

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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, Donna Brockway, Stephen Davie, Evan Lawrence (The Post Star) and Town Clerk Aimee Mahoney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2020 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, 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**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #12 in the amount of \$42,985.91 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #12

GENERAL A: 9543-9550,9559-9580	\$13,993.22
GENERAL B: 9581-9582	\$ 337.50
HIGHWAY: 9583-9594	\$ 5,037.00
MUNICIPAL: 9551,9595-9604	\$ 2,762.46
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 9552-9556	\$ 5,399.67
SPECIAL WATER: 9557-9558,9605-9609	\$ 745.80
SPECIAL WATER 2: 9610-9612	\$ 162.73
Barn Fire Insurance:	\$ 5,602.26

TOTAL: \$34,040.64

BUSINESS:

Proclamation for Fort Edward Express

PROCLAMATION

APPRECIATION PROCLAMATION TO LANCE HILLMAN OF FORT EDWARD EXPRESS COMPANY, INC. FOR THE STORAGE OF TOWN HIGHWAY TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, The Town of Fort Edward Highway Garage suffered fire damage on May 9, 2019 and was deemed a total loss, and

WHEREAS, Construction of a new highway garage was going to continue through the winter months and storage was needed for trucks and equipment, and

WHEREAS, Lance Hillman is the President and Chief Executive Operator of Fort Edward Express Company, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hillman opened up his heated facility to the Town for storage of trucks and equipment while the new Town Highway Garage was under construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Edward Town Board hereby proclaims and expresses their deepest appreciation to Lance Hillman and Fort Edward Express Company, Inc. for his generosity and support in allowing the Town to store trucks and equipment in their heating facility in their time of need.

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

**Supervisor Lester Losaw
Councilman Terry Middleton
Councilman Timothy Fisher
Councilwoman Jeanie Mullen
Councilman Richard Mercier**

Assessor Clerk Resignation

Supervisor Losaw: We received a resignation letter from Assessor Clerk Joelle West effective immediately.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to accept the resignation of Assessor Clerk Joelle West **ALL AYES**

Set End of Year Meeting

Supervisor Losaw: We need a date for our end of year meeting.

MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to set the end of year meeting date for Monday, December 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. **ALL AYES**

Holiday Decoration Committee

Supervisor Losaw: We need a committee to order decorations for next year after Christmas due to losing ours in the fire.

Councilman Middleton will confirm the replacement amount with the Insurance Company and will work on getting new ones ordered with Councilwoman Mullen.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAM MARTINDALE AS TOWN ASSESSORS CLERK

WHEREAS, the Assessor's Clerk Joelle West resigned, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martindale possesses the necessary qualifications to continue as the Town's Assessor Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward hereby appoints Pam Martindale to the position of Assessor's Clerk of the Town of Fort Edward effective December 15, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Dated: December 14, 2020

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

I, Aimee Mahoney, Clerk of the Town of Fort Edward hereby certifies that the above resolution was adopted by the Fort Edward Town Board at the Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2020 .

Dated: December 14, 2020

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 27 OF 2020

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FISHER

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF
REAL PROPERTY TO COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward owns a parcel of real property located near the former General Electric “dewatering facility” and which is identified as tax map parcel 163.-2-19.1; and

WHEREAS, due to a mapping/description error that apparently occurred when the Town acquired the property, a small portion of the property includes the roadway that provides access to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) has offered to obtain and consolidate all the parcels used for access to such facility in an effort to effectively market the real property formerly used as the facility to a private developer; and

WHEREAS, to assist in consolidation and marketing, the Town could convey an approximately 0.06 acre portion of the parcel it owns (“Parcel”), as described in Schedule A attached hereto, to the IDA as part of such access; and

WHEREAS, the Parcel is not needed for Town purposes apart from the efforts by the IDA to market the former facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to convey the Parcel to the IDA to enable the IDA to market the property effectively by providing access to the former dewatering facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD, WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board hereby determines that the property is of no value to the Town.
2. The Town Board determines that conveyance of the Parcel to the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency for a nominal sum for the purpose of establishing access to the former dewatering facility to enable the IDA to market the real property provides the most benefit to the Town.
3. The Town Board hereby authorizes the conveyance of the Parcel to the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency.
4. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such instruments and documents as may be necessary in connection with the conveyance of the Parcel to the IDA.
5. The Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Town Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary in connection with the conveyance of the Parcel to the IDA.
6. This Resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Article 7 of Town Law and shall not take effect until such time as provided therein. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post the notice required for Resolutions subject to permissive referendum.

Duly adopted this 14th day of December, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES : 5

NOES : 0

ABSENT : 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Losaw: We received a letter from the Fort Hudson Nursing Home asking for a charitable donation. I just wanted to let everyone know in case you want to donate.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Middleton: Kudos to the Town Clerk for finding where C.T. Male double billed the Town approximately \$13,000.00 in fire related invoices; big savings for the Town.

Supervisor Losaw: I have slides from the NYSERDA meeting if anyone would like them. Also we need a motion to accept the meeting as training for Mark Belden, Max Fruchter and Dolores Cogan.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve the NYSERDA meeting as 1 ½ hours of Planning/Zoning training hours **ALL AYES**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Brian Brockway: We need to pass a resolution regarding parking on the sides of the streets so that the Sheriff can ticket them. Steve can't get through with the plow and Parry St. is terrible.

Supervisor Losaw: I will ask the Attorney how to go about it.

Councilman Middleton: Can we do a motion to approve it contingent on the Attorney review?

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to pass a resolution for no parking on Town streets during a snowstorm between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am contingent on Attorney review and once passed published in The Post Star **ALL AYES**

Brian Brockway: Department of Health inspected the Water District 1 tower and it passed with nothing marked off. Testing and reporting is being done correctly. Also, I am in a 14 day quarantine, I had a test on Thursday but I do not have my results yet, quarantine is over Thursday at midnight.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katie DeGroot: I see there is a line in the budget for a community newsletter for \$500.00 and I don't recall getting a newsletter.

Supervisor Losaw: Yes we do have a budget for it in case we send out a newsletter.

Katie DeGroot: The website looks better and do you have a budget for the Attorney? I know he doesn't attend any meetings or anything. Can I get a copy of the NYSERDA presentation?

Supervisor Losaw: We do have an Attorney budget line.

Steven Davie: There should be a public comment section on the agenda.

Supervisor Losaw: That is up to my discretion if we have a public comment period unless it is a public hearing.

Steven Davie: You should use the term holiday not Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm **ALL AYES**

DATED: December 15, 2020

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk