

**TOWN OF FORT EDWARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023 –7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Supervisor Fisher  
Councilwoman Mullen  
Councilman Middleton  
Councilwoman Collier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brian Brockway, Andrew Alberti, Jeromy McFarren, Mike Dickinson, Steve Davie, Katie deGroot, Lauren Grogan, Nasrene Haj, Atty. William Nikas, and Deputy Town Clerk Elizabeth O’Leary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve the minutes of the Organizational & Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023. **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen, to approve the reports of the Town Clerk Monthly, Town Justice, Dog Control, Building Inspector, Highway and Supervisor’s Report. **ALL AYES**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve Abstract #2 in the amount of \$46,782.95 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #2**

<b>GENERAL A – 11358-11368, 11378-11400</b>	<b>\$18,119.15</b>
<b>GENERAL B – 11401-11403</b>	<b>\$10,205.50</b>
<b>HIGHWAY – 11404-11411</b>	<b>\$ 8,114.64</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL – 11357,11369-11370,11412-11416</b>	<b>\$ 6,913.03</b>
<b>SPECIAL LIGHTING – 11371-11372</b>	<b>\$ 31.48</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER – 11373-11375, 11417-11421</b>	<b>\$ 1,112.34</b>
<b>SPECIAL WATER 2 – 11376-11377, 11422</b>	<b>\$ 486.81</b>
<b>CONSOLIDATED B. OF HEALTH - 1</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>

**TOTAL: \$46,782.95**

**BUSINESS:**

- Flatley Read – Grant Discussion ~ Drew Alberti and Jeromy McFarren presented their proposal (see attached). They discussed planning and action and turn-around time for grant money of which we have already been approved (Promote Fort Edward). They can also help us with other grants we apply for. Nasrene Haj gave an update and stated that she will do the paperwork for what is due March 31 and get it to Aimee Mahoney for submission. She can get an extension if need be.
- There won't be a resolution made until we decide to accept a contract.

Terry asked if they (Flatley Read) would be willing to wait to be paid until we get our money. Drew said that would be in the contract, they work with many towns and are used to waiting for their money. It is part of their business plan and that turn-around time is usually between 60 and 90 days.

- During the presentation, Councilwoman Mullen had a medical incident and Councilwoman Collier took her home. There was then no quorum and nothing could be voted on.
- **THE TWISTED TACO TRUCK, LLC** Peddling and Soliciting License to put their mobile food truck at Broadway Lanes ~ Attorney Nikas said that as long as all of their permits are in order, this does not need a vote, and can be approved by the members present. **APPROVED.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- **Res. No. 10** – Audit Town Clerk/Tax Collector & Town Justice ~ could not be voted on because there was no quorum.

**PUBLIC: Terry Middleton:** Since we don't have a quorum, we cannot do any official business.

**Tim Fisher:** Read a letter from Dept. of Public Works in Washington County ~ from 4/2008 regarding North River Road and Senecal Lane dirt/gravel roads. (see attached) The local residents are requesting a speed limit through Fort Miller.

**Brian Brockway:** Stated that he put up a couple of playground signs in Fort Miller to hopefully keep people from speeding through there. The signs are old and we hope to get new ones.

**Nasrene Haj:** Talked about a grant from tourism grant to try to obtain a couple of

temporary kayak launches, one at the Yacht Basin and one at the rest area on Route 4 rest area. The Erie Canalway Heritage Fund is having a 5 mile “paddle” for 200 people between here and Schuylerville. They would like to launch at the Route 4 rest stop and paddle to Hudson Crossing Park on Saturday July 29. It is a one day event in the summer. She said perhaps do it in two parts, launch from the Yacht Basin to the rest stop, and then continue from there. Tim told her there is a new person at the Canal Corp. office and she should contact him.

Next year is the bicentennial and many events are planned. Nasrene said we need to think about what we can do to get grants to participate in this. She’s hoping to get funding for permanent funding for launches. She is trying to tie in the centennial to all the grants.

**Tim Fisher:** The town is OK with what she can get from Erie Canalway Heritage Fund via the Canal Corp and gave her the phone number for the new director at the Canal Corp. This all needs to go through the Canal Corp.

**Katie deGroot:** Mentioned about the locks closing at 5 and not being open 24/7 that they used to. She said it would be great to have a launch in Fort Miller on the river and one on the Route 4 rest stop.

**Brian Brockway:** Stated that he has given Hour Electric a key to the entry of the pool for the electrical work. They have started working today at the pool. We have a year’s warranty on last year’s work from the people who did the repairs. Brian will evaluate the pool periodically. He discussed repainting the pool this year and that we need to every year. Tim and Terry agreed.

**Mike Dickinson:** Asked about out of town people (who are glamping) being able to use the pool, i.e. day passes. Perhaps pay so much for a day pass, bringing in money for the pool. He was referred to James Donohue, pool director. The board doesn’t have an issue with it.

He also asked Terry about the IDA. Terry went to his first meeting with Labella and IDA. Terry said they are looking for funding sources for sewer and water. There is a volume issue there of storm water. Kingsbury got money to help with their end of it and upgrading their equipment. Mike asked if any potential tenants. Terry said that no, but any company that even remotely interested asks about sewer and water first off.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 pm.**

**2/15/23**

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**Elizabeth V. O’Leary, Deputy Town Clerk**

**2 attachments**