

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Richard Moore  
Councilman Dennis Fletcher  
Councilman Samuel Hall  
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark  
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

**ABSENT:** Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent  
Haley Kirby, Dog Control Officer (PT)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Helen Denno, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Jeff Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer, Christine Milligan, Hannah Barber, George Sherwood, George F. Smith, Chad Wilson, Michelle Vara, Gene Connell, Arlene Green, Penny Gould, Joan Degener, Pat Monahan, Rebecca Parrott, Cathy Matier, Karenann Backus, Jeffrey Backus, Frank Cottone

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 residents Kathleen Carey, Richard Broome and Mary Ellen Davis.

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

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of September 9, 2019. Councilwoman Witherell abstained as she was not present at that meeting.

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the budget workshop minutes from October 1, 2019.

Motion was carried.

Supervisor Moore read the September 2019 monthly financial statement.

**Receipts for the month of September**

General Fund \$271,535.48

**Disbursements**

General Fund \$112,021.26

Highway \$ 70,744.30

**Checking Account Balances**

General Fund \$230,113.94

Highway Fund	\$ 70,614.66
Youth Commission	\$ 827.81
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$102,674.08
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 1,170.91
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 4,072.13

**Savings Accounts**

NYCLASS – General Fund	\$176,230.22
NYCLASS – Highway Fund	\$412,048.24
LOSAP	\$ 6,907.40

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

**Public Comment opened at 6:05 p.m.** on tonight’s agenda.

**Public Comment closed at 6:06 p.m.** without comments.

**Supervisor’s Report:** Supervisor Moore reminded everyone that the 2020 second budget workshop will be October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Ann Town Hall.

Supervisor Moore shared an email that he received from Debra Camarota and Nancy Moore on behalf of The Friends of Blossom Farm Cemetery group advising the Town Board they have received the final order of memorial bricks and will soon be installing them under the bench near the VA stone markers as agreed upon in the final cemetery meeting. Jack Daley installed the VA markers so he will also be installing the bench and memorial bricks the Fall of 2019 at the East Westfield Cemetery.

Supervisor Moore stated the annual Hadlock emergency review meeting will be held October 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Ann Town Hall.

Supervisor Moore stated any employee wishing to request three (3) hours paid time off on Election Day to vote must put their request in writing two (2) working days before the election.

Supervisor Moore stated last month there was a concern raised about noise and septic on Hadlock. Supervisor Moore stated the Town of Queensbury has been wrestling with this issue for quite some time. The Town of Queensbury will have another meeting or two and then a public hearing and voting on enacting some sort of law on short term rentals. It reminded him of when he first became Supervisor in January 2016 and he had to address the noise complaint leftover from the previous Supervisor from the Fall of 2015. Supervisor Moore got all the parties together including Cathy Matier, owner of the Lake Hadlock Inn, and they were able to resolve this just by sitting down and talking. As far as Supervisor Moore knows there has not been another Hadlock noise complaint. The Town of Queensbury Supervisor will share how they are handling with Supervisor Moore and he will share with the rest of the board. Supervisor Moore said this does warrant attention and suggests giving some

thought on how to address. This can't be just a Hadlock issue this is a consideration for the whole town such as Pilot Knob.

Supervisor Moore stated that the Hogtown Bridge project has been completed and now open.

Councilwoman Stark stated she and Councilman Hall on October 24, 2019 will be attending a luncheon in Greenwich with Supervisor's and Mayor's from Washington and Saratoga counties about the bike trail. She is expecting it to be very productive.

Councilwoman Stark stated the Fort Ann and Whitehall committee is trying to come up with some alternate routes and places to go for bikers/walkers to visit before the trail is complete.

Councilwoman Stark stated that last week there was a luncheon at the library dealing with Alzheimer's and caregiving. Councilwoman Stark has some free information for anyone interested.

Councilwoman Stark stated she has OFA applications for those over 60 years old and that the Fort Ann Super Stop has been added to the restaurant list. Lunch tickets are \$4.00 for those 60 years old and over.

Councilwoman Stark stated that the next luncheon at the Old Stone House library will be November 12, 2019 at noon. The cost is \$3.00 per person. The topic will be Young Living Essential Oils.

Councilwoman Stark stated that the annual Christmas in the Country is coming up December 6, 7, 8, 2019. There are pamphlets available outlining the different stops and map on the back table in the Town Hall and throughout the community like the post office, bank, etc.

The ice fishing derby is tentatively set on the calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in January 2020.

Councilman Hall went into more detail about the October 24, 2019 meeting that he and Councilwoman Stark will be attending. Councilman Hall is expecting really good information from this bicycle traffic and travel meeting.

Councilman Hall stated he is still patiently waiting for news on the Battle Hill Grants that have been applied for.

Councilman Fletcher stated he and Councilman Hall attended an informational meeting in Granville on September 16, 2019 where District Attorney Tony Jordan spoke about the laws going into effect January 1, 2020. Councilman Fletcher stated this involves \$300 million unfunded money. Councilman Fletcher is very concerned about the public safety issue with these changes.

Councilman Fletcher met with Keith of Senator Little's office on October 1, 2019 about the intersection in Fort Ann where Rte 4 and 149 meet. It appeared that the least expensive way to handle this was to buy the corner property back from Stephanie Safka. Keith will pass this information onto Senator Little. Councilman Fletcher will follow up monthly with Keith at Senator Little's office.

**Town Clerk's Report** was given for September 2019. The Town Clerk mentioned that this month the check to the Town was only \$604.68 and that in the middle of the month the state would be sweeping

\$2,362.82 out of the Town Clerk account for hunting/fishing licenses sold out of the Fort Ann Town Clerk's Office.

**Highway Superintendent Report:** None

**Enforcement Officer Report** was given for the month of September 2019.

**Historian Report:** Christine Milligan stated that she and George Sherwood attended a history fair in Hartford. She received good feedback and shared the information with Councilman Hall regarding private funding available for signage. Christine did go to Washington County to research cemetery on Pavilion Way. Christine stated we need to make sure that we keep an eye on what's going on at East Westfield cemetery with regards to the email that Supervisor Moore received and read earlier from Deb Camarota and Nancy Moore.

**Dog Control Report:** none

#### **4.0 Presentation**

**4.1 Hannah Barber – Hadlock Pond 2019 Results.** Hannah said it was a great year with regards to the cutting at Hadlock Pond. They had 29 days of cutting and that included lake collection of 50,920 lbs. The Harvester was ready July 10, 2019 and there was minimal downtime this year compared to last year. Expecting start time next year to be June 1, 2020. Hannah will be contacting Supervisor Moore after 10/21/19 budget meeting regarding the time frame for sandblasting the Harvester.

#### **RESOLUTION #100-19**

##### **TO ADVERTISE FOR A CLERK TO SUPERVISOR**

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to advertise for a Clerk to Supervisor."

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Fort Ann Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to interview qualified applicants, and to recommend a qualified applicant to the Town Board.

#### **RESOLUTION #101-19**

##### **AUTHORIZING \$2,400.00 PURCHASE OF AN 8 X 14 SHED**

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled "Resolution authorizing \$2,400.00 purchase of an 8 x 14 shed."

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

**RESOLVED**, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in accordance with the purchase of the 8 x 14 shed from Shed Stop, Route 4, Fort Ann, New Your 12827.

#### **RESOLUTION #102-19**

##### **FOR SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON TRIPOLI ROAD FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH**

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled "Resolution for speed limit reduction on Tripoli Road from 55 mph to 45 mph."

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby accepts and approves the request for a speed reduction for Tripoli Road in the Town of Fort Ann.

**Open Public Discussion at 6:40 p.m.** Rebecca Parrott presented a picture of a sign that she would like erected at the corner of Charles Street for her mother, Virginia Parrott. The sign reads *In Loving Memory of Virginia Snody Parrott Town of Fort Ann Longest Running Town Historian 1972 – 2018*. The Town Board referred her to the Village since that's a Village Street.

Christine Milligan asked for clarification on short term rentals and noise. She stated that when there was a funeral at Brown's Cemetery you couldn't give commands because of the noise at Moose Hillock campground.

Chad Wilson asked for clarification on the Town of Fort Ann budget and the Hadlock budget. Supervisor Moore stated that they are two (2) separate entities with separate budgets and separate accounts.

Jeff Backus, Rocky Way, Fort Ann spoke of the proposed access near his home on Rocky Way. He didn't know of the public hearing that Town of Kingsbury recently had on this. Supervisor Moore stated he will be seeing Supervisor Hogan of the Town of Kingsbury tomorrow but in the meantime he suggested Mr. & Mrs. Backus call the Town of Kingsbury for a list of their meeting dates.

**Close Public Discussion at 6:39 p.m.**

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Motion was carried.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$223,943.50
	Highway:	\$155,200.44
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 3,854.79

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: October 23, 2019