

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, Helen Denno, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Jeff Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer, Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer, Joe Loszynski, George Smith, Lindsay Carte, Claire Greene, Deb Foote, Tracy Monahan, Patricia Cantanucci, Laura Chadwick, Patricia Monahan, Ray Bennefield, Karen Campbell, Dave Campbell, Arlene Green, Joan Degener, Roy Harrison, James Black, Hank Jordan, Barb Jordan

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for deceased Fort Ann resident, Myla Heydrick.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept the Regular Town Board minutes of July 10, 2017.

Motion was carried.

Supervisor Moore read the July 2017 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of July

General Fund	\$ 74,662.89
Highway	\$ 137,685.95

Disbursements

General Fund	\$ 53,349.48
Highway	\$ 70,096.45

Checkbook Balances

General Fund	\$ 63,886.89
Highway Fund	\$ 117,048.83
Youth Commission	\$ 6,505.08
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 239.85
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 10,858.65
Consolidated Health District	\$ 253.31
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 348.14
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 5,100.44

Savings Accounts

General Fund	\$ 569,943.80
Hadlock Park District	\$ 154,255.14
Highway Fund	\$ 610,096.50
LOSAP	\$ 14,315.08

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

Motion was carried.

Supervisor Moore stated that the Town Board Member’s should have all received Town of Fort Ann Budget/Actuals through 2nd quarter 2017 and asked if they have any questions. No one had any questions.

6:02 p.m. **Public Comment opened** for items on the agenda.

6:03 p.m. **Public Comment closed** with no comments.

Supervisor’s Report:

- Spoke of 8/11/17 @ 1:00 p.m. guests from as far away as Washington DC (Civil War Trust), ABPP and others were recognized for their partnership in the land acquisition between Big Boy Construction and the Town of Fort Ann. There was no cost to the town thanks to Civil War Trust and ABPP providing all the funding. See 8/11/17 Special Town Board Meeting minutes for further information.
- Received a DVD from WCNY/Syracuse titled “Hallowed Ground New York’s Forgotten Revolutionary War Battlefields.” It will be retained in the Town Clerk’s Office for anyone interested in viewing it.
- Governor Cuomo has asked Towns/Villages/County/Schools to come up with a plan for shared services. Governor Cuomo wanted to have a plan in place 8/1/17 or 8/1/18. Washington County Board of Supervisors has decided on the 8/1/18 date. Supervisor Moore is asking anyone that has any suggestions on shared services or reducing costs to please contact him.
- 7-21-17 Washington County BOS adopted a resolution regarding Solar Panel Fee Schedule effective 7/21/17. The new fee schedule is: Residential up to 12kW \$50.00, over 12kW \$100.00; Commercial \$0.50 per kW with a \$500.00 minimum fee.
- On 8/17/17 @ 6:00 p.m. there will be a special town board meeting to review 1990 Mobile Home Law at the Fort Ann Town Hall.
- The 2018 budget calendar has been prepared and available. Anyone wishing to have a copy can contact the Town Clerk for a copy. The following are important dates:

10/2/17 1st budget workshop
10/16/17 2nd budget workshop
11/9/17 Public Hearing
11/13/17 Adoption of the 2018 budget

- On 8/21/17 @ 6:00 p.m. there will be a special meeting at the Fort Ann Firehouse, Rte 149, to interview two (2) candidates for the Noise Enforcement Officer position.

Town Clerk's Report was given for July 2017. The Town Clerk mentioned that the dog enumeration ended 7/31/17. She gave a comparison of dog revenue July 2016 was \$107.00 compared to July 2017 being \$1,776.00.

Highway Superintendent Report: The Highway Superintendent stated the weather has been cooperating so they have been able to do 3 ½ miles of ditch and culvert repair since the last town board meeting. Mowing is done in some areas for the second time per the Washington County contract. Blacktopping for Clay Hill, Taylor Woods Road should take place mid September – first week of October.

Supervisor Moore stated he received a phone call regarding Shelving Rock and the caller was extremely pleased with the work that the Highway Department did and how quickly it was completed.

Enforcement Officer Report was given for the month of July 2017.

Councilwoman Witherell stated that things went smooth while Supervisor Moore was away and she was performing the duties of Deputy Supervisor. Councilwoman Witherell followed up with Duane Vaughn about the committee they are looking to put together to attract businesses to Fort Ann. Mr. Vaughn has spoke with Mr. Don Bedeaux and he also would be interested in being on this committee. It will just be the three (3) of them to attend the first meeting. Mr. Pete Zayachek has also expressed an interest in being on this committee.

Councilwoman Stark stated that the Summer Recreation Program ended August 11, 2017. It was well attended and progress made in swimming. The Beach may have to close week before Labor Day due to a lack of lifeguards.

Councilwoman Stark stated that the Champlain Canalway Trail is progressing and there was a public hearing on it last week.

Supervisor Moore stated that there was a public hearing held at the Town Hall last week regarding the Construction of the Canalway Trail on the Champlain Canal with the Town of Kingsbury and Village of Fort Ann Baldwin Corners Road at Grade Rail Road Crossing with the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Councilwoman Stark stated there will be a bike tour 8/30/17 that starts in Schuylerville and goes to Lock 7.

Historian Report: None – but Arlene Green from the Fort Ann Historical Society was present and spoke of how impressed they were with the recognition at the Fort Ann firehouse on Friday for the Battle Hill land acquisition.

Lake Hadlock Project Manager, Joseph Loszynski, emailed a copy of his monthly report to the Town Board Member's. A paper copy is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for anyone who would like a copy.

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Varney adjourned the meeting to seek legal counsel at 6:22 p.m. Supervisor Moore stated the board would be returning to public session.

Motion was carried.

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to return to public session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was carried.

Supervisor Moore referred to the letter Mr. Carte sent to the Town of Fort Ann Board of Ethics Committee. Gretchen Stark is the Chair of that committee and will contact Attorney for the Town tomorrow to set up a meeting with the Board of Ethics Committee and report back to the Fort Ann Town Board.

RESOLUTION #83-17

APPROPRIATION OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUES TO BE USED TOWARDS HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriation of Unanticipated Revenues to be used towards Highway Equipment Purchase."

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

RESOLVED, the 2017 budget shall be amended by appropriating funds to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$70,000.00.

RESOLUTION #84-17

APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS TO AUDIT LOSAP

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Varney to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Approving the Request for Proposal from Qualified Independent Certified Public Accountants or Independent Public Accountants to Audit 2016 LOSAP."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and empowered to publish and post the Request for Proposal.

RESOLUTION #85-17

AUTHORIZING LA GROUP CONTRACT FOR \$600.00 TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT GRANT FOR 2017 GREENWAY CONSERVANCY TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM – BATTLE HILL

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Authorizing LA Group Contract for \$600.00 to Prepare and Submit Grant for 2017 Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant Program – Battle Hill."

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the 2017 Greenway Conservancy Small Grant Program, for a project known as Battle Hill Trails Master Plan Greenway Conservancy Trail and located within this community.

RESOLUTION #86-17

AUTHORIZING A \$1,000.00 PAYMENT TOWARDS GREENWAY GRANT FOR GAP ANALYSIS FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE SECTION OF THE CHAMPLAIN CANALWAY TRAIL AS IT EXTENDS THROUGH THE TOWN OF FORT ANN TO THE TOWN OF WHITEHALL

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Authorizing a \$1,000.00 Payment Towards Greenway Grant for Gap Analysis Feasibility Study for the Section of the Champlain Canalway Trail as it Extends Through the Town of Fort Ann to the Town of Whitehall."

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby approves and authorizes the Town of Fort Ann to contribute up to \$1,000.00 toward the costs of the Gap Analysis Feasibility Study.

7:05 p.m. **Open Public Discussion** with Mr. Carte asking the Town Board if they received his 8/14/17 email regarding General Municipal Law 239-c. Supervisor Moore acknowledged that it had been received and forwarded to the Town Board Member's and the Attorney for the Town. Mr. Carte stated that the appeal he had against the Fort Ann Planning Board was dismissed on three (3) technicalities so he is no longer in suit with the Town of Fort Ann. He asked what it is that the town is trying to accomplish by doing more sound testing. Supervisor Moore responded the reading change with the seasons. Supervisor Moore stated the first step is to hire/train/get readings. Lindsay Carte referred to condition h of the planning board resolution regarding ADK Motocross.

Ray Bennefield asked why aren't the complainers paying for the sound testing. Why does the whole town have to suffer for the few that are complaining. He is of the opinion those few should pay for the testing.

Tracy Monahan asked who will be doing the training. Supervisor Moore responded someone who is qualified will do the training.

Ray Bennefield stated why is the town paying for a bike path/walking trail.

Patricia Cantanucci stated she is looking forward to a bike path/walking trail.

Supervisor Moore asked Dog Control Officer, Todd Humiston, if he had anything to add regarding the dog enumeration. Mr. Humiston stated the dog enumeration finished and this assisted with Public Safety from the standpoint of making sure dogs had up-to-date rabies vaccination.

Lindsay Carte asked if sound testing is an accurate, acceptable method – 20 minutes at a residence is a short period of time in his opinion. Supervisor Moore responded this mirrors what Novus did when they performed their sound test.

7:16 p.m. **Close Public Discussion**

7:17 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to adjourn.

Motion was carried.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$ 11,352.19
	Highway:	\$ 68,986.20
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 7,897.81

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: August 23, 2017