

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting and Organizational Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Fabius

Monday, January 12, 2026

Present:

Mrs. Michael Vilardi – Supervisor	Mr. Dennis Bobbette – Highway Supervisor
Mr. Craig Powers – Councilmember	Mrs. Peggy Riker – Town Clerk
Mr. Jeremiah Eaton – Councilmember	Mr. Thomas Chartrand – Bookkeeper
Mrs. Deborah Foster – Councilmember (<i>Absent</i>)	Mr. Tim Bearup – Zoning/Codes Officer (<i>Absent</i>)
Mr. Paul Brown – Councilmember	Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Organizational meeting opened at 5:30 PM with Mr. Vilardi leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Rate of compensation and salary payment schedule for elected and appointed officials per budget.
2. Designate NBT as official bank for Town of Fabius and participation in NYCLASS.
3. Petty cash for Town Clerk/Tax Collector - \$100.00. Petty cash for Justice Court - \$200.00.
4. Highway Superintendent authorized to purchase equipment and tools for Highway Department up to the sum of \$500.00.
5. Designate voting delegate Robert DeMore to the Association of Towns meeting in February.
6. Allocate \$.72.5 per mile for Town business.
7. Designate Robert DeMore as Attorney for the Town.
8. Designate The Post Standard as our legal newspaper.
9. Set aside monies, per budget, for Item #1 for Primary Work and General Repairs.
10. Approve all bonds as to form and sufficiency.
11. Authorize Supervisor to invest in prudent manner all idle funds.
12. Continue services with Tully Ambulance District, paid in monthly installments.
13. Designate Deborah Foster Power of Attorney.
14. Adopt Town Procurement Policy.
15. Adopt Town Harassment Policy.
16. Adopt Town Code of Ethics Policy.
17. Adopt Town Employee Handbook.
18. Adopt Town Investment Policy.
19. Adopt six (6) hours as standard workday for elected and appointed officials for retirement.
20. Authorize Supervisor to enter into agreement with Onondaga County Youth and Recreation.
21. Designate meeting night as third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM.
22. Appointments:
 - Enter into a contract with Thomas Chartrand Accounting.
 - Animal Control Officer – Laura Holt
 - Historian – Peter Schlicht
 - Secretary to Zoning – Peggy Riker
 - Town Engineer – Vacant
 - Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – Tim Bearup
 - Building Custodian – Shealynn Card
 - Assessment Board of Review – Nena Harrington
 - Zoning Board – Craig Riker and Nena Harrington
 - Court Clerk – Christine June
23. Authorize Town Supervisor to enter into agreement with Country Acres and SPCA for animal cruelty.
24. Authorize Supervisor to enter into a contract with electrical inspection contractor.
25. Designate Margaret Riker as FOIL Officer.
26. Designate Michael Vilardi as FOIL Appeals Officer.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Eaton, to adopt the above items. Another motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Eaton, to close the Organizational Meeting at 5:38 pm. Both motions PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Vilardi at 5:38 PM.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

* NYCLASS and NBT are both currently at 3.8%.

*Mortgage tax is in at \$12,000 over budget.

* General Fund spending is at 82% and revenue is at 119%. Highway spending is at 82% and revenue is at 131%.

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the financial report. Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brown, to accept the bank reconciliation. Both motions PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Mr. Bobbette reported it has been quiet other than keeping up with the roads.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Vilardi reported there are several building permits and variances pending.

HISTORIAN: No report.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village Plowing: Mr. Vilardi reported we are still awaiting a signed agreement from the Village Mayor. Mr. Vilardi will follow up again with the Mayor and Village Clerk.

Highway Garage Addition: Putting it out for bid; hoping to start in a couple of months.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fabius Evergreen Cemetery: Ms. Beglinger reported their current bank balance is \$9,341.56.

Community Center: The front doors were repaired by Mr. Bobbette so they should close on their own.

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, to pay the bills on Abstract #12 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund		Vouchers 100 through 105
	\$ 14,129.39	
General Fund		Vouchers 242 through 268
	\$ 55,883.04	

Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Brown, Eaton, Powers.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be on **Monday, February 16, 2026**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30 PM**. Motion to adjourn at 5:46 PM made by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Brown, Eaton, Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker
Town Clerk