

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/ 2ND BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023, AT 5:45 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Samuel J. Hall
Councilman Michael Sexton
Councilman George F. Smith
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark

ABSENT: Paul Winchell- Highway Superintendent
Mark Miller-Enforcement Officer
Shannon Celeste-Dog Control Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Helen Denno-Budget Officer, Miranda Herringshaw- Town Clerk, Jennifer Jackson- Clerk to the Supervisor, Mary Davis, Rick Dumas, Regina Ladd, Robert Ladd, Matt Gould, Jon Pollock, Lyle Washburn.

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This meeting was published in The Post Star October 10th, 2023.

Supervisor Hall stated that the Town will be requesting that the sales tax revenue that has been held at the county level now be given back to The Town of Fort Ann- as this will be more beneficial at the Town level versus the county level. Fort Ann is the only Town in the county that has not moved the tax revenue money back to the Town level until now.

RESOLUTION #79-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN ELECTING DIRECT PAYMENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SALES AND COMPENSATION USE TAX ALLOCATION

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann electing direct payment of Washington County sales and compensation use tax allocation”

ADOPTED AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLVED, that the Town of Fort Ann hereby elects to be paid directly all of its share of Washington County’s sales and compensating use tax net collections, for calendar year 2024 and thereafter.

Supervisor Hall stated that a check in the amount of \$7,500.00 would be issued to Queensbury EMS to obtain the certificate of need, in order to service the residents of Pilot Knob, pursuant to Resolution #62 of 2023.

5:49 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn special meeting.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Budget workshop was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Hall stated that this is the second budget workshop meeting of the year and there will be a public hearing November 9th, at 6 PM at Town Hall regarding the budget. Everyone that was present was given a copy of the 14-page tentative budget as well as the Town of Fort Ann budget Summary 2023. Paper copies are available in the Town Clerk Office as well as on the town's website. www.townoffortannny.com

Any line item that was not changed from the tentative 2024 budget will not be listed but can be referred to on the tentative 2024 budget list or can be found in the October 5th, 2023, Budget Meeting Minutes.

Line Items that have changed:

West Fort Ann Fire District (SF 3410.4) line item was reduced by an additional \$8,000.00. Due to the Town agreeing to split the \$56,000.00 truck payment with WFAFD. The Town will be awarding the district \$28,000.00 towards the \$56,000.00 payment.

RESOLUTION #80-2023

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO BECOME PRELIMINARY BUDGET

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled " Resolution to adopt 2023 tentative budget to become preliminary"

ADOPTED AYES 5 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann adopts the 2024 preliminary budget with changes made to the 2024 tentative budget.

**Allowable increase per tax cap calculation: \$51,672.00 amount under allowable tax cap was - \$8,008.00 at the beginning of the meeting.
After all revisions were made from the 2nd budget workshop the amount under the tax cap is - \$16,008.00.

Lyle Washburn asked if the Granicus (Short Term Rental Program) would be a burden to all tax payers? Supervisor Hall stated it would not be a cost the Town would incur at all- This program and the salaries needed for this program will be paid for by the short-term rental permits.

Regina Ladd stated that the Fort Ann EMS would be donating and AED kit to Councilwoman Stark to have for use at the Fort Ann Beach for the 2024 season.

6:14 PM – Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 20th, 2023

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

