Village of Fort Edward
Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
Monday, July 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Traver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Approval of June minutes
Motion by **Trustee Carpenter** seconded by **Trustee Cutler**
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Reports - Clerk, Code, Street, Water, Sheriff
Motion by **Trustee Williams** seconded by **Trustee Boucher**
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Audit of the bills

Abstract #2	**General $41,391.71**	**Abstract #2**	**Water $7,852.62**
PBA #2	**General $16,855.75**	**PBA #2**	**Water $859.05**

Motioned by **Trustee Carpenter** seconded by **Trustee Cutler**
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Summary

The meeting covered routine approvals and personnel actions, including approval of minutes, financial abstracts, and reports; acceptance of a DPW resignation; appointment of a full-time deputy clerk; approval of a bond resolution for a new water-department truck; and authorization of a CDBG capital project and related bidding. The board also set a public hearing to discontinue Eddie and Mill Streets and discussed sign procurement for the CDBG project, water-project financing and status, street damage associated with Champlain Hudson Power Express, maintenance priorities such as pavers weed control, light-pole restoration, and reservoir fencing, and other municipal matters. Additional discussion included storefront access for measurements, planning for a community event and its funding/safety logistics, signage at Fort Avenue, the Veolia/DEC PFAS permit suspension, code enforcement and an animal-hoarding incident, an East Street water-line leak and Canal Corporation coordination, remediation options for Knolls Pond, upcoming local events and Rogers Island planning, and approval of DPW summer hires.

Outline

DPW laborer resignation accepted
The board accepted the resignation of DPW laborer Britanny Frazier, who has taken a position with the South Glens Falls Police Department.

Resolution 4 of 2026-2027
Resignation of Laborer in DPW
Motion By Trustee **Williams**
Seconded By Trustee **Cutler**
Dated: July 6 2026

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of laborer Britanny Frasier and;

WHEREAS, Britanny Frasier was appointed by Resolution #17 of 2023-2024 dated December 4, 2023 at a rate of $18.50 per hour to start and;

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board would like to thank Britanny for her service with us for the two plus years and wish her luck in the future.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution 5 of 2026-2027

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF TWO (2) STREETS KNOWN AS EDDY STREET AND MILL STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD

Motion By	Trustee **Williams**
Seconded By	Trustee **Boucher**
Dated:	July 6 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Fort Edward (the "Village") has received a request to discontinue streets known as "Eddy Street" and "Mill Street" in the Village; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Law §6-612, the Board may by resolution provide for laying out, altering, widening, narrowing, discontinuing or accepting the dedication of a street in the village; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Law §6-614, the Board must hold a public hearing concerning said proposed discontinuance pursuant to and in accordance with Article 21 of the Village Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to schedule a public hearing on the proposed discontinuation of Eddy Street and Mill Street in the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held by the Board of Trustees on August 3, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. at the Village Hall, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York, concerning the proposed discontinuance of Eddy Street and Mill Street from the intersection of Broadway to the terminus of said streets, excepting therefrom sufficient land and width for continuation of sidewalks, and subject to any and all water, sewer, electric or other utilities that may lie in the bed of said streets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is direct to post and publish a notice of said public hearing in the *Post Star* at least five (5) days before the hearing.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

PRESENT: Trustee Williams, Trustee Boucher, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Carpenter

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution 6 of 2026-2027
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BIDS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK VACANT PROPERTY CLEARANCE PROGRAM NYS CDBG Project #410PCP568-25, CFA 144399

Motion By Trustee **Carpenter**
Seconded By Trustee **Cutler**
Dated: July 6 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fort Edward, Washington County, New York, recognizes the importance of maintaining the aesthetic, structural, and safety standards within our community; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of specific conditions of blight, deterioration, or safety hazards on a spot basis is crucial for the prevention of blight and the protection of adjacent properties or areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees identified two properties, one located at 50 East Street and one located at 62 Canal Street, in the Village of Fort Edward, to be in a state of blight requiring demolition; and

WHEREAS, the Village received a grant award from the Housing Trust Fund Corporation Office of Community Renewal bearing NYS CDBG Project #410PCP568-25, CFA 144399 for the removal of the structures at the above properties (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to authorize the Mayor to release one or more bids for the Project in accordance with the General Municipal Law and Village Law, and to take such other and further action as the Mayor may deem necessary and appropriate to advertise for, solicit, amend, modify, clarify and obtain said bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the creation of a capital project for the Project together with such accounts as may be necessary for the tracking, funding, accounting and payment for and of the Project and the opening of such checking or other accounts as may be necessary for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor, or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor, to advertise for, solicit, amend, modify, clarify and obtain bids for the Project in accordance with the General Municipal Law and Village Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor, be and hereby is/are authorized to execute any and all documents and to take such other and further action as he may deem appropriate and necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

PRESENT: Trustee Williams, Trustee Boucher, Trustee Cutler, Trustee Carpenter
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstained:

Appointment of full-time Deputy Clerk
Resolution #7 of 2026-2027
Motion by: Trustee **Williams**
Seconded by: Trustee **Cutler**
Dated: July 6, 2026

WHEREAS the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby appoint Madeline Miller to the position of Deputy Clerk effective July 6, 2026, at the rate of $20.00 per hour and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #8 of 2026-2027

BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $57,500.00 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL BONDS OR A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD TO PAY THE COSTS FOR A 2026 FORD F-250 TRUCK WITH STRAIGHT BLADE PLOW AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSES AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Motion by: Trustee Boucher
Seconded by: Trustee Cutler
Dated: July 6, 2026

WHEREAS, after due deliberation thereon, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Fort Edward (the "Village") desires to undertake a project consisting of the purchase of a new 2026 Ford F-250 with straight blade plow and related equipment, plus other incidental costs associated therewith for the Water Department (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the Project is FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and NO/100 DOLLARS ($57,500.00) which is the responsibility of the Village; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the costs associated with the Project, the Village desires to issue notes or serial bonds or a statutory installment bond, in lieu of serial bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and NO/100 DOLLARS ($57,500.00); and

WHEREAS, no other bond anticipation notes have been previously authorized or issued in anticipation of the issuance of serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution will not serve to renew any other existing bond anticipation notes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Village as follows:

Section 1. The specific object and/or purpose of the Project for which the obligations authorized by this Resolution are to be issued is the purchase of a new 2026 Ford F-250 with straight blade plow and related equipment, plus other incidental costs associated therewith for the Water Department, all of which are hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and NO/100 DOLLARS ($57,500.00).

Section 2. The initial financing of the Project shall be undertaken by the Village through the issuance of a bond anticipation note or notes in accordance with and pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York in an amount not to exceed FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and NO/100 DOLLARS ($57,500.00). The Village hereby authorizes any bonds, including a statutory installment bond, in lieu of serial bonds, to be issues for this Project in an amount not to exceed FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and NO/100 DOLLARS ($57,500.00). In addition, the Village further authorizes any obligations issued hereunder to be secured in connection with any Federal or State issued grant(s) or loan(s).

Section 3. The Village hereby authorizes the mayor of the Village (the "Mayor") to utilize funds held within the Fund and within the Budget for the purpose of payment of services rendered in connection with the Project and further authorizes the Mayor to repay any funds expended from the Fund with funds borrowed in connection with any bond anticipation note omr bonds, including statutory installment bonds, issued pursuant to and authorized by and through this bond resolution.

Section 4. There are hereby authorized to be issued bond anticipation notes ("Notes"), including the renewal of such Notes, for the aforesaid specific objects or purposes in amounts up to but not exceeding the maximum amount of the Bonds herein authorized. Any such Notes issued shall be approved as to form and executed by the Mayor, and issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds herein authorized.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is five (5) years pursuant to Sections 11.00(a)(32) of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Village is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on any Bonds or Notes issued in connection with this bond resolution, as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of, and any interest, if applicable, on the Bonds or Notes becoming due and payable in such years.

Section 7. The maximum maturity of the Bonds shall not exceed the periods of probable usefulness set forth above and shall mature on or before the date of the expiration of the aforesaid periods of probable usefulness as measured from the date of the Bonds or from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, whichever date is earlier. If deemed necessary by the Mayor, the Bonds or Notes to be issued hereunder may be issued in two or more separate series. The maturity of the Bonds issued in connection with this bond resolution will NOT exceed five (5) years.

Section 8. Any Notes or Bonds issued hereunder shall be payable from the proceeds derived from the issuance and or sale of the Bonds authorized herein or otherwise redeemed in the manner provided by Section 23.00 or Section 62.10 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 9. There are no bond anticipation notes or Bonds outstanding which have been previously issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds authorized herein.

Section 10. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to issue and sell the Bonds and/or Notes, including all powers and duties pertaining or incidental thereto, is hereby delegated to the Mayor of the Village, except as herein provided. The Bonds and/or Notes shall be of such terms, form and content, and shall be sold in such manner, whether by public or private sale, as may be determined by the Mayor, pursuant to Local Finance Law, this resolution and any further resolution which the Board may hereafter adopt. The Mayor is authorized to execute and deliver any documents and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent of the provisions of this resolution, including any resolutions, contracts or authorizations necessary to secure any Federal or State issued grant(s) or loan(s).

Section 11. The exact date of issue of the Bonds and/or Notes and the exact date upon which the same shall become due and payable shall be fixed and determined by the Mayor, provided however, that the maturity of said Notes or renewals thereof shall not exceed one year from the Note's or renewal's date of issue except as permitted by the Local Finance Law.

Section 12. The Mayor shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, such Bonds and/or Notes and sell the same in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Local Finance Law, and at such sale shall determine the interest rate to be borne by such Bonds and/or Notes, whether fixed or variable.

Section 13. The proceeds of the sale of the Bonds and/or Notes shall be deposited and/or invested as required by Section 165.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the power to invest the proceeds of sale is hereby delegated to the Mayor and the power to invest in any instruments described in the said Section 165.00 is expressly granted.

Section 14. To the extent that it is permitted to do so under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Issuer hereby designates the Bonds and/or Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Issuer hereby covenants that it will (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Bonds and/or Notes be excluded from gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Bonds and/or Notes to be included in gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes.

Section 15. Pursuant to Section 36.00(a)(1) of the Local Finance Law, this resolution is not subject to permissive referendum.

Section 16. The validity of such Bonds and/or Notes (collectively "Obligations") may be contested only if:

(1) Such Obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced with twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

(3) Such Obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 17. This resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full in the *Post Star*, which has been designated as the official newspaper of the Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Clerk of the Village in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 18. The adoption of this Resolution is considered an action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Village hereby declares that this action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (42), and hereby declares that the action does not have a significant impact on the environment and the action is hereby precluded from further environmental review.

Section 19. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote by roll call, which resulted as follows:

Matthew Traver, Mayor	Aye
David Cutler, Trustee	Aye
Peter Williams, Trustee	Aye
John Boucher, Jr., Trustee	Aye
Edward Carpenter, Trustee	Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Janelle Rose, Village Clerk
Village of Fort Edward

Water project status and EFC financing
The water project is moving forward, and the board is again coordinating with the Environmental Facilities Corporation on updated financing. Notices to proceed had recently been issued, and the contractor was working through bond, insurance, MWBE, and disabled-veteran compliance requirements. The main contractor had submitted tank plans and specifications, and on-site work was expected to progress in the coming weeks.

CDBG project sign requirements and quotes
The board discussed the project sign required for the CDBG work and agreed that the village would procure the sign so bidding would not be delayed. The village needs to obtain three vendor quotes and follow grant guidance for sign content and placement. A mock-up had been prepared, and the project contact was to provide the needed information to the clerk.

