

Village of Fort Edward
Board of Trustees – Public Hearing
Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent:

Present: Matthew Rimkunas, Rob Martin, Rick Doty, Melanie Dickinson, Mike Dickinson, Therese Gillis, Jessica Donnelly, Amanda Durkee, Kyle Cozzens, John Weber, Frank Burkhardt, Doreen Rabine, Dave Armando.

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The mayor opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Summary

The mayor reviewed the tentative budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year by going over the Government Support appropriations and comparing our expenses from the previous fiscal year. Culture and Recreation were also reviewed regarding annual stipends for some organizations that the village supports. Debt services were recapped regarding two payments left for the Ravo Sweeper that was financed for 10 years as well as the new upcoming payment for the water project which hopefully in the near future. The discussion of the change to recycling for the village brought up the cost savings for a year as well as the help from the town in paying those expenses. Overall, this is a huge savings for the taxpayers. Kyle Cozzens asked the question about the Chamber/Promote Fort Edward and the amount budgeted and wanted to know if any of it was saved for the Founders Day Parade in September 2025. Mr. John Weber asked if there was any money set aside for unknown expenses, should there be any. The mayor explained that we do have a contingency line as well as a fund balance to help with any unknown surprises.

A motion to accept Promote Fort Edward's MOU pending their Incorporated status and 501C3 was made by Trustee **Cutler**, seconded by Trustee **Williams**. Trustee **Boucher** opposed.

A motion to hire Casella for recycling for the Village and Town was made by Trustee **Boucher**, seconded by Trustee **Cutler**. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee **Carpenter**, seconded by Trustee **Cutler**. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Rose
Village Clerk-Treasurer