

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

Monday, April 20, 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	Mr. Tim Bearup – Zoning/Codes Officer (<i>Absent</i>)
Mr. Paul Brown – Councilmember	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. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, 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 March financial report.
- * We received the Justice Court JCAP grant money in the amount of \$10,825.
- * NBT is at 3.5% and NYCLASS is at 3.52%.
- * The first PILOT payment of \$8,800 was received for the Route 80 solar farm project.
- * General Fund spending is at 21% and revenue is at 101%. Highway spending is at 10% and revenue is at 72%.
- * Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to accept the Supervisor's report. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the bank reconciliation. Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, to approve the budget transfer. All motions Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

- * David Bumpus retired and Robert Rudder has been hired. John Ellsworth has given his notice. Josh Baritell will be mowing the cemeteries.
- * Mr. Bobbette is getting quotes for a security system.
- * Mr. Bobbette has still not received any response from Barton & Loguidice. Mr. Vilardi will reach out to Paul Sheneman, a resident Engineer.

ZONING REPORT: Building permits for an addition and pole barn are pending.

HISTORIAN: No report.

FABIUS EVERGREEN CEMETERY: The new treasurer will be Cheryl Maxian. She sent in a report that they have \$950.08 in their savings account and \$10,799.03 in their checking account. Two lots have been sold year to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tioughnioga Lake Association: Mr. Chartrand said they are submitting a grant application for stream remediation, which is supported by both Onondaga and Madison Counties. They have a letter

for the Town Supervisor to sign in support of it. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Eaton, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the letter.

Apulia Firehouse: Mr. Brown explained that the culvert pipe is in need of repair/replacement as it is sinking and rotting away. The Highway Department has been helping homeowners replace failing culvert pipes at no cost to the homeowner. Mr. DeMore suggested collecting a driveway fee of some sort, based on the pipe's dimensions.

Swim Program: Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Tully for the 2026 swim program. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

Comprehensive Plan: In order to apply for a grant to help with the cost (\$70,000) of updating our Comprehensive Plan, there is a survey for residents to complete. We will have hard copies at the Town Hall and put flyers up with a QR code around town. It is also on the Town's website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Main Street Grant: We were not selected this year.

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: A draft was handed out to the Board for review.

Bardeen Road Bridge: Still in progress.

Village Plowing:

*Mr. DeMore reached out to the Village attorney who responded by saying she has not had any contact with the Village and is not certain she represents them any longer.

*It was suggested to send the Village a letter instructing them to make other arrangements for their snow plowing next year.

*The Town pays \$28,000 in expenses for the Community Center. As the Village also uses it for meetings and storing their files, it was suggested that the Village pay \$3,000 each year to help with expenses.

*If we were to dissolve the Village, \$153,000 per year would go to the Town, with 70% of that required to be used to reduce taxes. The remainder would be more than enough to meet expenses.

*Motion by Mr. Vilardi, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to authorize Mr. DeMore to send a letter to the Village to have them pay the Town \$3,000 per year to help with expenses at the Community Center and for them to look elsewhere for plowing services for next winter. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

Motion by Mr. Vilardi, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to pay the bills on Abstract #3 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Vouchers 13 through 20
	\$ 27,417.03
General Fund	Vouchers 58 through 83
	\$ 28,400.40

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

Regular Town Board Meeting

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The next regular Town Board meeting will be on **Monday, May 18, 2026**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30 PM**.

Motion to adjourn at 5:58 PM made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Vilardi. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Eaton, Brown, Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker
Town Clerk