

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, December 12th, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Paul Winchell-Highway Superintendent
Christine Milligan-Town Historian
Miranda Herringshaw- Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Stark- Deputy Town Clerk, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Chad Wilson, Katelyn Moskos, John Moskos, Shelbie Paulson, Penny Gould, Bill Bailey, Lyle Washburn, Andrew Call

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; John Lynch and Richard Thomas

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of November 14th, 2022.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept the Public Hearing Minutes of November 10th, 2022.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the October 2022 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of October

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 189,722.02
Highway Fund	\$ 41,108.08
Youth Commission	\$ 8,298.14
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 10,269.59
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 2,292.77
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 4,599.10

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 897,054.15
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 111,242.90
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 76,798.00

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark, 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 he has been working on seeing what grants are available for improvements needed at the Old Stone House Library. He also has been working on the Rescue Squad issue in Pilot Knob and there will be a meeting on that later this month, the State did reply and has given the Town three options for dealing with this issue, all three options will be discussed in the meeting later this month.

Councilwoman Witherell- no report

Councilman Sexton- no report

Councilman Smith- no report

Councilwoman Stark stated that the Hadlock Fishing Derby is scheduled to be held on January 21st, 2023.

Town Clerk’s Report Not Present

Highway Superintendent Report: Not Present

Enforcement Officer Report: Not Present

Historian: Not present- she has been working on Grant Application for the Old Stone House Library Improvements.

Dog Control Officer: Not present, report was read by Supervisor Hall.

4.0 Old Business:

- 4.1 A Local Law Regulating Short-Term Rentals in the Town of Fort Ann
- 4.2 A Local Law Amending the Town of Fort Ann Site Plan Review
- 4.3 Setting up LOSAP for Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Co. Inc.

5.0 New Business:

Supervisor Hall stated that from January to May of 2023, monthly Town Board Meetings will be held at the Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company, due to the lack of parking, sidewalks and the Town Hall porch being very slippery, so for safety of all, Board Meetings will be held at Firehouse located on Rt.149. There will be a notice in the paper.

RESOLUTION #92-2022

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled “Retirement standard work day and reporting resolution for elected and appointed officials”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town of Fort Ann hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials.

RESOLUTION #93-2022

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled “Resolution setting 2023 organization meeting”

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

RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to post and publish the requisite notice of Organization Meeting.

RESOLUTION #94-2022
RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FORT ANN PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled “Resolution applying for grant for improvements to old stone house library”

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

RESOLVED, the Fort Ann Town Board supports the Fort Ann Historical Society to apply for a request for grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 from the *Glens Falls Foundation grant program* due on or before December 20th,2022 to complete Phase 1 Improvements to the Old Stone House Library in the Town of Fort Ann. In addition, the Town Board pledges to provide the local match needed to bridge the gap between the cost of Phase 1 Improvements (\$30,000), and the amount ultimately received under the grant (\$15,000).

6:23 p.m. **Open Public Discussion**

Lyle Washburn- Asked if the Town was still moving forward with the Short-Term Rental Laws?

Supervisor Hall stated yes the Town is still moving forward with developing laws that will work and be fair to both business owners and residents, that the plan is that the laws will be in place by Memorial Day at the latest. The Town is not rushing into anything and is watching what is working and what isn't in other town's around us.

6:25 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

6:26 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for October:	General:	\$ 8,962.76
	Highway:	\$ 3,289.07
	Hadlock:	\$ 0.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: December 14th, 2022