

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting  
of the  
Town Board of the Town of Fabius**

Monday, February 16, 2026

**Present:**

Mrs. Michael Vilardi – Supervisor  
Mr. Craig Powers – Councilmember  
Mr. Jeremiah Eaton – Councilmember  
Mrs. Deborah Foster – Councilmember  
Mr. Paul Brown – Councilmember

Mr. Dennis Bobbette – Highway Supervisor  
Mrs. Peggy Riker – Town Clerk  
Mr. Thomas Chartrand – Bookkeeper  
Mr. Tim Bearup – Zoning/Codes Officer (*Absent*)  
Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Vilardi at 5:30 PM, with Mr. Vilardi leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

\* Mr. Chartrand reviewed the December 2025 financial report. We exceeded revenue by \$148,000 and Zoning exceeded its target by \$1,300. He then reviewed the January financial report.

\* NYCLASS and NBT are both currently at 3.5%.

\* We have received a \$57,823 grant for the Highway addition.

\* There are two budget transfers: From Surplus (County grant) for \$58,000 to Garage Equipment (\$58,000); and from Surplus (\$5,500) to Zoning (\$5,500).

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to accept the December 2025 financial report. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the January financial report. Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to accept the bank reconciliation. Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve the budget transfers. All motions PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Mr. Bobbette received two fuel reimbursement checks from the Fire Department for \$195.71 & \$268.06. He also received a fuel reimbursement check from the school for \$511.23. Otherwise, a lot of plowing with just a few breakdowns.

**ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Vilardi reported there are several cell tower upgrades in progress.

**HISTORIAN:** No report.

**FABIUS EVERGREEN CEMETERY:** Ms. Beglinger reported the new Treasurer will be Cheryl Maxian.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Village Plowing:*** Still no signed agreement received from the Village Mayor. Mr. DeMore explained the expenses for the Community Center are approximately \$29,000 per year. He suggested the Village should pay a portion as they store their records in the building.

***Highway Garage Addition:*** We received two bids: One from Murfitt for \$265,000 and one from CFC for \$497,000. We still have \$305,000 in the Highway Garage addition account. Motion by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mrs. Foster, awarding the bid to Murfitt for \$265,000.

***Justice Court:*** Judge Deluna presented her 2025 records for review. She said Judge Gary Malone has been a great help. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the Board has reviewed the Court's 2025 records. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Eaton, Powers. Judge

Deluna will be attending a new DWI seminar, which will be covered by a grant. The Court is holding office hours every Wednesday from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.

**Comprehensive Plan:** Mr. DeMore explained we need to update our Zoning Laws and Comprehensive Plan. The NY Department of State generally accepts applications for grants from May until July. The funding is awarded in December. He presented a contract with Barton & Loguidice, who would charge the Town approximately \$6,500 to apply. Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Eaton, Powers.

**Zoning Board:** Mrs. Jennifer Sweetland has agreed to serve on the Zoning Board and Board of Assessment Review, as another position is vacant due to Mr. Tom Herlihy retiring. Anne DeMore will be the new Zoning Secretary. Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve these appointments. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Eaton, Powers.

**2026 Community Development Grant:** Applications will be due soon. We will have a Public Hearing on this before our next Town Board meeting on March 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM. Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to set the Public Hearing date and time. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Eaton, Powers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TLC Ambulance:** Mr. DeMore still has received no response.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Powers, to pay the bills on Abstract #1 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund		Vouchers 1 through 5
	\$ 14,992.78	
General Fund		Vouchers 1 through 22
	\$ 67,720.45	

Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Eaton, Powers.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be on **Monday, March 16, 2026**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30 PM**. A **Public Hearing** on the 2026 Community Grant will be the first order of business.

Motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM made by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Vilardi. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Eaton, Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker  
Town Clerk