Champlain Hudson Power Express street damage follow-up
The board expected a response from Champlain Hudson Power Express by mid-month regarding reported street damage and planned to follow up if no contact was made. Damage concerns included sinking pavement on East Street just after the railroad tracks, along with two or three other locations. The village intended to document the damage and seek remediation.

Brick pavers and parking area near the pump station – 208 Broadway - Graham
The board discussed a property near the pump house that includes a mix of pavement and historic brick pavers used by residents for parking. Resident has complained about weed growth between the pavers, but the board decided not to pave the area at this time because of other priorities and the site's historic character. Action items included obtaining weed-control spraying quotes, contacting the paver contractor who serviced Broadway, and having DPW handle branch cleanup and general maintenance. The board also planned to explore whether

adjacent homeowners might be interested in purchasing part of the parcel, which would require a survey and review of utility line locations.

Light pole cleaning and repainting plan

The board discussed cleaning rust from light poles using a power grinder or wire brush and repainting them to extend service life and address salt damage. The work would likely be done with summer help or a small crew in phases. The board noted that some town poles are in worse condition due to heavier snow and salt exposure, so poles would be prioritized by condition

Miscellaneous maintenance and project coordination

The board added several maintenance items to the project list, including ordering more reservoir supplies, coordinating fence work, and keeping up routine maintenance after contractor activity. Trustees asked DPW to address overgrown areas and to confirm whether spraying is effective before weed-whacking so the treatment will last. The clerk and project manager were asked to secure required quotes for the CDBG sign, paver spraying, and other small contracts and report back to the board.

Reservoir fencing and summer helper coordination

The new reservoir fence installation will require temporary removal of some sections so the contractor can access the site, and work is expected to proceed in alternating sections over several days. DPW will coordinate scheduling so summer help can assist with cleanup and maintenance a week or two after the fence work is complete. The board expressed concern about leaving very young summer employees unsupervised at remote sites and emphasized proper supervision and safety.

Storefront access and measurements for 138–140

Sharon requested access to buildings 138 and 140 to measure storefronts for renovation planning. A weekend visit was preferred because of work schedules, and Janelle offered to obtain keys and meet on a Saturday morning if available. The action item was to schedule a mutually agreeable weekend time and confirm whether upper floors need access.

Community event planning, funding, and safety logistics for the Second Annual Founders Day Festival

Fundraising outreach reached 59 village businesses and additional town businesses, generating $450 from in-village businesses and $1,872 from businesses outside the village. Current event expenses of about $17,500 were covered by a combination of village, town, and other contributions, but there was no surplus for contingencies. The parade permit was submitted, but system changes require the town rather than the American Legion to be listed as sponsor for insurance purposes, so the committee is consulting the town supervisor. Event plans include activities in the Yacht Basin, a marketplace, a tentative pickleball tournament, and fireworks with an added $500 for a grand finale. Safety planning includes purchasing traffic cones to create traffic control and slow zones, with sheriff coordination for staffing. Volunteers will continue selling raffle tickets at local businesses and increasing visibility through signage and flyers. Action items include confirming the pickleball organizer, tournament location, and school-facility rain backup.

Fort Avenue signage and kiosk maintenance

The wooden sign and kiosk at the yacht basin are under informal stewardship of Promote Fort Edward, which is currently reorganizing and not fully active. There is no consistently active entity maintaining the kiosk content and signage at present. Jeff will photograph the sign and kiosk and send the images to Janelle so the village board can propose updated content and coordinate with Promote Fort Avenue. Promote Fort Avenue is planning to resume events such as Tuesdays on the Hudson, with possible programming including yoga, Tai Chi, and volleyball.

