

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN FIRE HOUSE

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Helen Denno, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Jeff Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Tracey Clothier, Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer, Mark Miller, Enforcement Officer, Joe Loszynski, Christine Milligan, Dale Grinnell, George Sherwood, Hank Jordan, Barbara Jordan, James Black, Chad Wilson, Michelle Vara, Steven Dvorak, Daniel Cashin

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for deceased Fort Ann residents Wayne E. Bennett, Helen Caprood, Elaine L. Stark, Linda Susan (Degnan) Gagliardi, Judy Lee Lynch and Marjorie E. Havern.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Hall to accept tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of February 12, 2018.

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept the Special Town Board Minutes of February 21, 2018.

Motion was carried

Supervisor Moore read the February 2018 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of February

General Fund	\$ 22,489.59
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Disbursements

General Fund	\$ 345,685.83
Highway	\$ 78,140.50

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 500,732.51
Highway Fund	\$ 51,189.19
Youth Commission	\$ 1,295.40
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 239.92

Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 16,848.86
Consolidated Health District	\$ 1,107.58
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 2,463.11
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 100.61

Savings Accounts

General Fund	\$ 445,093.07
Hadlock Park District	\$ 239,116.48
Highway Fund	\$1,046,551.04
LOSAP	\$ 14,319.25

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

Motion was carried.

Presentation: Tracey Clothier, Planner, The LA Group, she does a lot of trails and recreational planning. She stated the purpose tonight is to inform the town board of the project and status of the Battle Hill Trails Master Plan. A one (1) page handout was distributed and outlined the following: project description; the total project cost; scope of work; products; schedule and contact information. She stated the preservation plan should identify the boundaries which is important for the study. A paper copy is available at the Town Clerk’s Office for anyone who would like a copy.

Councilman Hall asked Ms. Clothier if the project completion of October 2018 was realistic. Ms. Clothier believes it is realistic. Ms. Clothier stated that this can be done very efficiently and quickly if you have the right season(s). She is very anxious and excited to hear from the public.

Supervisor Moore mentioned he’s been in touch with the Civil War Trust about the 92 acres that Mr. Caprood is interested in selling. The Civil War Trust can’t send the surveyor’s out quite yet but they maybe interested in purchasing 25-30 acres of the 92.

Ms. Clothier suggested that she, Christine Milligan and Supervisor Moore sit down and discuss the history and status of the grants. Supervisor Moore stated that Councilman Hall would also be included since he is the liason for the Battle Hill project.

Christine Milligan, American Legion, will give Ms. Clothier the contact information for George Sherwood. Mr. Sherwood is very familiar with the Battlefield area.

Public comment opened at 6:18 p.m. on tonight’s agenda.

Public Comment closed at 6:19 p.m. with no comments.

Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Moore announced that the Town Board Meeting’s will return to the Town Hall beginning April 9, 2018.

On March 1, 2018 a group from Fort Ann which included Supervisor Moore, Highway Superintendent, Councilman Hall, George Sherwood, Rick Chase as well as TDI engineer and TDI attorney walked Old Rte

4 where the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project is to take place. This is the project which will be taking power out of Ontario to New York City eventually.

Supervisor Moore stated that people may have seen in The Post Star that Governor Cuomo announced Phase III for Broadband for the state. Supervisor Moore stated that Fort Ann will have 497 addresses made available. At this time the company and the delivery system are unknown. As more information is received he will share it.

Supervisor Moore wanted to let people know that he would be voting no with regards to the Washington County parking lot project that some people may have read about in The Post Star. He stated that there is a need for repairs to the parking lot and more parking spaces at the county but that is not a top priority in his opinion. There are other things, like IT needs, that should come before parking lot needs. Anyone interested in further details can refer to Washington County Public Works minutes of February 27, 2018.

Supervisor Moore stated that Carolyn Ouderkirk, Secretary, The Old Stone House Library sent a thank you note to the town board for the very generous gift from the proceeds of the ice fishing derby organized by Councilwoman Stark.

Councilman Fletcher reported that the cemetery committee is meeting tonight immediately following tonight's Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman Stark stated she attended Office for the Aging committee meeting. There is a Senior dinner theater (The Little Mermaid) at the Argyle School for anyone over 60 for \$5.00 on April 19, 2018.

Councilwoman Stark announced that if there are any Senior's interested in journaling and sketching at the Old Stone House Library from March through May to please contact Barbara Eagle.

On May 18, 2018 Fort Ann resident, Mr. Joseph Wright, will be recognized at the Washington County Board of Supervisor's monthly meeting. Mr. Wright was chosen as State Senior of the Year. He will also be honored at a luncheon in Albany in May. She has nomination forms if anyone would like to nominate a Senior for next year.

Councilwoman Stark stated there are a lot of activities listed at the Fort Ann Town Hall. Please stop by or contact the Town Clerk for copies of information.

Councilwoman Stark is trying to get parts for the kayak launch and hopes to have it ready for this summer.

