

Village of Fort Edward
Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Present: Jeff Caprood, Dave Earsing, Ben Bramlage, Sharon Tasker-Dalton, Doreen Rabine, Nasrene Haj, Joe Melucci, Kyle Cozzens, Ardie Russell, Dave Armando

Approval of September minutes

Motion by: Trustee **Williams**
Seconded by: Trustee **Carpenter**
Dated: October 6, 2025
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Reports - Clerk, Court, Code, Street, Water, Sheriff

Motion by: Trustee **Carpenter**
Seconded by: Trustee **Cutler**
Dated: October 6, 2025
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

General Abstract - \$23,106.41	Water Abstract - \$21,435.01
Pay Before - \$9,478.00	Pay before - \$1,463.24

Motioned by: Trustee Williams
Seconded by: Trustee Cutler
Dated: October 6, 2025
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Summary

The meeting covered the acceptance of previous minutes, review and approval of financial reports, and resolutions regarding employee resignations and infrastructure projects. Key decisions included moving forward with the Loom Street paving project, addressing ongoing maintenance and infrastructure issues, and supporting community initiatives. Updates were provided on the water project, funding opportunities, and the status of various local projects and events. The need for collaboration and support among local organizations was emphasized, with actions planned for upcoming demolition work, signage improvements, and trail planning grants.

Outline

Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Financial Reports and Bills

- The general abstract and various financial reports were presented, totaling significant amounts for audits and water expenses.

Resignation of Employee

- The resignation of Matthew Bedeau from the Village of Fort Edward Department of Public Works was accepted with appreciation for his service.
- His resignation is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION # 15 of 2025-2026

Resignation of HEO for DPW

Motion by: Trustee Carpenter

Seconded by: Trustee Cutler

Dated: October 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Matthew Bedeaux was hired as a Laborer for the Village of Fort Edward Department of Public Works on July 6, 2021, by Resolution #8 of 2021-2022; and recently promoted to HEO, and

WHEREAS, the Fort Edward Village Board does hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Matthew Bedeaux and extends their appreciation to him for his service to the Village of Fort Edward, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resignation is effective immediately.

All ayes. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Moon Street Project

- A bid of \$56,000 was received for the Moon Street project, which is necessary due to previous water main work.
- The project will be funded using a combination of POP money and the water fund, with a motion to proceed made by Trustee **Cutler** and seconded by Trustee **Boucher**. All ayes. Motion carried

Founders Day Event Success

- The Founders Day event was reported as a great success with high attendance and positive feedback.
- Trustee **Cutler** acknowledged the efforts of Dave Earsing and the crew in organizing the event.

Water Project Financials

- Financials for the water project have been completed and submitted to EFC.
- Updates on recouping funds from the EFC as soon as possible were discussed, with pending changes from LaBella.

Canal Side Development Update

- Meetings with the IDA and potential companies interested in the Canal Side project were discussed. The location will need water supply from the Village of Fort Edward.
- Funding opportunities for various county projects were also mentioned, including the FE1A McCrea Street sewer project. A meeting was held by the county asking for help with projects especially since the prison closed in Comstock causing a lot of lost revenue in Washington County.

OLD BUSINESS

Damaged Hydrants

- The two hydrants that were taken out by motor vehicle accidents will be repaired once the parts come in.

Street Sign Pole

- An accident report on the street sign at Griffin Avenue has been received, and an order has been placed for the new pole and signs.

Annex Building

- Annex Building – Paul McCarty would like to have a committee formed for quarterly meetings to secure the building and get it ready to move items into it for archive. The committee consists of two board members each from the Town and Village.

Rourke Property

- There is a small parcel in between two roads – There is a road owned by the village in King Edward Knolls that leads to a road to Drifting Ridge, however in between both access roads is a small parcel owned by Bill Rourke. This small piece is landlocked by the village access roads, and he would like to give it to the village. Attorney Fuller will follow up with this request.

Champlain Hudson Power Express Update

- Updates on the Champlain Hudson Power Express project were discussed, including drilling and road conditions.
- Concerns about damaged curbs and infrastructure due to the project were raised, with plans to address these issues.

Water Issues at Little League Field

- There is a problem with water running into Mrs. Jones' house from the field, and efforts will be made to redirect it.
- Jeff Caprood will work on getting the groundwater re-routed as well as to shut off the water supply to the building.

NEPA and Bidding for 50 East Street

- The NEPA process is currently underway and is expected to take about three to four weeks.
- There is a need to go out to bid for the demolition of 50 East Street once the NEPA process is completed.

Yacht Basin

- Sharon Tasker-Dalton raised a point that the sign at the yacht basin is in poor condition and needs to be replaced.
- Jeff will take pictures of the sign and explore options for a new sign to be installed by next spring. Trustee Williams stated that the sign originally came from the FE Chamber of Commerce.
- Camping permit status is still pending. Janelle will reach out to Erin to see what tasks are left to complete the requirements to have camping in the northern location of the yacht basin.

Founders Day Festival 2025

- Joe Melucci, a Rotary Club member, joined the meeting to comment on and thank Dave Earsing for his efforts in making this festival a great success. He hopes there will be future parades and that Dave seeks help in accomplishing successful events in the future.
- Dave Earsing announced that they will kick off the 2026 festival by having a meeting on October 23, 2025, to discuss next year.

Feder Canal Alliance Initiative

- The Feder Canal Alliance is seeking a letter of support for a project that will enhance local trails and businesses. Ardie Russell attended the meeting to introduce herself and will be reaching out to the village requesting a letter of support.
- The total project cost is estimated at \$310,000, with a request for \$150,000 in CFA funding.

Trail Planning Grant Update

- Trustee Carpenter announced that a grant application for trail planning has been successfully submitted on behalf of the visitor center with help from Jim Thatcher at CT Male.
- The project aims to highlight the historical significance of the island to Fort Edward.

Locktoberfest 2025

- Trustee Williams announced that our 8th Annual Locktoberfest will be on Saturday, October 18th from 12-5. There will be plenty of vendors, a beer tasting tent, music and food. Come join us!
- Mayor Traver commented on what a successful event it's been and looks forward to it each year.

Amphitheater Project Status

- There are ongoing discussions regarding the design and construction of a new structure for the amphitheater project.
- The mayor would like to plan for concrete work this year, with construction to follow next year.

Code Enforcement update

- Dave Armando reported that there has been an increase in roof permits this summer, indicating potential weather-related issues ahead.
- Dave recently received a box of new code books from NYS and they were free!

A motion to move to executive session was made by Trustee Boucher, seconded by Trustee Williams at 7:40 p.m.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Rose
Village Clerk-Treasurer