

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 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
Mark Miller, P/T Enforcement Officer
Christine Milligan, Town Historian

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Winchell, Town Clerk, Jeffrey Meyer, Attorney for the Town, Chad Wilson, Michelle Vara, Barb Burch, Duane Burch, Kate Moskos, John Moskos, Tim Stachnick, Sal Ricciardone, Lyle Washburn, Joan Degener, Robin Flynn, Brittany Gurt, Doni Schuster

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 Fort Ann resident Terry Boule, Helen (Coon) Baker, Allen Sutliff and Gloria (Wells) Welch.

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 Councilman Smith to accept the Regular Town Board Minutes of April 11, 2022.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilwoman Stark, seconded by Councilwoman Witherell to accept the Special Town Board Minutes of April 14, 2022.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was introduced by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark to accept the Special Town Board Minutes of April 26, 2022.

Motion was carrier unanimously.

Supervisor Hall read the March 2022 monthly financial statement.

Receipts for the month of March

Checking Account Balances
General Fund \$ 295,966.89

Highway Fund	\$ 52,474.34
Youth Commission	\$ 5,195.04
Hadlock Dam Project	\$ 240.09
Hadlock Park District Fund	\$ 11,020.80
Consolidated Health District	\$ 370.48
Trust & Agency Fund	\$ 2,668.19
Medical Reimbursement Fund	\$ 4,147.87

Savings Accounts

NYCLASS-General Fund	\$1,173,546.22
NYCLASS-Highway Fund	\$ 852,696.55
NYCLASS-Hadlock Park District	\$ 270,791.12
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Motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to pay the bills as warranted and audited.

Motion was carried unanimously.

2.0 - 6:03 p.m. Public Comment opened.

6:04 p.m. Public Comment closed without comment.

3.0 - Supervisor’s Report: Supervisor Hall stated he’s had numerous conversations about the local law regulating short-term rentals and is still working on the issue(s) listed under Old Business.

Supervisor Hall stated that the town board is working on backfilling the Town Clerk position. The Town Clerk has been coming in mornings and evenings to keep things afloat.

Supervisor Hall stated that he is fielding calls on the reval.

Councilwoman Witherell said she had a couple of questions for the Highway Superintendent and the Enforcement Officer but since neither is here she’s all set.

Councilman Sexton is working with Sara Staab at Adirondack Park Agency regarding a project located on or near County Rte 16 in the Town of Fort Ann. The date permit Application Received was February 16, 2022 (2011-0157B). Councilman Sexton received a Notice of Incomplete Permit Application dated March 2, 2022. Councilman Sexton has a copy to give anyone that would like a copy.

Councilman Smith stated that the Harvester has been repaired and has to set up date to deliver.

Supervisor Hall spoke of Haley and Aldrich’s report and that there were findings that repairs that had to be made in the concrete with foam. The company that did repairs in 2016 was not available but the subcontractor in Warrensburg was available and the repairs have been made. Supervisor Hall was happy to report the water levels are back up.

Councilwoman Stark stated the bike racks and benches are here and there are more to come from the Glens Falls Hospital grant. Councilwoman Stark said the trail is being used a lot. She recently received a

phone call from someone wanting to know where people could camp. She directed the caller to Mayor Langlois.

Councilwoman Stark is in need of Lifeguards.

Councilwoman Witherell asked about what to do if there are 4 wheelers on the bike trail. Councilman Sexton said it should be reported to the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Town Clerk's Report was given for April 2022. Town Clerk thanked everyone in attendance that it has been her honor and privilege to be the Fort Ann Town Clerk. Mr. Schuster said the Town Clerk will be missed and those in attendance clapped.

Highway Superintendent Report: Not present

Enforcement Officer Report was not present but there was a paper report given to Town Board Member's for April 2022.

Councilman Sexton and Councilwoman Witherell would like to have the Enforcement Officer attend next month's town board meeting. Councilwoman Witherell wants to see the location of the items that are on his monthly report.

Historian: not present

Dog Control Officer: not present but Supervisor Hall read her report for the month of April 2022.

4.0 Old Business: Supervisor Hall stated these items are still being worked on.

- 5.1 A Local Law Regulating Short-Term Rentals in the Town of Fort Ann
- 5.2 A Local Law Amending the Town of Fort Ann Site Plan Review

Councilwoman Stark was wondering about the surveying of the property behind the Old Stone House Library.

Supervisor Hall responded not yet.

Councilman Sexton was wondering if at the county level if there was an update to the power line. Supervisor Hall said it's moving along and forward.

5.0 New Business: None

RESOLUTION #61-2022

APPROVING THE HIRING OF TWO (2) LABORERS TO MOW CEMETERIES FOR THE SUMMER OF 2022

On motion of Councilwoman Witherell, seconded by Councilman Sexton to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Approving the Hiring of two (2) Laborers to mow cemeteries for the Summer of 2022."

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fort Ann hereby approves the hiring of two (2) Laborers for the Summer of 2022 to mow the cemeteries at an hourly rate each of \$14.15 an hour with a \$0.50 per hour, per year, longevity step.

**RESOLUTION #62-2022
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 #63-2022
TO HIRE PILOT KNOB BEACH LIFEGUARDS**

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Stark 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 #64-2022
AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO WORK FOR LAKE HADLOCK PARK DISTRICT**

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

ADOPTED AYES 4 Stark, Sexton, Witherell, Hall
 NAY 1 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.

Supervisor Hall stated that by abolishing this position there should be an annual savings of \$12,000.00.

7.0 - 6:25 p.m. Open Public Discussion Lyle Washburn, Red Johnston Way, has concerns about assessments. From Mr. Washburn's research it looked like 25% to 29% was typed in across the board. Supervisor Hall referred him to the Washington County Real Property Director, Laura Chadwick. Mr. Washburn said he did speak to her today.

Kate Moskos asked for clarification on the dog laws in the Town of Fort Ann. The Town Clerk provided The Moskos with a business card of the Dog Control Officer, Shannon Celeste, as well as a copy of the

pamphlet "Town of Fort Ann A Guide to dog owner responsibilities and ways to protect your pocketbook".

Chad Wilson stated that there is someone here that was at the Planning Board meeting and was referred to the Town Board for a variance. Robin Flynn (Harrington) spoke of a trailer that she is wanting to put on Farley Road. She has spoken to the Fort Ann Enforcement Officer.

Motion was made by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith for Ms. Flynn to return to the Planning Board for a public hearing on May 23, 2022 in accordance with the law. The Attorney for the Town stated Washington County Code Enforcement would do the inspection.

Motion was carried unanimously.

6:43 p.m. **Closed Public Discussion**

6:44 p.m. motion was introduced by Councilman Sexton, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts for April:	General:	\$52,113.95
	Highway:	\$16,495.96
	Hadlock Park District:	\$15,075.65

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: May 13, 2022