

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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
Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer (P/T)
Christine Milligan, Historian (P/T)
Haley Kirby, Dog Control Officer (P/T)

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Helen Denno, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Jeff Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Dale Grinnell, Chad Wilson, Michelle Vara, Gene Connell, Arlene Green. Floyd Ladd, Dave DeLor

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 Gayle Hall, Donald Hammond and Carol Boulton.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Hall to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of October 15, 2019.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept the budget workshop minutes from October 21, 2019.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Special Town Board Minutes for the annual Hadlock emergency review October 29, 2019.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept the Public Hearing Minutes from November 7, 2019.

Motion was carried with Councilman Hall abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.

Supervisor Moore announced the October financials will be available and printed for the December 9, 2019 town board minutes due to the lateness of receiving bank statements from Glens Falls National Bank and the holiday (Veteran's Day).

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment opened at 6:01 p.m. on tonight's agenda.

Public Comment closed at 6:02 p.m. without comments.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Moore congratulated Councilman Hall on being elected the next Town of Fort Ann Supervisor. Supervisor Moore congratulated Councilman Fletcher and Councilwoman Stark on being re-elected for four (4) more years to the town board. Supervisor Moore congratulated Dane Clark on being re-elected to Town Justice for four (4) years and Donna Klein as Town Tax Collector for two (2) years.

Supervisor Moore stated that there are three (3) people that applied for the Clerk to the Supervisor position being vacated by Helen Denno in March 2020. Supervisor Moore asked the board how they wanted to interview either with the full board or just himself, Councilman Hall, and Helen Denno. The Town Board chose to just have Supervisor Moore, Councilman Hall and Helen Denno present during the interviews. Supervisor Moore will come up with possible dates/times to interview and notify Councilman Hall.

Supervisor Moore emailed the final report for Hadlock Pond plant survey to the town board members.

Supervisor Moore stated there was a request received from three (3) families that would like to see Sly Pond Road paved to Hogtown Road. Supervisor Moore will speak to the Highway Superintendent and perhaps have the three (3) families come to the town board meeting in December 2019 or January 2020.

Supervisor Moore asked the Town Clerk to schedule the December 2019, January, February and March 2020 town board meetings with the Fort Ann fire house for the winter.

Councilwoman Witherell thanked any and all Veteran's for their service.

Councilwoman Stark congratulated Councilman Hall.

Councilwoman Stark thanked Supervisor Moore for his last four (4) years of being the Town Supervisor.

Councilwoman Stark stated the Fort Ann American Legion put on a very nice ceremony in the village of Fort Ann park Veterans Day that she and Councilman Fletcher attended.

Councilwoman Stark and Councilman Hall attended a luncheon in Greenwich with Supervisors from Saratoga and Washington counties. She was very glad Councilman Hall attended and spoke on behalf of the Town of Fort Ann.

Councilwoman Stark stated there will be a Fort Ann/Whitehall bike trail meeting December 3, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fort Ann Town Hall. They plan on discussing options where bikers can go from the trail.

Councilwoman Stark stated the annual Hadlock ice fishing derby is scheduled for January 11, 2020.

Councilwoman Stark stated there has been work done at the Pilot Knob parking lot and the Pilot Knob Road.

Councilman Hall thanked the town board members and community for their support during the passing of his wife, Gayle.

Councilman Fletcher congratulated Councilman Hall and Councilwoman Stark on their being elected. Councilman Fletcher thanked Supervisor Moore for all he's learned from him.

Councilman Fletcher attended the Veteran's ceremony yesterday with Councilwoman Stark.

Town Clerk's Report was given for October 2019.

Highway Superintendent Report: None – not present.

Enforcement Officer Report not present but paper copy of report was given to the town board members for the month of October 2019.

Historian Report: None – not present. Dale Grinnell asked if there should be a sign at the pocket park listing all of the Fort Ann cemeteries. Supervisor Moore suggested that Councilman Hall see the Washington County Highway Superintendent, Deb Donohue, about this after January 1, 2020.

Dog Control Report: None – not present.

New Business:

4.1 Library Foundation Improvements – Supervisor Moore distributed foundation improvements from Jarrett Engineers, PLLC to the town board members. Supervisor Moore will contact Charles R. Wood Foundation November 13th or 14th. Councilman Hall stated whatever can be done to improve the integrity of the building should be done.

4.2 Pending Bill Increasing LOSAP Defined Contribution Service Award Maximum to \$1,200.00. On November 8, 2019 Governor Cuomo signed legislation to increase contribution effective January 1, 2020. The tax cap is permanent. This would have to be phased in over a couple of years.

RESOLUTION #104-19

ADOPT THE 2020 BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Adopt the 2020 Budget."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann adopts the 2020 budget.

**RESOLUTION #105-19
AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AND PAYMENT WITH PENFLEX, INC. FOR PURPOSE OF LOSAP PROGRAM
FOR WEST FORT ANN AND PILOT KNOB FIRE DISTRICTS**

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled “Resolution Authorizing contract and payment with Penflex, Inc. for purpose of LOSAP program for West Fort Ann and Pilot Knob Fire Districts.”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby approves having the LOSAP program administered by PENFLEX, Inc. upon review and approval of the contract by Town Counsel.

**RESOLUTION #106-19
BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$171,032.90 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
OF SERIAL BONDS OR A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN TO PAY THE
COSTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2021 FREIGHTLINER 108SD TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT PACKAGE
FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSES AND IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH**

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled “BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$171,032.90 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL BONDS OR A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN TO PAY THE COSTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2021 FREIGHTLINER 108SD TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT PACKAGE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSES AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.”

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

RESOLVED, this resolution, or a summary hereof, shall be published in full in the Post Star, which has been designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such purpose, together with the notice of the Clerk of the Town in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

**RESOLUTION #107-19
APPROVING 2020 CONTRACT WITH MOUNTAIN MEDICAL FOR DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING**

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled “Resolution Approving 2020 Contract with Mountain Medical for Drug & Alcohol Testing.”

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the contract in accordance with this resolution.

**RESOLUTION #108-19
APPOINTING SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME COURT ATTENDANT**

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled “Resolution Appointing Substitute Part-time Court Attendant.”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby affirms the appointment of Robert W. Hopkins as substitute part-time Court Attendant as of January 1, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$13.00 for 12-15 hours per month.

**RESOLUTION #109-19
AMENDING THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE WEST FORT ANN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Amending the Service Award Program for Active Volunteer Firefighters of the West Fort Ann Fire Protection District."

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

RESOLVED, this Resolution is subject to mandatory referendum pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law S216 and shall not take effect until such time as provided.

**RESOLUTION 110-2019
AMENDING THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE PILOT KNOB FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Hall to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Amending the Service Award Program for Active Volunteer Firefighters of the Pilot Knob Fire Protection District."

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

RESOLVED, this Resolution is subject to mandatory referendum pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law S216 and shall not take effect until such time as provided.

Open Public Discussion at 6:31 p.m.

Close Public Discussion at 6:32 p.m.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Motion was carried.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$20,847.74
	Highway:	\$39,910.80
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 7,072.79
	Youth Commission	\$ 973.50

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: November 19, 2019