

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, November 12th, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Christine Milligan-Town Historian
Mark Miller- Enforcement Officer
Councilman Michael Sexton

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Ronny Mattison-Deputy Highway Superintendent, Katelyn Moskos, Penny Gould, Bill Bailey, Barb Burch, Dawn DeLuer, Pete O'Brien, Don Bedeaux, Arlene Green, Curtis Rhem, Judy Rhem, Josephine DeVecchi.

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; Debra Nolan

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 October 15th, 2024.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Second Budget Workshop Minutes of October 24th, 2024.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the Public Hearing Minutes of November 7th, 2024.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the September & October 2024 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of September

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 49,679.80
Highway Fund	\$ 54,884.86
Youth Commission	\$ 3,260.25

Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 9,238.46
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 4,863.43
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 5,891.75

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 923,240.89
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 364,046.43
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 64,843.62
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve	\$ 51,920.37

Receipts for the month of October

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 95,212.13
Highway Fund	\$ 55,885.48
Youth Commission	\$ 3,260.25
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 2,044.87
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 4,707.46
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 4,699.04

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 836,796.89
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 155,228.39
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 65,102.35
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve	\$ 52,127.54

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell 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 Report:

Supervisor Hall- stated that he had been working on the day-to-day operations, he also stated that the inspection had been done on Hadlock dam and the report will take a few weeks before we have that back, but verbal confirmation was told that everything looks good and to continue maintain the dam as we have been. The survey of the Town's property that is on Hadlock should be surveyed tomorrow (10/13/24).

Councilwoman Witherell- no news to report.

Councilman Sexton- excused.

Councilman Smith- stated he had attended the dam inspection and that everything looked well with the dam.

Councilwoman Stark- no news to report.

Town Clerk's Report was given for October 2024.

Miranda also stated that the December Town Board meeting would be held on the first Monday in December at Town Hall at 6PM, instead of the second Monday in December. Notices will be posted on the Town Hall door, Post office, the Town's website calendar, and will also be posted in the paper, so everyone will be made aware of the change for the December meeting.

Highway Superintendent Report: Ronny Mattison stated that the highway department has been busy getting prepared for the upcoming winter season, tree removal, grading roads, fixing culverts and hauling winter sand.

Hadlock Dam Inspection was completed by Haley and Aldrich and the inspection went well and the engineer said there was no reason for any concerns.

Ronny also stated that the four of the five plow trucks are ready to go for the winter season and they are working on the fifth truck this week.

Enforcement Officer Report: Paper report was given.

Historian: Not Present.

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

4.0 Old Business: The Town is looking to move forward with the grant that we had received to make necessary repairs to the Old Stone House Library, the town will use grant money along with ARPA funds to pay for these repairs to this historical land mark that has been in the town for over 100 years, and with doing so this will have no direct effect on tax payers.

5.0 New Business: Review LOSAP Audit- no questions were asked by any of the Town Board Members.

RESOLUTION #75-2024

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

On the motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution authorizing contract and payment with Penflex, Inc. for purpose of LOSAP program for Fort Ann, West Fort Ann and Pilot Knob Fire Districts"

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

RESOLVED, 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; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to accept and execute the necessary agreements on behalf of the Town of Fort Ann.

RESOLUTION #76-2024

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2025 CONTRACT WITH MOUNTAIN MEDICAL FOR DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution approving 2024 contract with Mountain Medical for Drug & Alcohol Testing”

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

RESOLVED, the Fort Ann Town Board hereby accepts the proposal Mountain Medical Services to perform drug and alcohol testing for those certain employees of the Town of Fort Ann in accordance with the proposal submitted; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the contract in accordance with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #77-2024

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 BUDGET

On the motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to Adopt the 2024 Budget”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann adopts the 2024 budget.

RESOLUTION #78-2024

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT, Paul Winchell

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution accepting letter of resignation from Highway Superintendent, Paul Winchell”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby accepts the letter of resignation from Paul Winchell, effective November 14, 2024 close of business day.

RESOLUTION #79-2024

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM DEPUTY HIGHW SUPERINTENDANT, RONNY MATTISON

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution accepting letter of resignation from Deputy Highway Superintendent, Ronny Mattison”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby accepts the letter of resignation from Ronny Mattison, effective November 15,2024 close of business day.

RESOLUTION #80-2024

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution appointing the highway superintendent of the Town of Fort Ann”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby appoints Ronny Mattison, as Highway Superintendent of the Town of Fort Ann, effective November 16, 2024 to serve until December 31, 2025; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the Supervisor is hereby directed to notify the Washington County Board of Elections and take the requisite actions to ensure the Highway Superintendent position is placed on the ballot for the 2026 general election.

RESOLUTION #81-2024

KINGSBURY BARNSTORMERS SNOWMOBILE TRAIL

On the motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled “Kingsbury Barnstormers snowmobile trail”

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

RESOLVED the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann grants permission for the Kingsbury Barnstormers Club, to have the snowmobile trail run along Patten Mills Road

6:20 p.m. Open Public Discussion

Miranda Herringshaw thanked Northern Living for their generosity to housing the Hammond family for 30 days, free of charge after losing their home to a fire in recent weeks.

Katelyn Moskos stated that northern Living is participating in the “Share the warmth” event and is hoping to adopt around 35 local families this year, and left pamphlets at Town Hall explaining more about the event and how to donate if interested.

Jo-JO DeVecchi asked if Boo Town would be having an annual review to ensure all standards are meant for the end of season clean up?

Supervisor Hall stated that the cleanup would take place the weekend of November 16&17,2024.

Jo-Jo also stated that it appears to be more sheds on the property than the one she obtained permission for.

Supervisor Hall stated that code enforcer Mark Miller would have to look into it.

Curtis Rhem asked what meeting was held on 11/7/24, and why was it not on the calendar?

Miranda Herringshaw stated that it was posted in the post star, and that at previous budget meetings a list with all budget meetings was available to be taken, and apologized for the inconvenience.

6:19 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

6:25 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for September:	General:	\$ 11,036.73
	Highway:	\$ 50,825.03
	Hadlock:	\$ 353.44

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 15, 2024

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