

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026, 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 Collier
Councilman Suprenant
Councilwoman Mullen

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Earsing, Elizabeth O’Leary, Chuck Bump, Steve Stimpson, Katie DeGroot, Brian Brockway, James Donahue, Brett Porter, Therese Gillis and Town Attorney Bill Nikas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2026 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Town Justice, Assessor, Highway, Dog Control and Supervisor as submitted **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #4 in the amount of \$101,766.18 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #4

GENERAL A – 14086-14128	\$25,730.98
GENERAL B – 14129-14134	\$21,095.19
HIGHWAY – 14135-14142	\$15,192.03
MUNICIPAL – 14143-14150	\$ 4,825.32
SPECIAL LIGHTING – 14151	\$ 4,314.07
SPECIAL WATER – 14152-14161	\$30,542.69
SPECIAL WATER 2 – 14162-14163	\$ 65.90

TOTAL: \$101,766.18

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17 OF 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby appoint Neal Orsini as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for the remainder of David Culter's five-year term ending September 30, 2029.

Dated: April 13, 2026

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18 OF 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SUPRENANT

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board hereby appoints Kenneth LaFay to serve as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for the remainder of Ella Collins's five-year term ending September 30, 2030.

DATED: April 13, 2026

VOTE: Councilman Middleton – AYE
Councilwoman Collier – AYE
Councilman Middleton – AYE
Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Fisher - AYE

BUSINESS:

**Planning Board, Zoning Board, Board of Assessment Review
Rate per Meeting Change**

Supervisor Fisher: We have been paying the Board Members of the Planning, Zoning and Assessment Review Boards the same amount for many years. The Board would like to increase the rate paid to those members. Right now, it is \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for Chairmen per meeting.

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to increase the rate

per meeting for Planning Board, Zoning Board and Assessment Review Board to \$50.00/members and \$60.00 for Chairmen **ALL AYES**

Mileage Rate Increase

Supervisor Fisher: The federal rate for Mileage is now \$.72.5/mile, currently we pay \$.50/mile.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to increase the mileage rate to \$.72.5/mile **ALL AYES**

Community Pool Director James Donahue

James Donahue: The pool is running really well, mechanically, aesthetically, regulation wise & participation wise. I know when I took this over a few years ago, I agreed to take the job until we got it back up and running well. The Town crew has done a great job at the pool, and everyone has helped get it to where it is right now. The last 3 summers I have checked in 70 days in a row between the rec and the pool and I talked to John Godfrey who has been my head lifeguard and he wants to take over the Director position. I think that he would do a great job.

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilman Middleton to appoint John Godfrey as Director of the Community Pool **ALL AYES**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Suprenant: Garbage Sticker sales at the library is going well.

Dave Earsing: 2026 Founder's Day Parade Update.

Brian Brockway:

- The pool paint has been ordered.
- We got a light tower from Walter Pratt for \$2,000.00.
- The County was selling sander chains they no longer use for ½ price, so we bought 2.
- Sweeping is done.
- Received bids on black top from Peckham & Jointa Galusha; waiting to find out what we are getting for CHIPS.
- Received the MS4 report, we need to add a line item in the budget for this going forward; the cost is going up considerably.
- Should we start looking at specs for a new truck? I would like to order the cab & Chassis this year if possible.

Supervisor Fisher: Get pricing on a new truck.

Councilman Middleton: For the MS4, I wonder if the County could hire one firm that covers all the Towns. I would also like to thank Brian for detailing the invoices.

Supervisor Fisher: I will discuss it at the County meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Fisher: We received a letter from Jacqueline Lutz from the Town of Queensbury expressing the need for a bi-county municipal animal shelter. This letter is more for the County than the Town and Washington County does not have the budget for that.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Therese Gillis: When is the construction going to start to get access to Canalside Energy Park? We have a water line that is down and we have to repair it and I don't want to run into the middle of that project.

Supervisor Fisher: The Village would know the date.

Therese Gillis: The Village didn't know and directed me to ask the Town. Because of the bridge they have to send tractor trailers down East St. so they have to do some road work.

Councilman Suprenant: I believe the construction will be down on Lock 8 Road; they have to widen it so they can turn into the facility. That shouldn't affect East St. or the turn-off.

Therese Gillis: Do we need any permits from the Town to access property to do this repair on our water line? We are considering going from our property so that we are not on Canal Corp. property and then under the Canal that way. We have all of our permits from Canal Corp., but do we need anything from the Town?

Supervisor Fisher: If it's on private property no permit would be needed from the Town.

Therese Gillis: It was suggested by the Village that we reach out to the Town Board about setting up a new water district out East Road. The association of this water line on East Road is not interested in that.

The Town Board does not have any interest in putting a water line out East. Rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilman Middleton to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: April 16, 2026

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk