

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Supervisor Richard Moore
Councilman Dennis Fletcher
Councilwoman Gretchen Stark
Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

ABSENT: Councilman Floyd Varney

OTHERS PRESENT: Michele Stark, Deputy Town Clerk II, James Black, LeRoy Harrison, Floyd Ladd, Robert Griffiths, Howard Denison

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 19, 2017.

Supervisor Moore directed the Town Board to turn to page 5 of the preliminary budget and change the publicity amount from \$500.00 to \$300.00 and then decrease the total economic assistance & opportunity amount from \$1,200 to \$1,000.00 at the bottom of the page.

1.1 **2018 Budget Public Hearing** opened at 6:11 p.m. with Howard Denison asking if about the tax cap. Supervisor Moore asked him to hold that question until the end because the tax cap would be addressed at the end of the meeting. Mr. James Black stated he didn't see anything for the Fort Ann Rescue Squad. Supervisor Moore referred him to the \$139,301.00.

The public hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m.

1.2 **2018 Pilot Knob Volunteer Firefighters Assoc., Inc. \$93,200.00 (contract) Public Hearing opened at 6:12 p.m.** The Pilot Knob Volunteer Firefighters Assoc., Inc. closed at 6:13 p.m.

1.3 **2018 Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company \$204,390.00 (contract) Public Hearing opened at 6:13 p.m.** The Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company public hearing closed at 6:14 p.m.

1.4 **2018 West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company \$242,884.00 (contract) Public Hearing opened at 6:14 p.m.** with Floyd Ladd saying thank you. Supervisor Moore responded you are welcome. The West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company public hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

1.5 **2018 Fort Ann Rescue Squad \$139,301.00 (contract) Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.** with Robert Griffiths stating they are doing their best. They realize the budget increased over the last five (5) years and it should be mentioned it was because of going from Basic Life Support to Advance Life Support (ALS). ALS was very costly and is costly to maintain. Mr. Griffiths stated if we lose ALS it's hard to get it back. They will continue to do the best with what we have. The public hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

Supervisor Moore announced he was pleased to say the budget is under the tax cap by \$118.00. Mr. Harrison asked if the surplus was gone and Supervisor Moore said he didn't say that.

1.6 Override Tax Levy Limit General Municipal Law Section 3-C -TABLED

Motion was made by Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Stark, Deputy Town Clerk II
Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: November 3, 2017