

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 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
Councilman Suprenant
Councilwoman Mullen **ABSENT:** Councilwoman Collier

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Earsing, Brian Brockway, Elizabeth O’Leary, Theresa Rose, Chuck Bump, Amy Runnalls, Steve Stimpson, Ben Bramlage, Jessica Donnelly, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Ives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2026, **ALL AYES**

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

Councilman Suprenant: I would like to thank our Dog Control Officer for helping assist the Sheriffs Dept. with the 80-cat incident in the Village of Fort Edward; that is above and beyond her duties.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #7 in the amount of \$231,788.41 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #7

GENERAL A – 14307-14352	\$ 16,059.18
GENERAL B – 14353-13554	\$ 160.60
HIGHWAY – 14355-14357	\$210,083.14
MUNICIPAL – 14358-14362	\$ 2,026.67
SPECIAL LIGHTING – 14363	\$ 3,077.56
SPECIAL WATER – 14364-14368	\$ 341.26
SPECIAL WATER 2 – 14369	\$ 40.00

TOTAL: \$231,788.41

BUSINESS:

Intermunicipal Floodplain Management Agreement

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilman Middleton to authorize Supervisor Fisher to sign the Intermunicipal Floodplain Management Agreement **ALL AYES**

Community Power Group May St. Solar Decommissioning Agreement/Bond

MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, seconded by Councilman Middleton to authorize Supervisor Fisher to sign the Decommissioning & Bond Agreement for Community Power Group's May Street Solar Project in the Town of Fort Edward **ALL AYES**

Brian Brockway:

- Blacktopping is done
- We will submit for CHIPS as soon as I get copies of the checks
- Pool is up and running
- A/C and Heat are down at the garage; Brian McCarty is looking at it because C&L is too busy.

Dave Earsing:

- Everything is paid for this year for the parade.
- NYSDOT is asking for a lot more insurance this year and they are now asking that the Town of Fort Edward be named on the parade permit with the American Legion because the Town is named on the insurance and the names should be the same.

The Town Board agreed to be named on the parade permit issued by NYSDOT.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Theresa Rose: I heard the Washington County taxes are going up another 18%, is that true?

Supervisor Fisher: At the county finance meeting the budget officer said it will increase again due to health insurance costs, retirement costs and union contracts.

Theresa Rose: What do we get for all these taxes?

Supervisor Fisher: The burden on the County has gone up and it's going up more next year because they are raising Tier 6. They are unfunded mandates.

Theresa Rose: I spoke with Carrie Woerner, and she said the reason taxes are so high is because we don't have enough business here. What are we doing to try and get businesses to come here?

Councilman Suprenant: If you can't shop local then order online because the sales tax will come back to Washington County.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, seconded by Councilman Suprenant to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: July 14, 2026

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk