

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Christine Milligan, Town Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Helen Denno, Budget Officer, Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Mark Miller, Mary Davis, Michelle Vara, Chad Wilson

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 resident Vera Walkup.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of October 13, 2020.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Budget Workshop Minutes of October 27, 2020 with Councilman Sexton abstaining as he wasn't present.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the September 2020 monthly financial statements.

Financials for the month of September

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$49,783.65
Highway Fund	\$40,285.03
Youth Commission	\$ 8,739.15
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 9,963.90
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 1,009.34
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 3,017.32

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS General Fund	\$128,180.85
NYCLASS Highway Fund	\$702,226.86
NYCLASS Hadlock Park District	\$ 95,671.84
LOSAP	\$ 14,405.88

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to pay the bills as warranted and audited.

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:03 p.m. Public Comment opened.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

3.0 Report from Town Officials and Committees:

Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Hall reported that the COVID-19 testing of inmates has begun at Great Meadow Correctional Facility and Washington Correctional Facility. A letter has been sent to Governor Cuomo that there is a concern with counts of inmates that are incarcerated and testing positive being included in the county counts.

Supervisor Hall stated there will be a meeting between the LaBarge Group and a representative from the preservation organization out of Washington DC and available grants for Battlefield.

Councilman Sexton thanked all those who came out to vote November 3, 2020. There was a record number of people to come out to vote.

Councilman Smith participated in virtual training October 20, 2020 Roles & Responsibilities of the Town Board and Highway Superintendent.

Councilman Smith also reported out that he attended a Lake Hadlock Association (LHA) meeting on November 7, 2020 and they would like to replace two (2) hazardous buoys at a time. Councilman Smith found a vendor and will be following up on this.

LHA mentioned possibly still donating to the groups that are usually given donations from the annual ice fishing derby as the Hadlock ice fishing derby won’t be taking place January 2021.

Councilman Smith will work with the Highway Superintendent about getting the pontoon boat stored behind the Highway garage. It has been serviced and is ready to be wrapped and stored for the winter.

Councilwoman Stark stated the annual ice fishing derby in January 2021 has been canceled. Supervisor Hall asked Councilwoman Stark if she had anymore information from Dave Perkins about the snowmobile trails. Councilwoman Stark will be seeing Mr. Perkins tomorrow and will ask him.

Town Clerk’s Report was given for October 2020.

Highway Superintendent Report: Getting prepared for winter; grading up dirt roads; finished up paving at Shelving Rock; patched a spot on Mattison Road and T. Owens Road. Supposed to get new truck by Thanksgiving. Meeting with DEC at the dam last Tuesday and everything seemed fine.

Enforcement Officer Report paper copy of his October 2020 report was distributed. Mark reported he makes quite a few trips to Washington County Code Enforcement to sign permits. He stated it's taking at least (6) six weeks to get a permit approved instead of the usual (2) two to (4) four. Councilman Smith gave an address to Mark to look into. Councilman Sexton asked Mark if our policies are up to date in how proactive we are in pursuing enforcement issues.

Historian: Not present

4.0 New Business Supervisor Hall contacted Denny Fletcher regarding the lights on Rte 22 that he was working on prior to relocating South. Supervisor Hall received a phone call from the state. Supervisor Hall asked the Town Board if it should be the responsibility for power of lights on their capital plan.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith that it should be the responsibility of New York State and to have the Attorney for the Town draft a letter for Supervisor Hall to sign and send to New York State.

Supervisor Hall asked for a roll call vote and was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #81-2020

TO ADOPT THE 2021 BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Budget."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann adopts the 2021 budget.

Supervisor Hall thanked the (3) three fire departments and the EMS that cut their budgets by \$5,000.00 each to stay under cap and allow 2% increases for the Fort Ann staff.

RESOLUTION #82-2020

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 Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith 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 Sexton, Smith, Stark, Witherell, Hall

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

Supervisor Hall stated this is to assist in recruiting and maintain volunteers.

RESOLUTION #83-2020

APPROVING 2021 CONTRACT WITH MOUNTAIN MEDICAL FOR DRUGS & ALCOHOL TESTING

On the motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Approving 2021 contract with Mountain Medical for Drug & Alcohol Testing."

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

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

6:26 p.m. **Open Public Discussion** Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer, stated he attended sexual harassment training through Hartford Central School and will hand in a copy to the Town of Fort Ann to meet the annual requirement. Supervisor Hall stated Granville will probably join the Town of Fort Ann when it is deemed safe to resume training.

Jeff Meyer, Esq., stated property maintenance issues are easiest to be handled at the county but they currently don't have the staff or manpower. Supervisor Hall asked Councilman Sexton to head up this issue.

6:30 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

6:30 p.m. motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$40,151.31
	Highway:	\$ 6,066.96
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 516.59

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: November 18, 2020