

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/ 2ND BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Helen Denno-Budget Officer, Miranda Herringshaw- Town Clerk, Jennifer Jackson- Clerk to the Supervisor, Mary Davis, Rick Dumas, Regina Ladd, Robert Ladd, Tom Noble, Hailey Noble, Ronny Mattison, Christine Milligan.

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

This meeting was published in The Post Star October 17th, 2024.

Supervisor Hall stated that this is the second budget workshop meeting of the year and there will be a public hearing November 7th, at 6 PM at Town Hall regarding the budget. Everyone that was present was given a copy of the tentative budget as well as the Town of Fort Ann budget Summary 2024. 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 2025 budget will not be listed but can be referred to on the tentative 2025 budget list or can be found in the October 3th,2024, Budget Meeting Minutes.

Line Items that have changed:

The line item Town Board was decreased by \$432.00 due to the Town Board members forgoing their 3% raise.

The line item Audit was decreased by \$6,000.00 due to Fort Ann Fire Company withdrawing from LOSAP.

The line-item Adult Recreation decreased by \$2,500.00, leaving the budgeted number at \$2,500.00 they had requested a total of \$5,000.00.

The line item buildings was decreased due to the Town no longer having a laborer, the Town will be contracting a price for buildings.

The line item fire districts and ambulance was decreased on contract price due to ARPA money being utilized for the Fire and EMS services.

Pilot Knob Firefighter's Association	\$ 8,700.00
Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company	\$ 32,000.00
West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company Inc.	\$ 22,800.00

Fort Ann Rescue Squad Inc.

\$ 36,500.00

RESOLUTION #72-2024

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO BECOME PRELIMINARY BUDGET

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to adopt 2025 tentative budget to become preliminary"

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Hall
 ABSENT 1 Witherell

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann adopts the 2025 preliminary budget with changes made to the 2025 tentative budget.

RESOLUTION #73-2024

IN THE MATTER OF ABOLISHING THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE FORT ANN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "In the matter of abolishing the service award program for active volunteer firefighters of the Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company, Inc."

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall
 ABSENT 1 Witherell

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Town of Fort Ann, to be held on _____ between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and located at 11289 State Route 149, Fort Ann, New York 12827, to determine if the Town of Fort Ann Service Award Program for only the Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. shall be abolished effective December 31, 2024.

RESOLUTION #74-2024

AUTHORIZATION APPROVING CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUND DISBURSEMENT

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Authorization approving coronavirus state and local recovery fund disbursement"

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall
 ABSENT 1 Witherell

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby approves the one-time payments of ARPA funds as set out above to be paid on or before January 10, 2025 at the sole discretion of the Town; and be it further that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town

Supervisor and or the Town Budget Officer, amend agreements, execute checks and documents, and take all necessary steps to disburse these funds.

**Allowable increase per tax cap calculation: \$69,874 amount under allowable tax cap is-\$13,592.00 at the beginning of the meeting.

The budget is \$56,282.00 more than it was in 2024.

6:23 PM – Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: October 24th, 2024