

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Suprenant  
Councilwoman Mullen  
Councilwoman Collier

**ABSENT:** Councilman Middleton

**OTHER PRESENT:** Theresa Rose, Richard Belden, Brian Brockway, Chuck Bump, Steve Stimpson, Elizabeth O’Leary, Janey Oswald, Dave Earsing, Jeremy Carter, Marie Carter, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Ives.

**APPROVAL OF MIUTES: MOTION** by Councilwoman Collier, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 10, 2026, **ALL AYES**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$66,170.52 **ALL AYES**

**ABSTRACT #9**

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| <b>GENERAL A – 14439-14480</b>       | <b>\$18,460.93</b> |
| <b>GENERAL B – 14481-14482</b>       | <b>\$ 7,561.62</b> |
| <b>HIGHWAY – 14483-14491</b>         | <b>\$21,382.19</b> |
| <b>MUNICIPAL – 14492-14497</b>       | <b>\$ 3,191.28</b> |
| <b>SPECIAL LIGHTING – 14498</b>      | <b>\$ 3,476.21</b> |
| <b>SPECIAL WATER – 14499-14506</b>   | <b>\$ 1,316.08</b> |
| <b>SPECIAL WATER 2 – 14507-14511</b> | <b>\$10,782.21</b> |

**TOTAL: \$66,170.52**

**BUSINESS:**

**Change October  
Town Board Meeting Date**

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to change the October meeting date to Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:55 P.M. **ALL AYES**

**Set 2027 Budget Workshop date**

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set the 2027 Town Budget Workshop for Monday, September 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. **ALL AYES**

**Set the date for the 2027 Town Budget  
Public Hearing**

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set the 2027 Town Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:55 P.M. **ALL AYES**

**Fort Edward Rescue Squad**

**Supervisor Fisher:** The Fort Edward Rescue Squad asked to be on the agenda, but they do not have any representation here.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 20 OF 2026**

**MOTION BY COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SUPRENANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Edward Town Board does hereby reappoint Richard Fisher as a member of the Town of Fort Edward Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2031.

Dated: September 14, 2026

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21  
OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD FOR THE YEAR 2026**

**Introduced by COUNCILWOMAN COLLIER**

**Who moved its adoption**

**Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MULLEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fort Edward recognizes the threat that hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Fort Edward, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fort Edward has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as 2026 Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, 2026 Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Fort Edward from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption by the Town of Fort Edward demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2026 Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD, NY, THAT:**

Section 1. In accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward adopts the 2026 Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

ADOPTED by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2026.

Dated: September 14, 2026

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| Roll Call Vote: | Councilwoman Collier – AYE    |
|                 | Councilwoman Mullen – AYE     |
|                 | Supervisor Fisher – AYE       |
|                 | Councilman Middleton – ABSENT |
|                 | Councilman Suprenant – AYE    |

*I, Aimee Ives, Clerk of the Town of Fort Edward do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Fort Edward Town Board at the regular meeting held on September 14, 2026.*

***Dated: September 14, 2026***

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***Aimee Ives, Town Clerk***

**Quote A/C & Heating System  
Town Highway Garage**

**Supervisor Fisher:** We received a quote from Affordable Mechanical Services to replace the existing heating/cooling system at the Town Highway Garage for \$12,750.00 including all materials and labor.

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilwomen Collier to approve the quote from Affordable Mechanical Services for a total of \$12,750.00 to replace the heating and A/C/ system at the Town Highway Garage **ALL AYES**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Dave Earsing:** Founder's Day was a success; we had a lot more people in attendance this year and raised a total of \$5,096.00 for various local organizations such as the Fort Edward School PTA as well as the basketball team. I have submitted my budget request for 2027 with an increase of \$1,000.00. Next year we will be moving everything to the Yacht Basin and if anyone would like to take over any portion of the day, we would welcome the help.

**Brian Brockway:**

- We won't be getting the CHIPS money until December, the cutoff was changed to September 1, 2026.
- We painted the light poles on Broadway and many of them have large holes in them.
- The new truck bodies are 1 year out; all we would be paying for now would be the cab & chassis.

**Attorney Nikas:** You have a Landlord's Response to Removal Offer Notice from DISH Wireless. They are asking you to return the filled-out form to 3 email addresses if you wish to accept their offer by September 21, 2026.

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, seconded by Councilwoman Collier to accept the battery removal offer from DISH Wireless at the Park St. Water Tower location **ALL AYES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Theresa Rose:** Who is involved in the budget workshop?

