

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL, 80 GEORGE STREET, FORT ANN

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Moore
Councilman Dennis Fletcher
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark
Councilman Floyd Varney
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

OTHERS PRESENT: Helen Denno, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, Jeff Meyer, Town Attorney, Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer, Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer, Joe Loszynski, Joseph Monahan, Patricia Monahan, Earl Rouse, JoAnn Rouse, Dale Grinnell, Gene Connell, Dan Monahan, Tracy Monahan, Joan Degener, Sheila Sharrow, Lindsay Carte

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

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried.

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Varney to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of June 13, 2016.

Motion was carried.

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Special Town Board Noise Control Ordinance Workshop minutes of June 30, 2016. Councilwoman Witherell abstained as she was unable to attend this meeting.

Motion was carried.

Supervisor Moore read the following from the June 2016 monthly financial statement:

Receipts

Highway Fund	\$175,307.09
Disbursements General Fund	\$ 65,507.18
Highway	\$206,366.25
Hadlock Park District	\$ 9,720.62
Trust & Agency	\$ 39,514.53

Checkbook Balances

General Fund	\$ 93,666.17
Highway Fund	\$ 15,346.00
Youth Commission Fund	\$ 1,006.18
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 239.72
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 9,797.54

Consolidated Health District	\$	862.90
Trust & Agency Fund	\$	295.88

Savings Accounts

General Fund	\$	611,056.99
Hadlock Park District	\$	200,921.13
Highway Fund	\$	736,516.17
LOSAP	\$	21,356.45

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to pay the bills as warranted and audited.

Motion was carried.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. tonight’s public hearing is regarding the proposed local law #4 of 2016 amending the fees in the dog control regulations in the Town of Fort Ann - with no comments being made the public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

Public comment on items on the agenda was opened and closed with no comments being made.

Supervisor Moore reported on the following:

- Cindy Allen, Streetscape Chairperson, is still working with the Comptroller’s Office on the Streetscape grant.
- Civil War trust is putting together a package in order to make an offer on the Battle Hill property.
- American Legion obtained a \$80,000.00 second grant from ABPP for Battle Hill.
- 7/5/16 there was a cemetery meeting – still a couple of issues – next meeting 7/26/16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Ann Town Hall
- 6/30/16 there was a noise ordinance workshop held at the Town Hall – another workshop to be scheduled
- Multiple emails and letters have been received regarding ADK MX application and copies have been given to each Town Board member as well as the Planning Board Chairman, Don Bedeaux.
- Carolyn Ouderkirk sent a thank you letter to all who had a part in dedicating the waterfront park to her husband, Gene Ouderkirk. This was one of the last projects he worked on before passing away. (letter on town website or a paper copy can be obtained at the Town Clerk Office)
- Senator Little’s Office emailed all towns in Warren and Washington County about \$200M available over the next two (2) years for bridges. Supervisor Moore and Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, to work on this. Apply for a bridge on Hogtown Road and a couple of culverts.
- Washington County hired Jim Buxton as Administrator for Washington County Code Enforcement. Supervisor Moore will set up a meeting with him to go over four (4) or five (5) outstanding items in the Town of Fort Ann.
- A meeting will be set up to review the Hadlock Emergency Action Plan – should be reviewed annually by the Town Board. Looking to see if anyone has evacuation notification instructions.
- Attended Lake Hadlock Association meeting July 2nd. The LHA Board is interested in having a paid Park Administrator. Supervisor Moore suggested they put together roles/responsibilities/salary for this proposed position and present it to the Town Board at a future meeting.

