

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 14, 2026, AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Fisher  
Councilman Middleton  
Councilwoman Mullen  
Councilwoman Collier

**ABSENT:** Mitch Suprenant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Larry Clute, Damian Clute, Brett Porter, Dave Earsing, Roseanne Lemery, Maria Rosenblum, Brian Brockway, Richard Belden, Elizabeth O’Leary, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Ives.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Councilwoman Mullen, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting held April 13, 2026, **ALL AYES**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve Abstract #5 in the amount of \$46,784.33 **ALL AYES**

**BUSINESS:**

**Set Public Hearing Local Law #1  
A Local Law for Flood Damage Prevention  
6:50pm**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Collier, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set a public hearing for June 8, 2026, at 6:50pm to hear comments on proposed Local Law #1 **ALL AYES**

**Set MS4 Public Hearing  
6:55pm**

**MOTION** by Councilwoman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set a public hearing for June 8, 2026, at 6:55pm to hear comments on the 2025 MS4 report **ALL AYES**

**Storedtech Quote  
Networking Hardware/Locking Cabinet**

**Supervisor Fisher:** We have received a quote from Storedtech for networking hardware and a locking cabinet and rack in the amount of \$6,347.89. I would like to speak with Storedtech and review this quote before deciding.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 19 OF 2026**

**MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MIDDLETON**

**WHEREAS,** the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby approve the Highway Superintendent, Brian Brockway, to attend the Association of Town's Highway School June 2- June 3, 2026, held in Ithaca, New York.

**DATED:** May 11, 2026

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Larry Clute:** I went to the Village Board meeting, and they suggested that I come to the Town meeting; I want to develop the south side of what used to be Williams Farm. The northside is the Town piece that I sold to a solar company and during the conversation for the Village piece the Board had recommended a connector, but they didn't know where because I do not own the Town piece. The solar company will be coming before the Board for approval, and it might be a good time to recommend to them what the Village recommended to me. The Village would like to see a connector coming in off King St. on the Village side going up into the Town side taking some of the traffic off of Marion St. The solar company has to have a maintenance road put in anyway so it could be brought up during the approval process or the design process when they come before Planning/Zoning Boards.

**Supervisor Fisher:** They typically just have a service road.

**Larry Clute:** The service road is not a municipal road, but it could be made into one and be a benefit to the community. If there was a connector up by G.E. it would help free up the Village.

**Supervisor Fisher:** I was of the understanding that you were going to be developing the road as a developer.

**Damian Clute:** He doesn't own that property so that is not feasible.

**Larry Clute:** I have a road in all my designs but the road stops at my property.

**Supervisor Fisher:** The Town would not want to be responsible for a road through a solar project.

**Larry Clute:** If my project moves forward, I am passing all my river frontage on to the Village and that is beautiful property. To put a road along that community asset is not a big ask for the Town or Village to take care of the road.

**Councilman Middleton:** Would you have to cross the tracks to get out near GE?

**Larry Clute:** If you went out onto May or Hudson St. you wouldn't be near the tracks.

**Supervisor Fisher:** Going out through Sullivan Parkway would be the way to go without disturbing the neighborhood but you would have to cross the tracks. The solar company may not want it. The first step would be to talk to the solar company and see if they are interested.

**Councilman Middleton:** As a Councilman I am not interested in contacting the solar company at all.

**Larry Clute:** They are going to be contacting you; you don't have to reach out to them. They have to put an application in.

**Supervisor Fisher:** They have already been through our planning/zoning boards and have conditional approval.

**Attorney Nikas:** Do you have a plan that shows the road you are proposing?

**Larry Clute:** On the Village side yes, on Town property no.

**Attorney Nikas:** Do you need the solar company's consent to go over their property?

**Larry Clute:** Yes

**Attorney Nikas:** Why don't you contact the solar company first to see if you are on the same page? This discussion is irrelevant if they are going to say no.

**Larry Clute:** That is why I am talking to the Board first because they have to come and talk to the Board.

**Attorney Nikas:** They don't have any control over the solar company's design of their project.

**Councilman Middleton:** We can't tell the owner of the solar company that they have to put in a road to benefit someone else.

**Attorney Nikas:** You need to talk to the solar company. They own the land.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Maria Rosenblum:** I am here to request that street light pole #89 ½ on Fort Miller Rd. be removed. Because it is a ½ pole I don't think it officially has to be there. The light itself is intrusive to my house and my neighbor as well as affecting bird migration and mostly our sleep. We called National Grid and they directed us to talk to the Town.

**Elizabeth O'Leary:** Where is it in regards to the church?

**Maria Rosenblum:** It is right at the driveway of the church, but the church isn't active at night.

**Elizabeth O'Leary:** They do have meetings there at night.

**Maria Rosenblum:** Some nights yes but they have put up a new light that illuminates the whole church, and they also have a door light, and everyone has their own door lights at their houses, so I feel like there is plenty of light. I would like to be able to look at the night sky.

**Supervisor Fisher:** I can go down and take a look; they may be able to change the light itself to make it not as bright.

**Brian Brockway:** When I spoke with National Grid, they said they put a shield on it and there wasn't anything else they could do.

**Maria Rosenblum:** They suggested that I come to the Town Board and ask to have it removed. There is not a tremendous amount of activity at night in this area. The residents there are not walking the streets at night.

**Elizabeth O'Leary:** There are children that live in the house next to the church.

**Maria Rosenblum:** I know but they are renters.

**Elizabeth O'Leary:** They have lived there for quite a few years, and it doesn't matter if they are renters or owners, there are still children there.

**Maria Rosenblum:** But what does a street light in this section in front of our house have to do with that? This light was placed there in the 50's.

**Councilman Middleton:** Probably for the church.

**Elizabeth O'Leary:** Have you spoken with the people at the church?

**Maria Rosenblum:** Yes, but they don't live there day and night and they have brightened up the whole façade until 9:00pm.

**Supervisor Fisher:** I will contact the person you spoke to at National Grid that referred you to the Town Board. If we remove it that could be a potential liability for the Town.

**Elizabeth O’Leary:** I also feel the church should have input on this.

**Brian Brockway:**

- Getting a quote from International for a new truck and I may get one from H.L. Gage also if they will allow us to piggyback of the County.
- Replaced the culvert on Woodard Rd., same issue on Towpath Rd. by Real Bark Mulch.
- I have not heard anything about the CHIPS amount yet.

**Councilman Middleton:** How are we coming on our nuisance properties? There is another one starting at the end of Patterson Rd.

**Supervisor Fisher:** Matt has sent them letters.

**Dave Earsing submitted his finalized parade plans for Founders Day.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: May 14, 2026

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Aimee Ives, Town Clerk

