

**Village of Fort Edward  
Board of Trustees – Public Hearing Meeting  
Monday, April 6, at 6:45 p.m.**

**Mayor Traver called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Trustee Carpenter, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Boucher  
**Absent:** Trustee Williams

**Present:** Therese Gillis, Paul Guillet, Dave Armando

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

The meeting centered on reviewing the latest budget figures, with a particular focus on insurance costs and staffing shift adjustments that led to notable savings. The team confirmed that the sheriff's budget is sufficiently funded and addressed community feedback from the budget hearing.

**Outline**

**Budget Update on Insurance Costs**

The clerk received the projected increase for insurance to be 9% and updated the budget worksheets for the board. The revised budget number stands at approximately \$7.11 for the rate per thousand, which is a slight increase from the previous budget meeting at the rate of \$7.03 per thousand.

**Staffing Shift Analysis with Washington County Sheriff**

Implementing a 10-hour staffing shift is projected to save about \$90,000 annually, compared to only \$30,000 in savings with a 12-hour shift.

The 10-hour shift is more beneficial due to the staff's proximity to the work location.

**Sheriff's Budget Confirmation**

The team confirmed that the budget allocated for the sheriffs is sufficient and adequately covers their needs.

A meeting to adopt the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee **Cutler**, seconded by Trustee **Boucher**.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Rose  
Village Clerk-Treasurer