

Village of Fonda
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting

Date: April 29, 2026

Time: Opened at 6:30pm

Location: 8 E Main St, Fonda, NY

Meeting Called to Order By: Deputy Mayor Healey

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-Treasure	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NEW BUSINESS

Review of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

- General Fund
 - Tax increase of 12% above the allowable 2%, 2026-2027 tax rate of \$12.1853 per 1000, up \$1.631231 per 1000 from 2025-2026
 - \$21,974 fund balance appropriated
- Water Fund
 - New water rates

Water Rates	Inside	Outside
0 - 70,000	\$4.75	\$9.50
70,001 - 250,000 (Base rate + \$0.50)	\$5.25	\$10.50
250,001 - 750,000 (Base rate + \$1.00)	\$5.75	\$11.50
750,001 and above (Base rate + \$1.50)	\$6.25	\$12.50

- Minimum usage of 20,000 gallons
- Multi-unit properties minimum usage of 15,000 gallons/unit
- R&R fee stays the same, \$110.00 per year (\$55.00 bi-annual billing, \$27.50 quarterly billing)
- Outside users are 2x the inside rate
- Grant income of \$50,000 for Mohawk Valley Regional Water Cooperative and expense of \$100,000 included
- \$10,500 included to continue purchasing/installing new radio read meters
- \$62,515 fund balance appropriated

- Sewer Fund
 - Sewer rate stays the same at 3.20 times the water rents
 - O&M fee stays the same at \$84.00 per year (\$42.00 bi-annual billing, \$10.50 quarterly billing)
 - Contributions to sewer plant remain the same as previous year at \$246,264
 - \$146,512 to be transferred to a reserve fund

Board discussion regarding the tax increase, reviewed line items in the general fund to see where any more cuts could be made. Discussed the Refuse/Garbage – C/E, Street Cleaning Rental, Street Lighting Eqp – Ornamentals, and Central Garage – Build appropriation lines. Garbage is in the last year of a 2-year contract. Board decided to remove \$8,000 from Street Lighting Eqp – Ornamentals, \$4,000 from Street Cleaning Rental and \$4,000 from Central Garage – Build. Lowered the total appropriations by \$16,000.

Resolution #18-2026 To Approve FY 2026-2027 Village Budget

Approve the FY 2026-2027 Village Budget with the following changes

- A5182.200 Street Lighting Eqp – Ornamentals \$0
- A8170.00 Street Cleaning Rental \$0
- A1640.200 Central Garage – Build \$0

Summary of Budget:

- General Fund
 - Tax increase of 9.02%
 - Tax rate of \$11.54759 per 1000,
 - \$21,974 fund balance appropriated
- Water Fund
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Motion by: Trustee Sprague
 Seconded by: Trustee Schriener

Record of Vote:

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

Resolution Adopted: Yes No

RESOLUTIONS

Summary of Resolutions Presented:

Resolution #	Offered By	Second By	Title/Description
18-2026	Trustee Sprague	Trustee Schriener	To Approve FY 2026-2027 Village Budget

Roll Call Vote Results:

Resolution #	Mark Scott	Shaun Schriener	Scott Sprague	Tim Healey	Mayor Peeler	Result
18-2026	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 on Local Law #3 on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00pm at 8 E. Main St., Fonda, NY.

The next regular meeting of the Village of Fonda Board of Trustees will be held on May 11, 2026, at 6:30pm at 8 E Main St., Fonda, NY.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns, Village Clerk
 Approved May 11, 2026