

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Christine Milligan, Historian
Mark Miller, p/t Enforcement Officer
Lisa Barbato, p/t Dog Control Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, Jeffrey Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Chad Wilson, Michelle Vara

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

Moment of silence was held for the following people that needed to be recognized even though not Fort Ann residents: FACS School Psychologist for approximately 10 (ten) years, Patricia S. Lambiaso and Elizabeth Kane mother-in-law to previous Town of Fort Ann Supervisor Richie Moore.

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to approve tonight's agenda.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2021.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the Special Town Board Minutes of February 26, 2021.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the January 2021 monthly financial statement.

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 600,176.03
Highway Fund	\$ 59,639.10
Youth Commission	\$ 8,739.15
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 30,657.57
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 540.94
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 5,585.00

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 468,204.09
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$1,162,326.39
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 255,694.66
LOSAP	\$ 22,900.00

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment opened on the agenda items.

6:05 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Hall stated he doesn’t have much to report out on right now but something could come up as meeting moves along.

Councilman Sexton stated he finished reviewing the 2008 revitalization report. Councilman Sexton said the report of 2008 would be applicable in 2021 and going forward as a good base/foundation to build off of. The group that put it together in 2008 did a great job.

Councilman Sexton asked if the Town of Fort Ann should have a face book page. Supervisor Hall stated that the Town of Fort Ann does have a website. Michelle Vara does keep a face book page for the Town of Fort Ann and welcomes any information that people would like to have on the face book page.

Councilwoman Stark: Bike trail is completed up to Comstock. Recreation Committee is working on signage and ideas to get people to know what’s going on in town.

Councilwoman Stark spoke to OC West and he’s willing to be the Summer Recreation Director again this summer. Supervisor Hall stated that the Old Stone House Library wants to be involved with the Fantastic Friday’s.

Councilwoman Stark stated that the Office for the Aging is delivering meals and meals are also available to caregivers. There are 2,000 frozen meals being stored at Golden Goal in case of an emergency like the power going out.

Councilwoman Stark stated that Joan Degener and Terry Barber are representing Washington County as Senior Citizens of the Year and will be honored in the FALL of 2021.

Councilwoman Stark stated that Fort Ann Central School Senior, Elizabeth Larli, appeared in the Teen Excellence section of The Post Star.

Councilwoman Stark stated the Senior Citizen Center, Oak Street, Hudson Falls, New York has reopened.

Supervisor Hall asked about training lifeguards and Councilwoman Stark stated she is working with Washington County Alternative Sentencing Director, Mike Gray, to find a location to train lifeguards.

Town Clerk's Report was given for February 2021.

Highway Superintendent Report: The Highway Superintendent said the trucks are up and running. They are cutting a few trees here and there. Trying to catch up from when they were sent home during that season. They are getting ready for road maintenance. Shelving Rock closed for at least another two (2) or three (3) weeks due to mud season.

Supervisor Hall stated that he heard from Kathy Robertson and she said she went on two (2) incredible hikes in Fort Ann (Sleeping Beauty and Shelving Rock).

Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent, stated in years past the highway department did maintenance for Dacy Clearing and the Shelving Rock area (Friday work). Mr. Winchell asked the town board if they still want the highway department to participate in this. The Town Board agreed to continue this practice.

Enforcement Officer Report was given for February 2021.

Historian: Christine Milligan, not present, but stopped before the official start of Town Board meeting to update Supervisor Hall that Adam Nims is working on an Eagle Scout project. Supervisor Hall asked the Highway Superintendent to assist in any way that his department could.

RESOLUTION #32-2021

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR HALL TO SIGN THE HALEY & ALDRICH PROPOSAL FOR ANNUAL HADLOCK DAM INSPECTION SERVICES

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Authorizing Supervisor Hall to sign the Haley & Aldrich Proposal for Annual Hadlock Dam Inspection Services."

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby approves the 2021 contract with Haley & Aldrich for Dam inspection services for the fee of \$4,400.00 and further authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the requisite agreement.

RESOLUTION #33-2021

TO MODIFY THE 2020 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS DUE TO SHORTAGES IN SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Modify the 2020 Budget by Transferring Funds between Appropriations due to shortages in Specified Accounts."

ADOPTED AYES 5 Sexton, Smith, Stark, Hall

RESOLVED, the 2020 budget shall be modified by transferring funds between appropriations.

RESOLUTION #34-2021

TO MODIFY THE 2020 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS DUE TO SHORTAGES IN SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Modify 2020 Budget by Transferring Funds between Appropriations due to shortages in specified accounts."

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

RESOLVED, the 2020 budget shall be amended by transferring funds between appropriations.

RESOLUTION #35-2021

TO MODIFY THE 2020 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS DUE TO SHORTAGES IN SPECIFIED ACCOUNTS

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Modify the 2020 Budget by transferring funds between appropriations due to shortages in specified accounts."

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

RESOLVED, the 2020 budget shall be amended by transferring funds between appropriations.

RESOLUTION #36-2021

AMENDING THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINT SYSTEM WHEN SPECIAL RESPONSE RULES ARE IN EFFECT DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC OF 2020

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Amending the Service Award Program Point System when Special Response Rules are in effect during the COVID 19 Pandemic of 2020."

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

RESOLVED, this amendment to the West Fort Ann Fire Protection District Service Award Program points system is intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would have earned service award program credit under the West Fort Ann Fire Protection District Service Award point system during 2020-2021 from failing to earn credit during 20-2021, the adoption of this resolution is expected to have little if any effect on the annual cost of the West Fort Ann Fire Protection District Service Award Program. All other provisions of the West Fort Ann Fire Protection District Service Award Program shall not change as a result of the adoption of this resolution and the program shall continue to be administered by the Board of the Town of Fort Ann in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

RESOLUTION #37-2021

AMENDING THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINT SYSTEM WHEN SPECIAL RESPONSE RULES ARE IN EFFECT DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC OF 2020

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Amending the Service Award Program Point System when Special Response Rules are in effect during the COVID 19 Pandemic of 2020."

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

RESOLVED, this amendment to the West Fort Ann Fire Protection District Service Award Program points system is intended to prevent active volunteer firefighters who would have earned service award program credit under the West Fort Ann Fire Protection District Service Award point system during 2020-2021 from failing to earn credit during 20-2021, the adoption of this resolution is expected to have little if any effect on the annual cost of the Pilot Knob Fire Protection District Service Award Program. All other provisions of the Pilot Knob Fire Protection District Service Award Program shall not change as a result of the adoption of this resolution and the program shall continue to be administered by the Board of the Town of Fort Ann in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

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

6:37 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

6:38 p.m. motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sexton to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$ 7,491.12
	Highway:	\$13,198.40
	Hadlock Park District:	\$49,060.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: March 20, 2021