Veolia purchase and PFAS permit suspension

Veolia closed on its purchase of Clean Earth's portfolio on June 1 for $3.04 billion, which included the Fort Edward facility among 18 sites. On June 2, Veolia asked DEC to suspend review of the PFAS permit application, and DEC suspended the process and canceled public hearings and the reopening of comments. It was discussed that Veolia likely identified issues in the application before closing and is now reviewing options internally, such as resuming review, modifying the application, submitting a new application, or withdrawing it. The village ZBA process and related hearings remain active for other matters, and local legal challenges based on home-rule and public-health concerns may continue to affect the project. Veolia may pursue expansion at other sites, including apparent interest in Loudoun, while Philadelphia appears constrained. The action item is to encourage public attendance at the ZBA hearing and continue monitoring DEC and Veolia filings.

Enforcement updates and animal-hoarding incident
The code enforcement officer reported ongoing violation cases with court hearings, including one scheduled for the following day and a newly submitted case. A recent animal-hoarding investigation resulted in the removal of more than 80 cats from a residence at 103 Broadway, with some animals concealed within the structure. First responders reportedly wore hazmat suits during the removal, and at least one deputy required medical treatment for possible rabies exposure, while others were treated for ammonia-related issues. The board did not have confirmation on whether arrests or warrants had been executed, although the sheriff's office had suggested that arrests might occur earlier in the week. The action item is to follow up with the sheriff's office on arrest or warrant status and ensure proper animal care and safety protocols.

Animal-hoarding property cleanup
A property with many live and deceased cats was being gutted by Mike Gray, which generated local concern and visible hazmat activity. North Shore animal services or rescue organizations were involved in handling displaced animals and finding placements for surviving cats. Neighbors first reported the odor, and new tenants at #99 complained and helped prompt follow-up.

East Street water line leak and Canal Corporation coordination
Water department staff located the buried line after Ken Brownell dug where the map indicated and Bill used Doppler scanning, though the line was initially difficult to find. The village is preparing to bill for chemicals and repair-related expenses, and Ken wants the bill sent directly to the party responsible. A major obstacle is that the line crosses or sits on Canal Corporation property, requiring Canal Corporation or Albany approval before excavation or permanent repair can proceed. Board members expressed concern about ongoing water loss and discussed temporary measures and escalation to the Department of Health or DEC if the village cannot resolve the issue because of jurisdictional barriers. Village staff said Canal Corporation has been informed of the line's location and the village is awaiting a response about next steps.

Knolls Pond stagnation and remediation options
Knolls Pond has developed heavy duckweed coverage and stagnant conditions due to the lack of inflow and outflow, with growth building over the last two years. DEC sampled the pond and confirmed that the surface growth is duckweed, recommending circulation with an aerator and possible chemical treatment if mechanical approaches do not work. Short-term mechanical action discussed included using the village trash pump to break up and move the surface scum before an aerator is installed. A solar-powered aerator was discussed as a medium-term solution, though the board noted that a larger system or power from the nearby pump house might be needed. The board acknowledged that summer maintenance will likely be ongoing, and that repeated cleaning or continuous aeration may be required.

Upcoming events and Rogers Island planning
The Washington County 250th event on July 11–12 at the fair will feature reenactors, exhibits, and a tractor pull benefiting children's charities, and the village is helping promote attendance. Rogers Island Visitors Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary on August 1 with tours and programming, and the board wants better turnout from residents. CT Mail was selected to prepare the historical trail plan for Rogers Island, which is needed before additional project work can proceed. The town supervisor and village met with the IDA and a prospective tenant, and the next step is to coordinate joint planning and zoning board review like the WL Plastics process.

DPW summer hires and LEAP employee discussion
The board approved hiring Connor Tripp and Jackson Chester as DPW summer help at $18.50 per hour. The county LEAP program was discussed, including its provision of a 20-hour-per-week employee and its prior payroll

and administrative handling in successful placements. The board agreed that no additional resolution was needed to accept the county-paid LEAP employee, but staff will confirm the administrative details.
A motion to hire Connor Tripp and Jackson Chester was made by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Boucher.

All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Carpenter, seconded by Trustee Boucher.
All ayes. Motion carried.

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Janelle Rose
Village Clerk-Treasurer