- Fort Ann Rescue Squad donated a defibrillator to the Town as all public buildings are required to have one.
- Received letter from Washington County Administrator asking that each town donate \$200.00 for replica 1862 flag to be framed and displayed at Washington County Municipal Center. All Town Board members agreed to donating the \$200.00. Supervisor Moore presented the Town Board members with a \$200.00 voucher to sign.
- Received an email from Washington County Department of Public Safety regarding bridge inspections (7/11, 7/12, 7/13/16 will be posted on the town website).
- Washington County Alternative Sentencing forwarded \$1,100.00 in state aid to the town for the summer program. Councilwoman Stark has the information to track the six (6) week program (7/5-8/12/16) and return the information 8/19/16 to the Washington County Alternative Sentencing Department.
- Supervisor Moore and Highway Superintendent met with risk management a couple of weeks ago. It was decided that an incident reporting system and a driving policy be developed and implemented for the town.
- A meeting will be set up to update the Town of Fort Ann employee handbook.
- The town has a long standing practice of completing FOIL requests whenever documents are being requested.
- Next Planning Board meeting is 7/25/16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Ann Central School.

Town Clerk's Report was given for June 2016.

Highway Superintendent Report: Have been mowing roadsides; time to regrade; been working on Farley Road – hope to pave it before school starts; Grade all was broke for six (6) days. A request will be in the 2017 budget to replace it.

Councilman Fletcher stated residents have brought to his attention that there is a camper being lived in and building built out back on 61 Morgans Lane. The Enforcement Officer stated he is aware of this and it will be addressed.

Councilman Fletcher asked Supervisor Moore what Washington County was going to do with the recently received \$357,000.00? Supervisor Moore said that sales tax is down currently in Washington County so they have to wait before anything is done with the \$357,000.00. About six (6) different ideas have been suggested.

Councilman Fletcher brought up Zombie properties. Supervisor Moore stated that a Zombie Property Bill was recently signed by the Governor. (Article appears on the town website)

Councilwoman Stark said the Pilot Knob beach is open and it's been very crowded with the hot weather. She has asked that a new sign be put up at the beach that states Fort Ann residents only. There used to be a sign that said Fort Ann residents only but the pole that it was on was taken down a couple of years ago.

Councilwoman Stark will follow-up with Tom Jarrett on an estimate for the kayak launch. There is plenty of money in the grant but there is a 12/31/16 deadline so we need to know how much and pass a resolution to spend the money.

Councilman Varney brought up his concern of a rusty historical marker on Rte 149. He offered to sandblast and paint this so that it can be read. It was suggested that he contact the Town of Kingsbury.

Enforcement Officer Report was given for June 2016 which included 41 phone calls; 9 voice mails; 17 emails; 8 building permits; 9 letters and 10 walk-ins. Mark reported that he went to 61 Morgans Lane and could hear voices inside but no one came to the door so Washington County Code Enforcement will be sending a letter.

Joe Loszynski, Lake Hadlock Project Manager, submitted a monthly progress report by email to the Town Board. Joe reported that one of the pontoon boats is not working well. The engine is too big for the collecting of milfoil operation at 1 ½ - 2 m.p.h. Have to have two (2) pontoon boats behind the Harvester in order to comply with permit. He did find a boat that he could rent for \$85/day.

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Varney to obtain three (3) quotes for a 50 HP 4 stroke used engine with a range from \$5,000.00 to \$6,500.00.

Motion was carried.

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Varney to rent a pontoon boat for up to two (2) weeks at \$85/day.

Motion was carried.

Joe wanted it on record that he has not priced out engines it was just guesstimates he was referring to tonight.

Supervisor Moore had a question about #8 under MATTERS PENDING FROM JUNE 2016 TOWN BOARD MEETING. No individual has been identified as a candidate for the harvester operator training position. Supervisor Moore asked if advertising in the Post Star should be happening? Joe stated he knows what has to be done and will get it done.

Supervisor Moore had a question about #3 under NEW BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES. There is a concern over the number of mooring buoys.

Supervisor Moore had a question about #1 under NEW BUSINESS AND ACTIVITIES. Had to do with renting space for pontoon boats. It was suggested that he check with Dan and Pam Stiles about their vacant property on Hadlock – perhaps that is an option.

One (1) response was received June 30, 2016 with regards to Professional Hand Harvesting for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) for Lake Hadlock located in the Town of Fort Ann.

