

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent, Paul Winchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Helen Denno, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor/Bookkeeper, Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Jeff Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Pat Cantanucci, Barbara Eagle, George Sherwood, Hank Jordan, Barbara Jordan, Joan Degener, Dale Grinnell, James Black, Gene Connell, Chad Wilson, Michele Vara, Patricia Monahan, Arlene Green

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Not necessary for moment of silence.

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

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Fletcher, seconded by Councilman Hall to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of March 12, 2018.

Motion was carried.

Supervisor Moore read the March 2018 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of March

General Fund	\$106,338.70
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Disbursements

General Fund	\$512,308.74
Highway	\$105,347.62

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 94,762.47
Highway Fund	\$ 81,141.28
Youth Commission	\$ 1,295.46
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 239.93
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 12,045.29
Consolidated Health District	\$ 1,107.63
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 334.33
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 3,220.56

Savings Accounts

General Fund	\$595,117.59
Hadlock Park District	\$194,128.15
Highway Fund	\$911,592.71
LOSAP	\$ 22,240.06

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

Motion was carried.

Public comment opened at 6:05 p.m. on this evening’s agenda.

Public Comment closed at 6:06 p.m. with no comments.

Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Moore received a thank you letter from Make-A-Wish Northeast New York, 3 Washington Sq., Albany, NY 12205 for the recent gift of \$288.00 from the annual ice fishing derby.

Supervisor Moore received an update from GPI regarding the Hogtown Culvert. All permits are about to be received or have been received.

Supervisor Moore stated that there has been a report of a bank collapse on Farley Road but it is not the Town of Fort Ann and the Highway Superintendent is monitoring it daily because it’s about 25’ from a Town of Fort Ann road.

Supervisor Moore announced that the Fort Ann Town Justice was awarded a grant for \$7,292.60. The Town Hall floor will be redone; chairs replaced; new desk and chair for Town Justice and a couple of filing cabinets will be purchased. The chairs that are currently in the Town Hall will be deemed surplus.

Supervisor Moore received a letter from the 28th Georgia Co. G/123rd New York Co. D Civil War Reenactors advising that on Saturday, May 19, 2018 the annual Battle of Resaca Reenactment will take place at the Chitwood Farm, Resaca, Georgia.

Supervisor Moore stated that it was recently in The Post Star that both Warren and Washington County support SUNY/Adirondack and a couple of years ago an addition was approved for the NSTEM program. A quarter of a percent increase for the sale of a home is being considered in order to pay for this addition (1.25% is the Washington County rate and 1.5% is the Warren County rate). Saratoga and Essex County are also at 1.5%.

Supervisor Moore stated that DEC was here April 6, 2018 to inspect Hadlock Dam. Report to follow in near future.

Councilwoman Witherell reported that she recently attended a presentation for meals on wheels. She was very surprised to realize that the meals are 100% prepared by five (5) employee’s at the Washington County Jail. If anyone knows of people that are eligible but have not signed up for meals on wheels because they were under the impression that food was prepared by inmates please let them know it is not. Also, looking for people interested in delivering meals on wheels a couple of hours a day.

Councilwoman Stark announced if anyone over 60 is interested in attending the dinner/play Little Mermaid at Argyle Central School for \$5.00 donation. Reservations have to be made by April 13, 2018. She has a lot of information for people over 60 from Office for the Aging to be posted on the Town Hall bulletin board such as medicare and various activities available for Senior Citizens.

Councilwoman Stark presented a plaque dedicated in honor and appreciation of Mary Jane Godfrey and her 31 years of service to the Town of Fort Ann. This plaque will be displayed at the Town Hall entrance.

Councilwoman Stark stated that quotes have been received to repair and replace missing pieces of the kayak launch. John Batchelder submitted a quote for \$2,750.00. She will recuse herself from voting since this is her son-in-law. Motion was introduced by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept the \$2,750.00 quote from John Batchelder to repair and replace missing pieces of the put the kayak launch.

Motion was carried.

Councilwoman Stark stated that on April 21, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. will be the annual canal sweep cleanup day.

Councilwoman Stark advised that Justin Nassivera notified her that he will not be able to be the Summer Recreation Director this summer. She has heard from Walter "OC" West who is interested in the position. He is a teacher at Stillwater School. He has children that go to Fort Ann Central School. He is currently the Fort Ann Varsity Boys Baseball Coach. He resides in Fort Ann.