**Supervisor Fisher:** The Town Board and the Department Heads.

**Theresa Rose:** Why don't the Town & Village Offices move up to the building on Burgoyne Ave. where Board of Elections is?

**Supervisor Fisher:** That building is County owned not Town & Village and soon it will be full of County Offices.

**Chuck Bump:** Conor Smith from the Rescue Squad had a monthly meeting tonight and couldn't be here but will get you their financials this week.

**Janet Oswald submitted the following letters to the Town Board as well as read them aloud: Next Page**

12 Sept. 2026  
Janet C. Oswald  
1240 Ft. Miller Rd.  
Ft. EDWARD, NY 12828

To: Ft. Edward Town Administrators  
Ref: Concrete sidewalk removal.

Through out the hamlet of Ft. Miller, crumbled and buckled, even half buried, the concrete sidewalk along each side of Ft Miller road, is a noticable but ignored feature.

For the twenty-seven years I've been a resident property owner, my east side portion along the roadway, has continued to deteriorate to a hazardous condition. Other areas are of worse condition, impassable.

The concrete is more than seventy years old by estimate, likely it was part of a nation wide post-war Work Project Relief effort. The intention and purpose is out-moded, obsolete. My east-side portion, part of the historic 1800 homes grouping is too modern - 1900 industrial - to fit into the rural character of Ft. Miller.

Recently, Mr. Woodward, two houses south, removed and seeded his section of concrete walkway. He said it was a friend doing the work, that he had called the town and was given the, "Go ahead".

I'm checking in with the town tonight, to do the same. I've secured a reputable local company to remove the loose gravel and broken concrete sidewalk and seed the area.

With the importance of eliminating this hazard to myself and yard equipment and a focus on improving my property and its management,

May I have your "Go ahead" okay for doing this work?

Respectfully,  
Janet C. Oswald  


**Brian Brockway:** I don't see any problem with that sidewalk coming out.

12 Sept. 2026

Residents 1231 & 1240

Ft. Miller Rd. Ft. Edward, NY  
12828

To: Ft. Edward Town Administrators

Ref: Ft Miller Rd #8 1/2 street light.

Notation was made by Maria Rosenblum and Janet C. Oswald of correspondence from Ft. Miller Reformed Church; As July Town Board minutes stated: a request to "let them keep the street light at the entrance to the church for safety reasons."

Verbal grievance about this street light on pole #8 1/2 was made at the May '26 Town Board meeting by Maria Rosenblum (1231). \* Request for correction of brightness, spillage and glare or preferably, removal, was made. The fixture remains, the unchanged nuisance and disruption to residents' evenings and sleep. That <sup>recent</sup> no resolution has been offered or made, this letter is submitted to the Town of Ft. Edward, offering points of information to review and options. Detailed history is set aside.

\* Janet C. Oswald was not present (resident 1240)

Present appearance and grievances:

- o LED light is a "TASK LIGHT", cold, very white and harsh, clinical.
- o The light output ie 'LUMENS' is stronger than necessary.
- o Light "SPILLAGE": it's not a "dot on the road," extends beyond a 30 foot circle, down the pole, across drive entrance and yard, estimate over 100 feet. Also across road.
- o Light TRESPASS: shines into first and second floor windows of the complainant's homes, disrupting evenings and restful sleep.
- o Light trespass results in GLARE off roof and sides of white Bell house, the church building and pole itself. This increases with water puddles and snow. GLARE IS ADDED TRESPASS.

Previous amber pink streetlight was tolerable in color and output, considerable less LUMENS.

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## Why the "FIXES" failed.

- All the 'FIXES' or 'ADJUSTMENTS' were done in the DAYTIME.
  - The fixture was not and could not be LEVELED. At Time of LED installation, tech, verified support arm was "frozen" from age and previous changes, adjustments could not be made.
  - Its unknown if a NIGHT TIME EVALUATION was ever done.
  - The tilted position and Immoveable arm were not addressed.
  - Although proposed, a "smaller light bulb" was not located and one of "less wattage" would only be less energy used (cost) (WATTAGE is ENERGY used while LUMENS is the Brightness of the LIGHT produced (candles))
  - Most significant, by first hand observation, whichever the term to use: shield / cuff / baffle / ring / deflector, This part to the fixture is original to the time of LED change. It appears as a bare metal tin-can like cylinder, both ends cut-out with four tabs <sup>each</sup> with a hole to fasten to the fixture with screws. (aging)
- To accommodate initial objections to LED, the tech. wrapped duck tape many times around this cylinder to soften and channel the light. It lasted, perhaps, a year. Tape still adheres to this cylinder. When the last modification / fix / repair was made this ring was removed from a fixture, refastened to same or new fixture and installed on pole #8 1/2. This changed the spillage from reaching mailboxes to <sup>falling</sup> across to buildings. This was a DAYTIME repair, light off, unseen directions.

## Contesting the level of Risk to PUBLIC SAFETY.

The requirement for a street light meets a criteria for PUBLIC SAFETY: Traffic volume and speeds, intersections, Population density, Type of DISTRICT (commercial, residential etc), Amount of illumination in the area - more? -

This is criteria.

Removal of the pole #81½ street light was suggested/  
requested on basis of:

1) field tech. National Grid saying there were more than necessary street lights for the rural road of a half mile.

(Actually, 45 miles from bridge to bridge by odometer.)

He was puzzled by this. Similar statement made by Public Service review person.

2) Sufficient light: street light at both intersections by bridges, <sup>residing</sup> porch and private lightings cover central area.

3) There are no public services, businesses - no thru traffic

4) Accessed by single lane bridges, vehicles are slowed and area is semi-isolated.

5) Being a residential cluster of 15 homes, mostly seniors. - sleep.

6) Vehicle lights are exceptionally bright, some with range greater than the street light, because they are also LED.

7) For the many times by burn-out and then by being disconnected - months - no complaints or accidents have happened (by our knowledge) (Risk is barely measurable) with this street light not being in service.

by the Rural Electrical Admin.

Electricity came to Ft Miller as early as 1915. Ft Miller was an active canal settlement. Street lights made sense. Many homes did not wire for electricity until even the 1950s, using kerosene lamps. Street lights at <sup>this</sup> residential road remained even as private lighting increased and the community gave up the need.

Observations of Reformed church building and activity.

1) No regular evening or night services have been held (20 yrs)

2) Holiday service 2025 was held at 4:30 pm. Front door lights and parking area flood lights used.

3) Parking area (8-10 vehicles) is not public, <sup>believed</sup> owned by the church administration (the Consistory) by deed. Also, the two rented houses. (not church affiliated people.)

## Observations cont.

- 4) None of the Consistory members (administration) live on Ft. Miller road in the vicinity of the church; 3 are out of the county.
- 5) The two adjacent houses, \* previously the Parsonage and the Tenant house are both rented homes. The minister (parson) left upon retirement @ 2013. The church building
- 6) is used for public programs, occasionally, in the daytime.
- 7) The parking and driveway is used by renters of the two 'back to back' houses (one behind the other toward the river.) They are private, nothing municipal. The church administrators can be considered 'landlords a la'.
- 8) The church building, <sup>property</sup> as a religious building, does not provide revenue for the Town of Ft. Edward.

### OPTIONS:

~ It is believed that Ft. Edward Township has a Class 2 category with National Grid, in part, meaning, maintenance is contracted with the utility company (NG) and for the Hamlet there is a rate per fixture/streetlight. What follows is less cost with removal of each light.

~ If National Grid is owner of the fixture and the pole #1 1/2 have them "pull the plug". Unique to this streetlight, it is not "wired in" to the system of the poles, but is powered by a separate line directly from pole #82, as a table lamp has its own cord to plug in (but reverse in all to lamp) This was pointed out by separate field worker.

~ Work with National Grid to replace with all new equipment.

~ Investigate a different, acceptable style of fixture to replace present one (arm needed) Pole #72 by the yellow barn appears to have a motion detector style of light. Reference to this style was found on-line.

\* to the church building

OPTIONS cont.

~ Removing the fixtures from middle poles # 81 1/2, would leave sufficient light for driving the central distance of the .45 mile of Ft Miller Rd. at Night time, AND improve the day time appearance of the Hamlet to a more 1800 character. (Historic)

Should, in the future, The Town become responsible for maintenance, there would be no equipment and employee costs.

Please keep us promptly informed of progress to a prompt solution to our grievance.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet C. Oswald 518.695.5415  
Mara Rosenblum.

Addendum:

Pole #77 marked '10' motor detecting

Pole #79 marked '15' diffuser capover bulb

Pole # 81 1/2 is the fixture of grievance,  
marked 25

**Supervisor Fisher:** This matter was brought to our attention a few months back and the Town Board decided that the light would stay on for safety reasons. If you would like something further done to shield the light you can contact National Grid.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. **ALL AYES**

Dated: September 18, 2026

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Aimee Ives, Town Clerk