

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, December 18, 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: Councilman Michael Sexton
Jeff Meyers- Town Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jon Pollock, Trent Pollock, Christine Milligan, Paul Milligan, Jon Lashinsky, Andrew Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Hall stated that the meeting was being held in order to discuss an authorization letter from the Town of Fort Ann to the Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Department regarding the purchase of a new fire truck.

The fire truck would need to be ordered by December 31,2024 in order to have the current proposed pricing, the fire department was told they should expect to see a 3% price increase each new quarter.

Supervisor Hall stated that if the Town Board approves the authorization letter that does not mean that the Town will increase the budget amount, the fire department would be responsible for budgeting appropriately with the monies that they are currently receiving. Supervisor Hall stated that he cannot promise the fire company additional monies when we never know what the budget will look like from year to year, so it is in the best interest of the Town and Fire Department to have a plan in place to pay for this truck, without relying on any additional money from the Town.

****A copy of the truck specifications and the letter the Fire Department provided the Town Board with, will be attached to these minutes in their entirety.**

Supervisor Hall emphasized many times throughout this meeting that any authorization granted at the meeting this evening is solely for the authorization letter to be given, not for any funding of this truck.

Supervisor Hall did ask Chief Lashinsky how much this vehicle would cost the fire company on an annual basis, Chief Lashinsky stated that the purchase of this truck would cost the fire department about \$85,000.00 per year for the longevity of the loan.

Motion made by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Smith to supply the Fort Ann Fire Department with an authorization letter for the purchase of a new fire truck to be delivered sometime in 2027.

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:53 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Dated: December 20, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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