Supervisor Moore asked that comments be reserved until the resolution is presented.

Councilman Hall stated that the canal park was dedicated to a past Fort Ann Rotary Club Member, Gene Ouderkirk. Four (4) times a year the Fort Ann Rotary Club cleans up the area and makes any necessary repairs. This year they will be assisting in the canal sweep cleanup day as well as planning flowers and a couple of trees.

Councilman Hall attended the North Country HABs Summit on March 20, 2018 in Ticonderoga. He has information to share with Councilwoman Stark because of her affiliation with the Fort Ann/Pilot Knob Beach and Joseph Loszynski, Lake Hadlock Park Manager, this information should be beneficial to them. The information has to do with Blue-green Algae and Health.

Councilman Hall stated there was a Battle Hill Trail Committee meeting on April 3, 2018 with himself, George Sherwood, Dale Grinnell, Christine Milligan and Tracey Clothier, LA Group. He will forward the minutes of that meeting to the Town Clerk to be posted on the Town of Fort Ann website (www.townoffortannny.com). There will also be paper copies available. People will have two (2) days to contact Councilman Hall on the accuracy of the minutes. Councilman Hall will then report to the Town Board. On April 17, 2018 at 9:45 a.m. George Sherwood will provide a tour of Battle Hill. Rain date will be April 19, 2018.

Councilman Fletcher reported that the cemetery committee met at the Fort Ann firehouse after the last Town Board meeting. He and George Sherwood will compile a list of cemetery needs for the Highway

Superintendent. Councilman Fletcher said he didn't realize until the cemetery meeting that there are no available plots in the Town of Fort Ann. This will probably be a topic at every cemetery meeting.

Town Clerk's Report was given for March 2018. The Town Clerk reminded any organizations that need volunteers to please contact the Fort Ann Central School. The Junior National Honor Society and National Honor Society are always looking to volunteer in the community

Dog Control Report: paper copy was given to Town Board Member's.

New Business: Empire State Trail and the possibility of pedestrian bridge at Dewey's Bridge. Too cost prohibitive according to NYS DOT. Councilwoman Stark stated they are looking at an alternative which would head through what used to be Petrikas' campground on Clay Hill Road.

Highway Superintendent Report: None

Enforcement Officer Report was given for the month of March 2018.

Historian Report: Virginia Parrott was not present but Dale Grinnell brought forth that signage is necessary in Fort Ann. He has brought it up in the past as well as at tonight's meeting that the signage that exists in the Town of Fort Ann need repair and/or repainting.

Lake Hadlock Project Manager Report: None

RESOLUTION #66-18

APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Appointing Director of Summer Recreation Program."

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

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board hereby appoints Walter "OC" West, 10566 State Rte 149, Fort Ann, New York 12827 as the 2018 Director of Summer Recreation Program at an annual salary of \$3,000.00.

RESOLUTION #67-18

APPOINTING 2018 VOLUNTEER LIFEGUARD FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

On motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Appointing 2018 Volunteer Lifeguard for Summer Recreation Program."

ADOPTED AYES 4 Fletcher, Hall, Witherell, Moore
ABSTAIN 1 Stark

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board does hereby appoint Gretchen Stark, 364 Hadlock Pond Rd., Fort Ann, NY 12827 to serve as a volunteer, without compensation of any sort, in the Town Summer Recreation Program as a lifeguard for the summer of 2018.

RESOLUTION #68-18

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR TREE REMOVAL SERVICE

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept resolution entitled "Resolution for Highway Superintendent to Request for Proposal for Tree Removal Service."

ADOPTED AYES Fletcher, Hall, Stark, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Fort Ann Town Board authorizes the Town of Fort Ann Highway Superintendent to go out to bid for tress removal services on an as needed basis.

RESOLUTION #69-18

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS TOWN HALL CHAIRS

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Declare Surplus Town Hall Chairs."

ADOPTED AYES Fletcher, Stark, Hall, Witherell, Moore

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sell the chairs to the person or entity providing the highest offer through a private negotiated sale.

Open Public Discussion at 6:50 p.m. Dale Grinnell asked if it was being looked into to connect Battle Hill Trail to Old State Rte 4 to new State Rte 4. Supervisor Moore stated there was discussion, but he's not sure how it can be done.

Close Public Discussion at 6:51 p.m.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Motion was carried.

Total Abstracts:	General:	\$ 23,128.02
	Highway:	\$ 11,055.69

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: April 18, 2018