to speak with Promote Fort Edward and if we do decide to go through the Town we would be trying to get on the agenda for your next meeting. The application doesn't come out until December 15th; it is a pretty in depth application but there are a lot of benefits for these trail towns.

Supervisor Fisher: When you get more information let us know.

Councilman Middleton: I reached out to no avail to the Glens Falls bus authority which is now CDTA to get a bus shelter there like there was in the past.

Kyle Cozzens: There wasn't even signage; I emailed them before they merged with CDTA because there was no indication of a bus stop and there are many people that get off the train and they come and ask us first but we aren't always there every day. Now there is signage but no outdoor shelter. We do keep that area clear of snow also.

Elizabeth O'Leary: Is there a way to have the bus schedule posted on the inside of the bus shelter as well.

Kyle Cozzens: I tried to get some sort of schedule board from them as well. I told Glens Falls Transit that if they got the information to us at the bike shop we would post it outside so we are willing to help out with that.

Supervisor Fisher: We will reach out to them on these issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: December 12, 2023

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