Councilwoman Stark stated the Champlain Canal Trail is coming along. She has seven (7) pages of an update from Dave Perkins that she will share with anyone that is interested. She stated the bike trail should be just about completed in the year 2020.

Town Clerk's Report was given for February 2018.

Highway Superintendent Report: None

Enforcement Officer Report was given for the month of February 2018. Mr. Miller updated the board about a resident who resides on County Rte 22 and has been notified about the Town of Fort Ann Mobile Home Law with regards to RV and Travel Trailers. This matter is still outstanding and the next step is for the resident to receive an appearance ticket for April 11th at 11:00 a.m. to appear at Fort Ann Town Court.

Councilman Hall wanted to know how this came about. Mr. Miller responded from a complaint and observation on his part as Enforcement Officer. Councilman Hall stated there are others probably also in this same category.

Historian Report: Virginia Parrott was not in attendance but Dale Grinnell stated that the town is lacking in signage.

Lake Hadlock Project Manager: Joseph Loszynski emailed a copy of his progress report to the Town Board Member's. A paper copy is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for anyone who would like a copy.

Dog Control Report: paper copy was given to Town Board Member's. The dog control officer requested that \$200.00 of his contractual money be used for supplies that he uses to educate the first grade classed in Fort Ann, Hudson Falls and Fort Edward. The other Towns of Fort Edward and Kingsbury have approved his request. The Fort Ann Town Board approved his request.

2018 Hadlock RFP Only one (1) response was received from the 2018 Hadlock RFP advertisement that ran in *The Post Star*. The sealed bid was received February 28, 2018 from Invasive Solutions Dive Co., Albany, NY. Daniel Cashin is present at tonight's meeting and available to answer any questions the Town Board may have. The Town Clerk opened the sealed bid and distributed the copies for the Attorney for the Town, Town Board and Lake Hadlock Park Manager, Joseph Loszynski to review. The RFP was for \$52,360.00 and there was only \$41,888.00 budgeted for 2018. Mr. Cashin said he could work with the \$41,888.00 figure and provide insurance coverage. Mr. Cashin will submit a revised contract for Attorney for the Town review.

RESOLUTION #60-18

TO ACCEPT PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY RESIGNATION

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Accept Planning Board Secretary Resignation."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Hall, Stark, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann accepts the resignation of Deborah A. Fifield, Planning Board Secretary effective February 28, 2018.

RESOLUTION #61-18

TO SUPPORT CHAMPLAIN HUDSON POWER EXPRESS PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Support Champlain Hudson Power Express Project."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Hall, Stark, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby grants its consent to CHPEI in accordance with section 11 of New York’s Transportation Corporations Law to lay down, construct and maintain its wires, conductors, conduits and other fixtures in and under the streets, avenues, public parks and places in the Town of Fort Ann in accordance with the requirement of CHPEI’s Article VII Certificate, as amended and in effect from time to time.

RESOLUTION #62-18

OPPOSITION TO TAXABLE OWNED LAND CONVERSION TO PILOTS

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled “Opposition to Taxable Owned Land Conversion to PILOTS.”

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Hall, Stark, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board declares that the assessments of taxable State-owned land should remain under control of the local municipality where such property is located and is hereby opposed to New York State converting the assessment of taxable State-owned land into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes.

RESOLUTION #63-18

TO DECLARE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

On motion of Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Hall to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to Declare Surplus Equipment.”

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Hall, Stark, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent and Town Supervisor are hereby authorized to sell the equipment: 1998 International Single Axel Plow Truck; 2005 Ford 150 Extended Cab and 2005 Peterbilt Plow Truck to the person or entity providing the highest offer through a private negotiated sale or via Auctions International.

RESOLUTION #64-18

APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR HAND HARVESTING SERVICES RECEIVED FROM INVASIVE SOLUTIONS DIVE COMPANY

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled “Resolution approving the Request for proposal for hand harvesting services received from Invasive Solutions Dive Company.”

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Hall, Stark, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the revised contract in accordance with this resolution, conditioned upon final attorney approval.

RESOLUTION #65-18

APPROVE INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM COOL INSURING AGENCY FOR HADLOCK DAM

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to Approve Insurance Proposal from Cool Insuring Agency for Hadlock Dam.”

ADOPTED AYES 5 Fletcher, Hall, Stark, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the contract in accordance with this resolution. The premium for the two (2) year term decreased more than \$1,500.00.

Open Public Discussion at 7:37 p.m. Mr. Black asked if the state had available funds for Hadlock. Supervisor Moore stated that Hadlock hasn't been chosen in the past because it was considered a private lake. Supervisor Moore thanked the audience for their patience while they worked through the RFP for the Harvester.

Close Public Discussion at 7:41 p.m.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to adjourn.

Motion was carried.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$ 21,053.88
	Highway:	\$ 53,194.82
	Hadlock Park District:	\$ 45,705.61

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: March 23, 2018