

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00PM**

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: Caitlin Mahoney, Elizabeth O’Leary, Dave Earsing, Brian Brockway, Amanda Durkee, Steve Stimpson, Ryan Mylott, Richard Belden, Theresa Rose, Ben Bramlage, Sarah Bramlage, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Ives

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilwoman Collier, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 11, 2025, **ALL AYES**

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middlton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$46,602.76 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #9

GENERAL A – 13582,13588-13608	\$14,928.11
GENERAL B – 13609	\$ 75.00
HIGHWAY – 13610-13618	\$13,159.10
MUNICIPAL – 13583-13584, 13619-13622	\$ 3,245.98
SPECIAL LIGHTING – 13623	\$ 3,140.33
SPECIAL WATER – 13585-13586, 13624-13630	\$ 1,558.38
SPECIAL WATER 2 – 13587, 13631	\$10,495.86

TOTAL: \$46,602.76

BUSINESS:

**Ryan Mylott
Cyber Security Officer
Washington County**

Ryan Mylott: Falcon Crowd Strike Security Software is what NYS I.T. runs on all of their systems. The Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services from NYS is offering shared services and all NYS Counties are now on board in using this same software. Falcon Crowd Strike is a leader in the industry with 24/7 monitoring of any tenants under their shared services. This is free from NYS, all of the Counties are on board and now they are rolling out Phase 2 which is to start incorporating the largest Towns & Villages in each County. You are paying \$8 - \$20 per machine for anti-virus protection now which you can save while getting 24/7 monitoring. I urge you to take advantage of this offer from NYS and save that money.

October Meeting Date Change

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to change the October meeting date to Tuesday October 14, 2025, **ALL AYES**

2026 Budget Workshop

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set the 2026 Budget Workshop for Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 10:00am **ALL AYES**

2026 Budget Public Hearing

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Suprenant to set the 2026 Budget Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:55pm **ALL AYES**

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18 OF 2025

MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SUPRENANT

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Town Board hereby appoints Ella Collins to serve as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for a term a five-year term beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2030.

DATED: September 8, 2025

VOTE: Councilman Middleton – AYE
Councilman Suprenant – AYE
Councilwoman Collier – AYE

Councilwoman Mullen – AYE
Supervisor Fisher - AYE

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Fisher: Brian provided a list from Pittsburg Tank for the Board to consider at the Water Tower on Park Ave. We want to do the work under this year's budget if they can schedule it.

Councilman Middleton: I agree with everything except welding the nut to the anchor bolt because that will take the strength out of the anchor bolt once it's welded.

Supervisor Fisher: The price for the recommended work is \$48,630.00.

Brian Brockway: One of the cellular companies tied all of their antenna wires to the ladder and the fee to remove them from the ladder is \$5,000.00. We should reach out to the company that did it and they should pay for the removal from the ladder. They did not receive permission to weld to the ladder, that is how we get up and down to do maintenance.

Supervisor Fisher: We should have Pittsburg Tank do the work, so we know that it is done correctly and then bill the Cell Company.

Councilman Middleton: That is an OSHA violation.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to have Pittsburg Tank perform the required work on the Water Tower on Park Ave **ALL AYES**

Brian Brockway: I called the Solar Company this week regarding the condition of Blodgett Road Ext. They must be hauling the heavy equipment out because it's really broken up.

Supervisor Fisher: I am more concerned with the safety aspect of it.

Brian Brockway: I received a quote to put Type 3 binder down is \$23,730.00 and they can do it the end of September. I don't recommend putting Type 6 on it yet.

Councilman Middleton: Make sure they are finished working before the road is fixed.

Brian Brockway: The burned-out house on Lower Elizabeth?

Supervisor Fisher: Matt French sent the owner a letter; the owner is supposed to be meeting this week with the insurance company at the site.

Brian Brockway: They have not cleaned up anything, it is just like it was when the Fire Dept. left.

