

VILLAGE OF FISHKILL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 17, 2026

Location: Village Hall

Time: 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Present:

- Mayor Martin
 - Trustee Forlano
 - Trustee Ruggiero
 - Trustee Rice
 - Trustee Machado
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3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 17, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

Mayor entertain motion to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2026 meeting. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

4. Abstracts

- Water Abstract: \$23,032.62
- Sewer Abstract: \$17,302.09

- General Fund Abstract: \$74,187.43

Mayor entertains motion to accept the abstracts as read. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

5. Mayor's Comments

- Attended the Mayors and Supervisors Meeting on February 3rd. Continued discussion regarding EMS services at the County level.
- Activities Committee met February 6th; welcomed new members including the new pastor of the Nazarene Church.
- Planning for:
 - Annual Block Party (date pending).
 - New community event: "Porch Fest" style summer event. Village will consult with the Village of Rhinebeck and City of Beacon regarding event coordination.

The Mayor thanked the Water and Sewer Department for their extensive work during recent extreme cold weather conditions.

6. Department Reports

Attorney

No report at this time; item later on agenda.

Building

No report submitted

Fire Department

- 21 alarms for the month.
- Alarm types included:
 - Structure fires
 - Chimney fire
 - Hazardous situations

- Medical calls
- Motor vehicle accident

Automatic fire alarms

Mutual aid responses provided and received.

All equipment in service.

New Member: Tom Ricotta

Mayor entertains motion to appoint Tom Ricotta as Volunteer Member of the Fishkill Fire Department. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Machado, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Update: New fire truck build completion estimated mid-March 2028.

Report submitted and on file.

Justice Report

Report submitted and on file.

Police Department

- 2 arrests
- 30 service calls
- 65 complaints/incidents investigated
- 39 traffic summons issued
- 26 motor vehicle accidents
- 10 foot patrols conducted
- No significant items of note

Report submitted and on file.

Treasurer Report

Report submitted and on file.

Water & Sewer Report

Significant weather-related activity including:

- Multiple water main breaks (Bedford Ave., Jackson St., Broad St., Route 52)
- Sludge thickener freeze and repair
- Snow removal from Main Street and municipal lots
- Well #8 heater failure repair
- Route 9 leak repair
- Central Hudson gas line project coordination

Spring repairs and final blacktop restoration planned.

Report submitted and on file.

Ambulance Report

- Continued improvement in response times (single-digit averages).
- Positive resident feedback.
- Discussion of potential regional ambulance service expansion by Northwell Health.
- Recent multi-ambulance response successfully coordinated.

Report submitted and on file.

Planning & Zoning

Active Projects:

- **18 Church Street** – FEMA floodplain remapping nearing completion.
- **1183 Main Street** – Proposal revised to residential use only; awaiting NYSDOT curb cut determination.
- **33 Broad Street** – Residential addition revised; returning in March.
- **Jackson & Main Street** – Sewer hookup pending.
- **1010–1018 Main Street (Post Office)** – Proposed apartment addition; scheduled for March Planning Board meeting.

Library addition project discussed; proposal to include elevator and expanded space.

7. Agenda Items

SEQR Negative Declaration – Proposed Local Law No. 1 (Moratorium)

Board reviewed SEQR resolution.

Mayor entertains motion to adopt SEQR Negative Declaration for Proposed Local Law No. 1.

Roll Call Vote:

- Mayor Martin – Aye
- Trustee Forlano – Aye
- Trustee Ruggiero – Aye
- Trustee Rice – Aye
- Trustee Machado – Aye

Motion Carried

Intermunicipal Agreement – Town of Fishkill (Building Inspector)

Agreement renewed for continued services.

Mayor entertains motion to enter into Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Fishkill for Building Inspector services. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

St. Mary's Freedom 5K – May 2, 2026

Village PD requested to provide two officers for traffic control.

Mayor entertains motion to authorize two Police Officers for St. Mary's Freedom 5K on May 2, 2026. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Water Rate Review

Water revenue reports distributed for Board review. Trustees will compile questions and request clarification from Village staff at a future meeting.

8. Public Comment

Public thanked Water & Sewer Department for snow removal efforts.

Concern raised regarding Central Hudson road restoration.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026.

Public Hearing scheduled for Proposed Local Law to Establish a 12 Month Moratorium in the Village Center Business District (VCBD)

10. Adjournment

Mayor entertains motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried. 7:00 pm

Pam Ruyack

Village Clerk