Aquatic Invasive Management, LLC, 52 Burt Lane, AuSable Forks, NY 12912

It was decided to table this in order to the Town Board members to have time to review.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION #100-16

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING \$3.00 REPLACEMENT TAG FEE

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Establishing \$3.00 Replacement Tag Fee."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Stark, Varney, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby establishes a \$3.00 fee for the issuance of a replacement license tag effective August 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION #91-16

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW 4 OF 2016, AMENDING THE FEES IN THE DOG CONTROL REGULATIONS IN THE TOWN OF FORT ANN

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell, to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Adopting Local Law 4 of 2016, Amending the Fees in the Dog Control Regulations in the Town of Fort Ann."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Stark, Varney, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that this action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act Regulations and will be effective August 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION #93-16

FOR SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Varney, to accept resolution entitled "Resolution for Shared Service Agreement."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Stark, Varney, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board does authorize the Fort Ann Highway Superintendent to sign the shared service agreement received from NYSDOT.

RESOLUTION #94-16

TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM QUALIFIED CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Varney, to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to accept the proposal from qualified certified public accountants."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Stark, Varney, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Moore to execute any and all necessary documentation relative to the LOSAP auditing services for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 for the Pilot Knob Volunteer Fire Company.

Supervisor Moore doesn't expect there to be additional services above and beyond the \$3,000.00 but wanted it mentioned that if there are it would be at a rate of \$150.00/hour. The Town Clerk will notify Mike McCarthy that he was awarded the bid. The Town Clerk to notify Mary Davis, Pilot Knob Volunteer Fire Company, that Mike McCarthy will be performing the 2015 audit.

Supervisor Moore will follow-up with Mitch Beck, West Fort Ann Fire Company, as to when their books will be ready for the 2015 audit.

RESOLUTION #95-16

RETIREMENT STANDARD WORKDAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, to accept resolution entitled "Retirement Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Stark, Varney, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, the full board consists of five (5) members, and that five (5) of such members were present at such meeting and that five (5) such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

RESOLUTION #96-16

TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Retain Professional Engineering Services."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Stark, Varney, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby finds it necessary and proper for the retaining of engineers to advise the Planning Board on the site plan application of Jeremy Treadway; and

RESOLVED, based upon the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Town Board hereby authorizes and approves the hiring of Novus Engineering, PC and Highlander Engineering; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board finds it necessary and appropriate to retain Novus Engineering, PC for their professional services, in the consideration of the proposed Noise Control Ordinance, and hereby authorizes the same based upon the rates proposed.

RESOLUTION #97-16

APPOINTING A FORT ANN PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

On motion of Councilman Varney, seconded by Councilwoman Stark, to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Appointing a Fort Ann Planning Board Member."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Stark, Varney, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby appoints Richard Winchell to serve as a member of the Fort Ann Planning Board through 12/31/2021.

RESOLUTION #98-16

APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF LIGHT #7 ON GOODMAN ROAD

The matter was withdrawn from consideration

RESOLUTION #99-16

IN SUPPORT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY'S SUBMISSION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PROJECT GRANT FOR SHARED REGIONAL HIGHWAY OPERATIONS CENTERS

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher, to accept resolution entitled "Resolution In Support of Washington County's Submission of Local Government Efficiency Project Grant for Shared Regional Highway Operations Centers."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Stark, Varney, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann supports and will commit to the Washington County Shared Regional Highway Operations Centers Feasibility Study by the involvement of our personnel and in-kind contributions.

Supervisor Moore stated there is no cost to the Town of Fort Ann to participate in this. This is part of a \$75,000.00 grant that Washington County has. It will be necessary to speak to the Highway Superintendent. The Highway Superintendent stated this has been done two (2) or three (3) times in the past.

Supervisor Moore will notify the county that this resolution was adopted.

8:35 p.m. open public discussion

Dale Grinnell wanted to share information about blocking robo calling. Supervisor Moore offered to put the information out on the town's website.

Pat Monahan was wondering about the discussion on the lights. Supervisor Moore replied it was about light's by the soccer fields on Goodman Road.

8:37 p.m. closed public discussion

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Varney to adjourn.

Motion was carried.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$ 18,211.96
	Highway:	\$ 71,036.78
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 13,129.19

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: July 20, 2016