

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 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 Suprenant
Councilman Middleton
Councilwoman Collier
Councilwoman Mullen

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Davie, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Katie DeGroot, Brian Katz, Maria Rosenblum, Therese Gillis, Mike Dickinson, Melanie Dickinson, Nasrene Haj and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2022
ALL AYES

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier 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 #12 in the amount of \$31,896.02
ALL AYES

ABSTRACT #12

GENERAL A: 11223-11228,11235-11258	\$10,451.61
GENERAL B: 11259-11260	\$ 354.00
HIGHWAY: 11261-11266	\$ 3,229.89
MUNICIPAL: 11221-11222,11267-11272	\$11,994.74
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 11229-11232	\$ 3,360.22
SPECIAL WATER: 11233-11234,11273-11276	\$ 665.56
SPECIAL WATER 2: 11277	\$ 35.00
ARPA: 10-11	\$ 1,805.00

TOTAL: \$31,896.02

BUSINESS:

Town Credit Card

Councilman Middleton: We need to think about getting a credit card; many times we can buy something cheaper online.

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to apply for a Town credit card contingent on asking the Village the process they went through **ALL AYES**

End of Year Meeting Date

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to set the end of year meeting on December 28, 2022 at 10:00am **ALL AYES**

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22 OF 2022

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON

**AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR FISHER TO SIGN THE PROPOSED LEASE
AMENDMENT – AC POWER 9, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Town entered into a lease agreement on September 15, 2020 with AC Power 9, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the landlord (Town of Fort Edward, NY) and the tenant (AC Power 9, LLC) desire to amend the lease agreement, and

WHEREAS, the lease amendment has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and no issues were found.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby authorizes Supervisor Fisher to sign the lease amendment with AC Power 9, LLC.

Dated: December 12, 2022

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Fisher: We received a Notice of Upcoming Utility Pole Maintenance from National Grid. The maintenance is scheduled to begin in February 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board received the following letter from residents of Fort Miller:

Town Board

December 2022

Dear Supervisor Fisher and Board Members Middleton, Suprenant, Mullen and Collier,

This letter follows up on the public discussions we had at the November Town Board meeting regarding various issues in Fort Miller.

1. Basketball Hoops & Court: Thanks again for procuring the backboards and hoops. We look forward to the courts being usable again. We reiterate that no lighting is preferred, as it will deter people from playing at night and disturbing the immediate neighbors.
2. Park: In general, we are happy with the park, and thank the town crew for maintaining it, including resurfacing the parking area to deal with the ponding issues. Going forward, we hope that the gravel pile will not be replenished and that the field will be solely for recreational purposes.
3. Park Berms: At a meeting of Fort Miller neighbors, we agreed among ourselves that we like the berms and will plan a community day in the spring to weed and prune the existing plantings. We will work together to maintain them. We all agreed that the berms are a helpful and attractive barrier to keep people from driving onto the field and to keep balls, children and dogs from easily escaping into the street.
4. Speed Limit on Fort Miller Road and North River Road: At the November meeting, we asked for a traffic study in order to clarify and hopefully lower and post the speed limits in Fort Miller. Now that these roads are part of the Empire Trail, we have seen a marked increase in cycling, jogging and pedestrian traffic through Fort Miller. There has also been a significant increase in dog walkers, as well as birdwatchers parking along North River Road and partially blocking the roadway. Lowering and posting a reasonable speed limit (several years back the community petitioned unsuccessfully for 25mph) would

enhance the safety of all users of the road. We understand the State DOT is responsible for this, but hopefully the Town can request this study.

Thank you for your help,

All the best,

Kerri Culhane and Jason Black
Maria Rosenblum and Brian Katz
Gary Stine

Councilman Suprenant: We did a survey down there 15 years ago on the speed limit and nothing happened. I suggest you go through the Washington County Public Works and have them request a survey from the State.

Supervisor Fisher: Terry and I met with GE and DEC and they were fine with making trails down to fish as long as nothing was dug up but the residents will have to help police that area because we don't have staff for that.

Brian Katz: Thank you again and we are prepared to help in any way we can.

Katie DeGroot: I heard there was a lot of confusion as to where to park for the Holiday Train. Also, signage; we will be working on that over the winter. We would like to find out how to get more permanent signs to inform people about what we have to offer here.

Councilman Middleton: The Empire State Trail project included adding kiosks that you could scan with your phone for information.

Katie DeGroot: We allowed Boralex to have 22 acres of property; is it true that because of the size of the project the Town zoning has no say?

Councilman Middleton: Yes that is true; anything over 25 megawatts is regulated by the State.

Supervisor Fisher: We met with Boralex and they said they would be holding informational meetings at the Fort Miller Church.

Nasrene Haj: Who benefits from the solar?

Supervisor Fisher: Supposedly it will be a savings for all of us.

Therese Gillis: I was at a meeting with the Director of Environmental Justice Dept. regarding Saratoga Biochar this morning and there is an environmental suit being filed. The Village reservoir is close to that and the Village is concerned about it. Was the Town notified?

Supervisor Fisher: The Town would not be notified because we do not own property in the Town of Moreau; the reservoir property is owned by the Village.

Therese Gillis: We want to have a hybrid meeting at the Marketplace December 19th at 6:00pm for people that want information but don't have a way to watch the virtual meeting. Also, our gate is open and we can walk all the way down to the lock house again. Where is the Champlain Hudson Power Express coming through Fort Edward?

Councilman Middleton: It is following along the railroad tracks.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brian Brockway: I received the MS4 binder for the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) project. Are we sending that to C.T. Male seeing as that is who does the report for the Town?

Supervisor Fisher: Yes

Brian Brockway: We used the sidewalk machine today and it worked better than it has in a while. I also want to let you know that we will most likely be getting calls from residents on Perkins Dr. because they have lined both sides of the road with markers to protect their sprinkler heads and they are going to get hit by the plow. The Town owns 25' from the center of the road and that road isn't very wide to begin with.

Councilman Suprenant: I just want to say that the community suffered a loss with the death of Bill Durkee Saturday night. Bill was a School Teacher, Coach, Fireman, Pool Director and all around great community member and he will be missed.

Councilman Middleton: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: December 13, 2022

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

