

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

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

ABSENT: Councilwoman Deborah Witherell

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Helen Denno-Budget Officer, Jeff Meyers-Town Attorney, Jon Lashinsky, Andrew Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Discussion and approval of Grant to the Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Councilman Smith asked Volunteer Firefighter Andrew Call, how much money the fire company would be putting towards the purchase of a 6x6 with trailer? Andrew stated that the total for the 6x6 is approximately \$20,000.00 which they received a grant for \$10,000.00 and are looking for the remaining \$10,000.00 to be granted from the Town Board at this time. The fire department will be spending an additional 4-6 thousand dollars that was raised through fundraising to purchase a trailer to haul the machine on and any extras that may be necessary for the machine.

The Fire Department provided the Board Members with paperwork showing the Mountains in the Fire District area along with other mountains/areas in our neighboring communities that this machine would be utilized for, along with the Grant application, and estimates on machine cost, etc.

**RESOLUTION #45-2023
APPROVING CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUND DISBURSEMENT**

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Approving Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund Disbursement"

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Stark, Sexton, Hall
 EXCUSED 1 Witherell

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and or the Town Budget Officer to sign and take all necessary steps to disburse said funds.

**RESOLUTION #46-2023
MODIFY THE 2023 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF) TO BE PAID OUT IN THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR**

On the motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled “Modify the 2023 budget by appropriating funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to be paid out in the 2023 fiscal year”

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Stark, Sexton, Hall
 EXCUSED 1 Witherell

RESOLVED, the 2023 budget shall be modified as indicated above.

Discussion and Approval of LOSAP Point System

The point system was reviewed, discussed and approved at tonight’s meeting.

**RESOLUTION #47-2023
TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE FORT ANN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC.**

On the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled “To provide for a special election on the establishment of a Service Award Program for Active Volunteer Firefighters of the Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company Inc. “

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Stark, Sexton, Hall
 EXCUSED 1 Witherell

RESOLVED THAT:

1. A special election of qualified electors the Town of Fort Ann within the Town of Fort Ann Fire Protection District No. 6 shall be held on May 1, 2023 for the purpose of submitting a proposition for the approval of the resolution described above adopted by the Town Board on March 13, 2023. The place of the holding of such election shall be at:

Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
11289 State Route 149
Fort Ann, New York 12827

the polls for such election shall be kept open for the purpose of voting on such proposition between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at such polling site. The proposition to be submitted at said special election shall be in substantially the form hereinafter set forth in the form of notice of such election.

2. The special election shall utilize and votes shall be cast through the use of paper ballots. Absentee ballots shall be provided for this special election.
3. Any person qualified to vote at a general election in the Town of Fort Ann within the Town of Fort Ann Fire Protection District No. 6 may vote upon the proposition to be submitted to the aforesaid special election.
4. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said special election by publication of a notice once in the official newspaper of the Town, said publication to be made at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said special election. In addition, the Town Clerk shall cause a copy of such notice to be posted on the bulletin board of the Town at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Stark, Sexton, Hall
 EXCUSED 1 Witherell

**RESOLUTION #48-2023
 TO MODIFY THE 2022 BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUND BALANCE TO COVER SHORTAGES IN THE SPECIFIED ACCOUNT DUE TO UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES DURING THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR**

On the motion of Councilman Stark, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled “To modify the 2022 budget by appropriating fund balance to cover shortages in the specified account due to unanticipated expenditures during the 2022 fiscal year.”

ADOPTED AYES 4 Smith, Stark, Sexton, Hall
 EXCUSED 1 Witherell

RESOLVED, the 2022 budget shall be modified by appropriating funds as indicated above.

5:30 p.m. Supervisor Hall made a motion for the Board Members enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations with Town Attorney.

6:12 p.m. Executive Session Ended

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Sexton, second by Councilman Smith at 6:15 p.m.

Dated: March 29, 2023

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