Brian Brockway: The parking lot at Town Hall needs to be sealed and striped.

Supervisor Fisher: Get a price.

Attorney Nikas: I sent a more expansive Nuisance Law for the Board to review and consider.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to set a public hearing on October 14, 2025, at 6:50pm to consider the adoption of an updated Nuisance Law
ALL AYES

Attorney Nikas: You have an opportunity to sell an easement at the water tower to Verizon. There is an investment company that handles Verizon leases, and they buy easements instead of obtaining leases. It would give them control over other competition coming in and, in the space where they have the easement, if they put another vendor in, they will have to share the revenues with the Town 50/50.

Supervisor Fisher: We are interested, send the information for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Earsing: Handed out a schedule for Founder's Day on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

BOARD: Great job to Dave Earsing for organizing Founder's Day for the community.

Theresa Rose: I'm not giving up on the sewer line coming to my house. I don't want to go to the Sewer meeting because I think that's a waste of my time. I would like to go to the County meeting because if I am continuing to pay county taxes they should help.

Supervisor Fisher: It is the Washington County Sewer District which is separate from the County.

Theresa Rose: Why don't they try for a grant? The sewer line is ¼ mile from my house.

Supervisor Fisher: They are always looking for grants. You would have to go to the Washington County Sewer District meeting at the Visitor's Center, we have a meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm.

Ben Bramlage: Was there any follow up on the PCB site on Breton Lane? Do you know if that is still hanging out there? If so, I made some phone calls on that and it is actually a NYS DEC owned site and it wasn't part of the dredging project. The site was listed as active back in July, and they are looking to make it inactive because they view it as both capped and lined.

Amanda Durkee:

- I would like to acknowledge the Fort Edward Recreation Program; that is a fantastic program for the kids and the work that has been done on the Community Pool makes it a great place for kids and families.

- I had come to a meeting back in April and talked about the Wheelabrator public meeting regarding the Air Permit that they are working on getting approval for. After the public meeting they submitted their summary report which now sits with DEC awaiting to determine if the application is complete. Approximately every month I email DEC to see check for updates, and I get the same response that DEC is working on the application we have nothing new to report. We are approaching the 5-month mark after the public meeting with no movement I feel because people don't know what to do seeing as this is precedent setting with the cumulative impact laws. I also want to make people aware that with Wheelabrator there was personally identifiable information that was shared on their public participation shared website which included names and emails addresses and that information has now been redacted and removed. Wheelabrator was offering tours to anyone that wanted to tour the facility.
- I also want to give an update regarding Clean Earth; they are waiting for an RD & D permit approval. We had the in-person public hearing in June; they submitted their finalized plan to DEC and that permit is also waiting for DEC to deem it complete. There also was personally identifiable information on the Clean Earth website that included names, addresses, phone numbers and emails which have all now been redacted.

Communication continues with both companies and with DEC because I believe the hope is that people will stop paying attention. We are waiting for DEC to make their determination before figuring out what the next steps will be.

Supervisor Fisher: Thank you for the update.

Ben Bramlage: I spent a couple hours on site at Wheelabrator with the Plant Manager, and I think the Health & Safety Manager. It was a valuable conversation with a lot of discussion back and forth; they are concerned at the facility with the level of anger they perceive the community to have towards them as individuals. I did tell them that one of my challenges with the whole situation is we have the Clean Earth proposal here which deals entirely with PFA's and the driving concern is potential contamination from PFA's processing there yet you've got Wheelabrator over here that is incinerating PFA's contaminated materials at a lower temperature than what Clean Earth is proposing and PFA's isn't even part of the discussion with Wheelabrator. You can't have a PFA's discussion at Clean Earth and 4 miles away just ignore it completely. I am waiting to see where that goes.

Attorney Nikas: Does the Board have interest in the Water Operator Shared Service Agreement.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to authorize Supervisor Fisher to sign the Water Operator Shared Services Agreement **ALL AYES**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: September 15, 2025

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk