

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025, AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Barton, Brian Brockway, Ben Bramlage, Joe Clear, Ruth Quarters, Kylynn Wilbur, Elizabeth O'Leary, Melanie Dickinson, Mike Dickinson, Brian Katz, Town Attorney Bill Nikas and Town Clerk Aimee Ives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilwoman Mullen, Seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on November 10, 2025 **ALL AYES**

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to approve Abstract #12 in the amount of \$45,226.78 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #12

GENERAL A: 13786-13795,13801-13827	\$28,539.72
GENERAL B: 13828-13842	\$ 6,010.00
HIGHWAY: 13843-13849	\$ 3,657.03
MUNICIPAL: 13796-13797	\$ 1,657.90
SPECIAL LIGHTING: 13798	\$ 4,113.40
SPECIAL WATER: 13799-13800,13852-13856	\$ 1,208.73
SPECIAL WATER 2: 13857	\$ 40.00

TOTAL: \$45,226.78

BUSINESS:

**Chuck Barton WWIDA
Canalside Energy Park
Update**

Chuck Barton:

- 28 acres in the Village, 51 acres in the Town.
- Formation of the water district: The Village side is in the Village water district; the Town is not so we have to create a legal entity to have the Town water district and that is underway now. We have the Map/Plan/Report which is all the engineering to get the water to the site. There is already a water line going in from East St., but the feed is 100-year-old pipe and is not strong enough to provide water capacity that prospective buyers need. We will be replacing the pipeline along East St. and that will cost us about \$2.6 million dollars of which funding we have from FAST NY. The 2 things we must do are the district formation and the refurbishing of the East. St. water line. We are also adding sewer capacity due to the site having no sewer capacity and that will cost approximately \$1-\$2 million dollars. The County and the WWIDA are replacing the bridge coming off Rte. 196 and construction is scheduled for Spring 2026. We have to widen the road coming in off East St. that is on Canal Corp. property and are hoping to have permission to begin construction in April of 2026, finished by June and have the bridge replacement start in June.

Councilwoman Mullen: How long will the bridge replacement take?

Chuck Barton: Up to 4 months; could be as quick as 2 months.

Councilwoman Mullen: There are going to be 18 wheelers coming down East St.?

Chuck Barton: Yes, that is the detour.

Councilman Suprenant: How many 18 wheelers per day?

Chuck Barton: Anywhere from 5-10; it was our only alternative so that the grain shipments don't stop coming into the area.

Councilwoman Mullen: My concern is that I live right there by the stop sign and Kiewit did not respect that stop sign.

Chuck Barton: We can work with the Village on that as well.

Mike Dickinson: Will they be closing East St. to install the new water line?

Chuck Barton: No

Mike Dickinson: Is the water line going in before or after the increased truck traffic?

Chuck Barton: That will be after or concurrently.

Mike Dickinson: Is there a chance the water line that is there now could be compromised by the truck traffic?

Chuck Barton: The new 10" line will make the water cleaner for the residents.

Melanie Dickinson: What about the residents that live on East Rd.?

Chuck Barton: That would be a question for the Engineer's but the water line we are working on ends at the end of East St.

Chuck Barton: We have had 3 prospective buyers this year, 2 seem not interested and 1 is doing their due diligence and we hope to announce in early 2026.

Supervisor Fisher: The WWIDA had an appraisal done on the site and the Town will be getting one also.

Chuck Barton: We hope to approve the Map, Plan & Report at our January Board meeting and then the Town will have to approve it also.

Spectrum Franchise Agreement Set Public Hearing

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to set a public hearing on January 12, 2026, at 6:55pm to hear comments on the Spectrum Franchise Agreement Renewal **ALL AYES**

Set End of Year Meeting Date

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Mullen to set the end of year meeting on December 30, 2025, at 10:00am **ALL AYES**

OTHER BUSINESS:

Attorney Nikas: Should have final documents within 30 days for the Verizon Water Tower Easement.

Councilman Suprenant: Any suggestions on how we use that money?

Attorney Nikas: I recommend that since you are no longer going to be receiving lease payments that you put it into an investment vehicle that would on an interest basis pay what you are giving up. It can go into a taxpayer reserve account which can be used to offset expenses, and, in this case, you are offsetting the loss of the lease revenues you have been receiving.

Brian Brockway:

- Junk at the landfill is gone and we received a \$4,869.00 check for the scrap
- Plowed/Water Markings
- Passed out DOH Water Inspection last week, they were impressed with the water tower

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Dickinson: I am looking for information on the ESMI building process. North of the building they are stock piling soil; can you tell me why there is so much in the stockpile? I have never seen that much.

Supervisor Fisher: I don't know about the volume but before we were told that anything on the north side was clean dirt.

Mike Dickinson: My understanding is there is a sale in process.

Supervisor Fisher: We don't have any information on that.

Ben Bramlage: At the last meeting I had asked about the local law, and I was specifically looking at ESMI's permitting process. They have not been processing much at all for most of this year.

Joe Clear: I am here to talk about the water problem on Samantha Dr. The storm drains have been plugged for 3 years.

Supervisor Fisher: I can pass this along to the Village.

Ben Bramlage:

- Big changes are coming for ESMI, on Friday there was an announcement that Enviro Corp., which is the parent company to Clean Earth, which is the owner of ESMI, is selling their entire Clean Earth portfolio to a company called Veolia. Veolia is a French based global company, and the deal is for all Clean Earth's 18 facilities with a price tag of \$3.04 billion. In 2024 Veolia came up with a 5-year plan that included expanding their North American footprint by 50 %. The area they are pushing into is hazardous waste management. This deal is slated to close in the Summer of 2026. Veolia has made it clear the reason they are trying to expand their hazmat industry into the U.S. is because the regulatory structure is more permissible than it is in Europe. The 5-year plan specifically references PFA's processing as the growth area. DEC permitting is paused and we aren't sure why, so we have some time for it to go through the process but it's an opportunity for this whole community to look at what we want the future of this community to be.

Supervisor Fisher: What is the status on the RD&D Permit?

Ben Bramlage: It is still incomplete.

Attorney Nikas: Earth Justice, a volunteer environmental legal group, is going to participate on the legal side to oppose it.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Councilman Suprenant, Seconded by Councilwoman Collier to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm **ALL AYES**

Dated: December 16, 2025

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk