

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON TUESDAY, October 15th, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Samuel J. Hall
Councilman George F. Smith
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark

ABSENT: Paul Winchell-Highway Superintendent
Christine Milligan-Town Historian
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell
Mark Miller-Enforcement Officer
Councilman Michael Sexton

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Josephine Devecchi, Penny Gould, Lyle Washburn, Barb Burch, Don Bedeaux, Kevin O'Brian, Judy Rhem, Kurt Rhem

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of silence was held for Fort Ann residents;

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to approve tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of September 9th, 2024.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Budget Workshop Minutes of October 3rd, 2024.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the August 2024 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of August

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 23,369.59
Highway Fund	\$ 36,151.70
Youth Commission	\$ 6,861.76
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 3,260.25
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 6,573.30
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 6,883.34

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 999,253.14
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 692,069.80
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 74,553.77
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve	\$51,707.31

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment opened.

6:05 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor's/Town Board Member's Reports:

Supervisor Hall stated he had been busy working on the 2025 budget, we have already had our first workshop of the year the second budget workshop will be held on October 24, 2024 at Town Hall at 6PM. He also stated that he has been working on revising the emergency action plan for the Town, that is reviewed every 3-5 years to make sure we have the most up to date information in the event of a Town emergency. The dam inspection will be happening in the coming weeks.

Councilwoman Witherell- excused.

Councilman Smith stated the harvester and pontoon boat have been taken out of Hadlock. Total weed take for the season was 42,260 pounds, he thanked Dave Twiss and his crew for the successful 2024 season, despite the slow start.

Draw down of Hadlock will begin October 15th, 2024.

Councilwoman Stark- No report.

Councilman Sexton- excused.

Town Clerk's Report was given for September 2024.

Highway Superintendent Report: Not Present. Ronny Mattison stated that the Highway Department is finishing up grading and will begin hauling winter sand on Thursday.

Enforcement Officer Report Paper report given to Town Board Member's for September 2024.

Historian: Not present.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, paper report was given.

**RESOLUTION #71-2024
MODIFY THE 2024 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING MONIES RECEIVED FROM NYS-OSC JUSTICE COURT
GRANT TO COVER THE EXPEDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECURITY SYSTEM INSTALLED IN THE FORT
ANN COURTHOUSE**

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2024 budget by appropriating monies received from NYS-OSC Justice Court grant to cover the expenditures associated with the security system installed in the Fort Ann Courthouse”

ADOPTED AYES 3 Smith, Stark, Hall
 ABSENT 2 Sexton, Witherell

RESOLVED, the 2024 budget shall be amended by appropriating funds to the account as indicated above.

6:12p.m. Open Public Discussion

Jo-Jo DeVecchi asked for a copy of the code enforcers report. She stated that two new sheds have been moved onto the property, and that the place looks awful. She also asked if the Town had any laws regarding signage? Supervisor Hall stated that the Town does not have any laws or regulations on signs.

Lyle Washburn asked about the review of the Local Law regarding travel trailers? Supervisor Hall stated that we have not looked into this yet, but it will be addressed as the last time this local law was looked at was 30 years ago.

Barb Burch asked about the Hadlock Dam survey, Supervisor Hall stated that he would be contacting the surveyor to see when he will be doing this property survey.

6:16p.m. Closed Public Discussion

6:17 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for August:	General:	\$
	Highway:	\$
	Hadlock:	\$
	Youth Commission:	\$

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Herringshaw, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: October 18, 2024

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