

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL, 80 GEORGE STREET, FORT ANN, NY**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Richard Moore  
Councilwoman Deb Witherell  
Councilman Dennis Fletcher  
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark

**ABSENT:** Councilman Floyd Varney

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Helen Denno, Bookkeeper, Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer, Mary Jo Crowe, Floyd Ladd, Robert Ladd, Christine Milligan, Sam Hall, Gloria Quinlan, Lorraine Connor, Rita Demers, PhyllisAnn Volk, Kevin Orr, Don Ballard, BJ Palmer, Cathy Matier, Tim Stachnick, Dave DeLor, Joe Loszynski, Skip Bearor, Mitch Beck, Robert Griffiths, Tom Bover, Cody Jacobsen, Rich Paris, Kohn (Jack) Earl

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This meeting was published in the Post Star September 20, 2016 and appeared under Today's Meetings section of the Post Star October 3, 2016.

The purpose of this special meeting is to review and work on the 2017 budget and any other matter(s) that may come before the board.

Supervisor Moore distributed and went over the fund balance sheet which is the 2016 adopted budget versus the 2017 proposed budget. Copy on file in the Town Clerk Office for anyone needing a paper copy.

Supervisor Moore wants the Town Board members to think about:

- Do we cut the budget?
- Do we raise taxes?
- Do we cut the budget and raise taxes?

Supervisor Moore states that as a Town Board they are facing a challenge of how to get more revenue.

Supervisor Moore asked the public to please hold their questions/comments until later.

Supervisor Moore went over the eleven (11) pages of the 2017 tentative budget line by line.

Supervisor Moore announced that he will not take an increase in the supervisor salary. Councilwoman Stark thought 2% would be appropriate. Councilman Fletcher and Councilwoman Witherell thought 2-3% would be appropriate.

Supervisor Moore stated that when doing a budget you have to keep in mind 2% increase across the board is really not appropriate.

Supervisor Moore asked the Fort Ann Rescue Squad to generate what the staffing was last year, staffing now and what will staffing be at \$139,301.00.

Supervisor Moore distributed a hand out for fire district contracts by year from 2012-2017. Copy on file with Town Clerk for anyone needing a paper copy.

Supervisor Moore asked if the West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. could keep their budget flat like Pilot Knob Volunteer Firefighters Association, Inc. and Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

The West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. did state that they expect their LOSAP to decrease from approximately 24 members to 14 members in 2017.

There were two (2) bids received for the Canal Park Kayak Launch.

- Kay-aKcess, 470 Coral Creek Dr., Cape Haze, FL 33946
- The Dock Doctors, 19 Little Otter Lane, Ferrisburg, VT 05456

Supervisor Moore asked the Town Clerk to scan the information to the Town Board so that they would have time to review the information submitted.

Motion was made by Council woman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to adjourn meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk  
Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: October 5, 2016