

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE FORT ANN TOWN HALL

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

ABSENT: Paul Winchell, Highway Superintendent
Christine Milligan, Town Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Miranda Herringshaw-Town Clerk, Jeffrey Meyer- Attorney for the Town, Mark Miller- P/T Enforcement Officer, Lyle Washburn, Duane Burch Sr., Duane Burch Jr., Barb Burch, Joan Degener, Bill Bailey, Penny Gould, Josephine DeVecchi, Dan Brummer, Curt & Judy Rhem

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

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of April 8, 2024.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the March 2024 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of March

Checking Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 96,865.13
Highway Fund	\$ 39,965.09
Youth Commission	\$ 6,077.06
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 8,747.88
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 5,811.90
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 6,699.58

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$ 1,320,009.15
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 1,102,577.68
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 236,111.78
NYCLASS-Hadlock Reserve Fund	\$ 50,595.55

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor/ Board Members Report:

Supervisor Hall stated that they the working group regarding the local law for solar energy had their first meeting this month and made great progress and is hoping to have the new local law regarding solar established in the next few months, along with the day-to-day operations to keep things operating efficiently.

Councilman Sexton stated that the working group for the solar committee met, and he was pleased with the progress that has been made and hopes to have the new law in place by the end of summer.

Councilwoman Witherell stated that she would like Mark Miller (Code Enforcer) to look into a couple of properties on Clay Hill Road, to verify they have the correct permits on one property and another one should not having people living at it.

Councilman Smith no news to report.

Councilwoman Stark congratulated Sue Allen on being named senior of the year.

Town Clerk's Report was given for April 2024. Also stated that half of the short term rentals that have been identified have been issued permits the ones that have been verified but not sent a their applications in yet, were mailed a reminder letter from Attorney Meyers office.

Highway Superintendent Report: Not present

Enforcement Officer Report Paper report was provided for April 2024.

Historian: not present

Dog Control Officer: Not present, report was provided for April 2024.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

RESOLUTION #54-2024

TO HIRE SUMMER RECREATION EMPLOYEES

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to accept resolution entitled "Resolution to Hire Summer Recreation Employees."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Clerk to the Supervisor to complete any forms and take any action necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION #55-2024
TO HIRE PILOT KNOB BEACH LIFEGUARDS**

On motion of Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to Hire Pilot Knob Beach Lifeguards.”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Clerk to the Supervisor to complete any forms and take any action necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION #56-2024
AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO WORK FOR LAKE HADLOCK PARK DISTRICT**

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Seasonal Employees to work for Lake Hadlock Park District.”

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor and/or Clerk to the Supervisor to complete any forms and take any action necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION #57-2024
AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FORT ANN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE TOWN OF FORT ANN**

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept resolution entitled “Authorizing the annual agreement between the Board of Education of the Fort Ann Central School District and the Town of Fort Ann”

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to sign the annual agreement between the Town of Fort Ann and the Fort Ann Central School in accordance herewith, a copy of which shall be on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

**RESOLUTION #58-2024
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF 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 AND APPROPRIATING THOSE FUNDS IN THE SPECIFIC ACCOUNT AND THEREFORE MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET AS SUCH**

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution to approve the use of 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 and appropriating those funds in the specific account and therefore modifying the 2024 budget as such”

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

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann approves the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of the municipal accounting and budget preparation software programs and the municipal payroll software program, and the 2024 budget shall be modified by appropriating the funds in the account as indicated above.

RESOLUTION #59-2024

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 motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark 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 Smith, Sexton, Stark, Witherell, Hall

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

RESOLUTION #60-2024

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

On motion of Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept resolution entitled “Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Assessment Review”

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

RESOLVED, that Eric Pillemer is hereby appointed as a Member of the Fort Ann Board of Assessment Review for a term extending from May 13th, 2024, through September 30th, 2025.

6:19 p.m. Open Public Discussion

Kurt Rhem asked about a resolution from the April 2024 board meeting where the Town contracts with Washington County on the mowing of highways, Supervisor Hall stated that we have done this for many years and it is so that the Town can mow County Roads so there is no overlap in mowing etc.

6:20 p.m. Closed Public Discussion

6:21 p.m. Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for April: General: \$ 52,611.24

Highway: \$ 48,655.38

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: May 14, 2024