

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, December 2nd, 2024 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: Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney
Christine Milligan-Town Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw- Town Clerk, Mark Miller- Code Enforcer, Ronny Mattison- Highway Superintendent ,Penny Gould, Bill Bailey, Barb Burch, Arlene Green, Jo-Jo 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;

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of November 12th, 2024.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the December 2024 monthly financial statement.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to pay the bills as warranted and audited.

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:02 p.m. Public Comment opened.

6:03 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Hall stated that he and Councilman Sexton have had a zoom meeting on the Old Stone House Library, regarding the grant the Town received to make necessary repairs to the library. He also stated that he had been working on day-to-day operations.

Councilwoman Witherell- no report

Councilman Sexton stated that Attorney Meyers would have the rough draft of the local law regarding solar soon, and that once he gets that back, he will have a committee meeting and then bring this forward to the board and a public hearing will take place.

Councilman Smith stated that the survey had been completed on the Town's land on Hadlock and that the temporary fence was installed.

Councilwoman Stark stated a lot of informative information on what services are available for elders in the community, she placed information on Town bulletin board along with left a copy with the Town Clerk. She also stated that she would be attending a meeting in regard to the 250th Anniversary of Battle Hill.

Town Clerk's Report: Town Board Meetings for the months of January, February, and March will be held at the Fort Ann Volunteer Firehouse located on Rt.149. Short Term Rental Applications renewals are in the process of being renewed for the upcoming 2025 season. Reminder of the special election on December 18,2024 from 12pm-8pm located at Town Hall, 80 George St. Fort Ann, NY 12827.

Highway Superintendent Report: Ronny Mattison stated that it has been a quiet month and they are getting things ready for winter and were out plowing on Thanksgiving.

Enforcement Officer Report: Paper report was given.

Historian: Not present

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

4.0 Old Business:

5.0 New Business:

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to move the 2004 International Tandem Axle plow truck to surplus.

Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #82-2024

RESOLUTION SETTING 2025 ORGANIZATION MEETING

On the motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled
"Resolution setting 2025 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 #83-2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FORT ANN PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled “Resolution appointing a Fort Ann Planning Board Member”

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby appoints Don Bedaux to serve as a member of the Fort Ann Planning Board through December 31, 2026.

**RESOLUTION #84-2024
RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2023 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS DUE TO UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES DURING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR**

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2024 budget by transferring funds between appropriations due to unanticipated expenditures during the 2024 fiscal year”

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

RESOLVED, the 2024 budget shall be modified by transferring funds between appropriations as indicated above.

**RESOLUTION #85-2024
RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE 2024 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TO BE PAID OUT IN THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR**

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to modify the 2024 budget by appropriating funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds to be paid out in the 2024 fiscal year

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

RESOLVED, the 2024 budget shall be modified by transferring funds as indicated above.

**RESOLUTION #86-2024
RESOLUTION APPOINTING HADLOCK DAM MONITOR**

On the motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution "Resolution appointing Hadlock Dam Monitor"

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby appoints Ronny Mattison as the 2024 monitor of the Hadlock dam, effective November 1st, 2024.

RESOLUTION #87-2024

AUTHORIZATION APPROVING CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUND DISBURSEMENT TOWARDS THE OLD STONE HOUSE LIBRARY

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution "Authorization approving coronavirus state and local recovery fund disbursement towards the Old Stone House Library"

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby approves the disbursement in the sum of One Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00) as a one-time payment under the SLRF in accordance with the terms contained herein; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and or the Town Budget Officer, amend agreements, execute checks and documents, and take all necessary steps to disburse these funds.

RESOLUTION #88-2024

AUTHORIZATION APPROVING CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUND DISBURSEMENT TOWARDS THE HIGHWAY FUND

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Authorization approving coronavirus state and local recovery fund disbursement towards the highway fund"

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby approves the disbursement in the sum of Eighteen Thousand Sixty One and 00/100 Dollars (\$18,061.00) as a one-time payment under the SLRF in accordance with the terms contained herein; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and or the Town Budget Officer, amend agreements, execute checks and documents, and take all necessary steps to disburse these funds.

6:28 p.m. Open Public Discussion

Jo-Jo Devecchi asked if there was an inspection of the Boo Town property at the close of the season to ensure that all of the requirements put forth by the planning board were met, and asked if Mary Ryther had obtained permission to leave a large item in the middle of the field?

Mark Miller stated that he had been there twice and that he stated tat the property was cleaned up and the requirements had been met.

Jo-Jo also asked if the towns engineer had signed off on the swale yet? Supervisor Halll stated that he would find out and get back to her.

6:36 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for November:	General:	\$ 5,173.68
	Highway:	\$ 23,513.81
	Youth Commission:	\$ 993.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 3rd, 2024

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