

Village of Fonda
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Date: March 9, 2026

Time: Opened at 6:30pm

Location: 8 E Main St, Fonda, NY

Meeting Called to Order By: Timothy Healey, Deputy Mayor

ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees:

Name	Present	Remote	Absent
Mark Scott, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shaun Schriner, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sprague, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tim Healey, Trustee, Deputy Mayor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill Peeler, Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Staff/Officials Present:

Name	Present	Remote	Absent
Christine Kearns, Clerk-Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Albanese, Village Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stan Waddle, Code Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beverly Guiffre, Village Historian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Public and Guests in Attendance:

- Sal Riggi, Jayden Taylor, Cameron Etherton, Jarell Vozna, Dallas Barrett, Ryan Melo, Maria Abraham arrived at 7:35pm
- Sign-in sheet attached

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- **Motion** – To approve the minutes from the February 9, 2026, Regular meeting
- Motion by: Deputy Mayor Healey Seconded by: Trustee Schriner
- Vote: Aye – 4 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent – 1
- Motion: Passed Failed

NEW BUSINESS

Communications Received

Received From	Description	Date
NYMIR/Wright Insurance Group	Email – Payment issued for claim for electrical damage to VFD at water plant – payment received 2/11/26	1/29/26
Charter Communications	Notice of Franchise Fee payment	2/19/26
NYS Department of Health	Notice of Violation	2/19/26
US Senator Charles Schumer	Institute of Museum and Library Services Funding	2/19/26
Erie Canalway	2025 Annual Report	2/19/26
NBT Bank	ACH fraud detection processes	2/25/26
CDPHP	Health Insurance Benefit report	2/25/26
Mont Co Ag/Fonda Fair	Via email – Water leak/sewer rent reduction	3/5/26

Discussion held regarding the communication from Mont Co Ag/Fonda Fair regarding a water line leak. Deputy Mayor Healey stated he was good with charging them for all water used and only a minimum usage charge for the sewer would like to know how much water was leaked. Decision made to bill water and sewer according to the usage and they will revisit the request at the April 13, 2026, meeting.

Public or Guest Comment

- Beverly Guiffre, Historian – Has been doing searches at archives for people looking for information on family members.
- Sal Riggi, questioned whether there would be concerts in the park again this summer, Deputy Mayor Healey stated that the mayor would have to provide and update.

Review of Reports**Mayor's Report:**

- The report was submitted in writing.
- Trustee Sprague noted that the summer concert series is scheduled again.

Department Reports:

- Code Enforcement and Clerk Treasurer department reports were submitted in writing.
 - Code Enforcement
 - Received a letter from a property on E Main St. regarding the invoice for sidewalk snow removal done by the village, owner asked that the charge be removed citing no prior notice, per Village Law no notice is required. Deputy Mayor Healey stated that since the law says no prior notice needed the bill should be paid by the property owner, Trustees Schriener, Sprague and Scott agreed.
 - Received a call from the new owner of 48 N Center St. inquiring about putting a driveway on the south side of the house, there is currently no driveway. He will need to get with the DPW department to see what, if any, lines are in the vicinity. Told the owner they will need to have the property surveyed. Currently there is a retaining wall that may be removed. Will need to remove soil to lower property height, the soil would be relocated to the backyard. Questions were raised about what effect removing the retaining wall would have on the house and property to the south. Code Officer Waddle said he would require the project to be engineered. Trustee Sprague stated that he would want the sidewalk to remain in front of the property.
 - Contacted by the owners of Haven of Hope who would like to put in a Duplex on their property near the end of Barber St, want to make sure water and sewer service would be available. Need to get with DPW to see if possible. Discussion was held about who would be responsible for the cost to extend the services and road.

Public hearing is needed for proposed Local Laws regarding hiring employees from outside the village and Montgomery County and for overriding the 2% tax cap. Board chose Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:00pm for the public hearing.

- **Financials:**
 - Financial reports were provided separately to the Board before the meeting.
 - Financial approvals are listed under the motions below.

Motion #2026-10 Audit of Bills pre-approved

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Lou's Electric replacement ck 2/10	17,533.50			17,533.50
Pay #37 2/13	2,254.32	1,888.58	74.28	4,217.18
ss med eft 2/13	172.46	144.47	5.68	322.61
Frontier 2/13		123.21		123.21
Verizon Wireless 2/13	251.63	40.04		291.67
National Grid 2/15	2,876.46			2,876.46
Point n Pay Refund 2/18		383.28		383.28
Pay #38 2/20	2,252.20	1,774.93	74.28	4,101.41
ss med eft 2/20	172.29	135.79	5.68	313.76
Pay #39 2/27	2,243.80	1,753.86	74.28	4,071.94
ss med eft 2/27	171.65	134.17	5.68	311.50
Elan Financial 2/27	299.20	12.50		311.70
CDPHP 3/1	673.33	673.33	673.32	2,019.98
National Grid 3/1		193.79		193.79
Charter Comm 3/1	393.28			393.28

Pay #40 3/6	2,076.95	1,787.48	104.26	3,968.69
ss med eft 3/6	158.89	136.74	7.99	303.62
National Grid 3/8	1,480.97	1,853.82		3,334.79
Total	33,010.93	11,035.99	1,025.45	45,072.37

- Motion by: Trustee Scott, Seconded by: Trustee Sprague
- Vote: Aye – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1
- Motion: Passed Failed

Motion #2026-11 Approval of Abstract #10

General	Water	Sewer	Total
12,372.91	7,198.24	61,565.99	81,137.14

- Motion by: Trustee Schriner, Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Healey
- Vote: Aye – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1
- Motion: Passed Failed

Motion #2026-12 Approval of 2017 EFC Grant Water Improvements Payment

Check #	Payee	Description	Amount
1048	KB Engineering & Architecture	Invoice #'s 50-59	\$238,972.95

- Motion by: Trustee Schriner, Seconded by: Trustee Scott
- Vote: Aye – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1
- Motion: Passed Failed

Motion #2026-13 Approval to pay Elan Financial Services (NBT Credit Card) in the amount of \$596.00

- Motion by: Deputy Mayor Healey, Seconded by: Trustee Schriner
- Vote: Aye – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1
- Motion: Passed Failed

Deputy Mayor Healey asked Maria Abraham (arrived at 7:35pm) if she had any comments.

- Maria Abraham – Thank you for repairing the water main break on DiGiorgi Lane and removing the ice. Wanted to know when her fence would be put back up. Deputy Mayor Healey said he would talk with the DPW crew. Maria also mentioned that there are 2 decorative streetlights out near 61 E Main and 63 or 65 E Main.

RESOLUTION #8-2026 Transfers Request for FY 2025 – 2026 Budget

General Fund				
To	Amount	From		Amount
A1210.4 Mayor C/E	370.00	A1210.2 Mayor Eq		370.00
Total	370.00	Total		370.00

Motion by: Deputy Mayor Healey
Seconded by: Trustee Schriner

Record of Vote:

Board Member	Aye	Nay	Abstained	Absent
Mayor Peeler				X
Trustee Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			
Trustee Schriner	X			
Trustee Scott	X			

Resolution Adopted: Yes No

MOTIONS

Summary of Motions Presented:

Motion #	Description
2026-09	Approve February 9, 2026, Meeting Minutes
2026-10	Audit of Bills – Preapproved
2026-11	Abstract #10
2026-12	Approval of 2017 EFC Grant Water Improvements Payment
2026-13	Approval to pay Elan Financial Services (NBT Credit Card)

Verbal Vote Results:

Motion #	Made By	Seconded By	Vote (A/N/AB)	Result
2026-09	Deputy Mayor Healey	Trustee Schriener	Aye-4, Nay-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1	Passed
2026-10	Trustee Scott	Trustee Sprague	Aye-4, Nay-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1	Passed
2026-11	Trustee Schriener	Deputy Mayor Healey	Aye-4, Nay-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1	Passed
2026-12	Trustee Schriener	Trustee Scott	Aye-4, Nay-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1	Passed
2026-13	Deputy Mayor Healey	Trustee Schriener	Aye-4, Nay-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1	Passed

RESOLUTIONS**Summary of Resolutions Presented:**

Resolution #	Offered By	Second By	Title/Description
8-2026	Deputy Mayor Healey	Trustee Schriener	Transfers Request for FY 2025 – 2026 Budget

Roll Call Vote Results:

Resolution #	Mark Scott	Shaun Schriener	Scott Sprague	Tim Healey	Mayor Peeler	Result
8-2026	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent	Passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion – To enter executive session at [Time] to discuss [Permissible Topic]
Motion by: [Name], Seconded by: [Name] Vote: [Result]
- No action was taken
- Action taken – see Motion [#] above.
- No Executive Session Held

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

- Public Hearing - Monday, March 30, 2026, 6:00 PM
 - Organizational Meeting - Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5:30 PM
 - Regular Meeting Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM
- All held at 8 E Main St., Fonda, NY.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM

- Motion by: Trustee Sprague, Seconded by: Trustee Scott
- Vote: Aye – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 1
- Motion: Passed Failed

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns, Village Clerk
Submitted March 12, 2026